

# First Silence, Then the Storm Notes

## Revelation 8

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**Main Point:** There is a God in Heaven who reveals mysteries (Daniel 2:28)

### Keep These in Mind

1. Revelation 8 describes events that are yet \_\_\_\_\_ to us.
2. These events happen amid a vast turning \_\_\_\_\_ from God.

### Preparation in Heaven (vs. 1-5).

1. When the seventh and final seal is opened, there is \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Silence in Heaven is a divine signal that something \_\_\_\_\_ is about to happen.
2. In the Bible, Trumpets are very significant.
  - Trumpets were used in the Old Testament to \_\_\_\_\_ important events.
  - They were used in warfare to \_\_\_\_\_ the troops.
  - In the New Testament, trumpets are often associated with the \_\_\_\_\_ Coming (Matthew 24, 1 Corinthians 15, and 1 Thessalonians 4).
3. The blowing of trumpets means the \_\_\_\_\_ day of judgment has come for planet earth.
4. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the saints were added to the incense that rose up to the Lord.
  - The prayers are \_\_\_\_\_.
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5. They are praying for the wickedness that's broken out on the earth to \_\_\_\_\_.
  - On earth, God's will is too often not done.
6. What can we learn from this?
  - Our prayers \_\_\_\_\_ God to action.
    - If God is sovereign, why pray? Your prayers are part of His plan to bring about His \_\_\_\_\_ on the earth.
    - Prayer is our secret \_\_\_\_\_ forged in the realms of glory!
  - The line between earth and Heaven must be \_\_\_\_\_ than we think.
    - Where is Heaven? Heaven is always \_\_\_\_\_ in the Bible.
    - A gossamer film separates us from the Father, the Son, the Holy Spirit, and the saints who have gone on before.
  - When we pray "Your kingdom come," we're asking God to \_\_\_\_\_ evil and to speedily establish His kingdom on earth.

### Devastation on Earth (vs. 6-12)

1. The first judgment is against the \_\_\_\_\_ (vs 7).
  - It is both literal and \_\_\_\_\_.
  - There is symbolism when we think about hail and fire mixed with \_\_\_\_\_.
  - These trumpet judgments remind us of the ten \_\_\_\_\_ in the book of Exodus.
  - The result is a third of the earth is \_\_\_\_\_. A third of the trees are burned. All the grass is burnt.
2. The second judgment is against the \_\_\_\_\_ (vs. 8-9).
  - John doesn't really know what he's looking at here. It is like a great \_\_\_\_\_.
  - It's a burning mountain hurled into the sea so that a third of the sea became \_\_\_\_\_.
  - A third of the living creatures in the sea \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Think of what that would do to the \_\_\_\_\_ chain.
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3. The third trumpet is against the \_\_\_\_\_.
  - A great star blazing like a torch \_\_\_\_\_ from Heaven.
  - The word translated star is just a \_\_\_\_\_ word in the Greek. It could be a planet, an asteroid, or a meteor, or it could be some manmade object.
  - The star's name is \_\_\_\_\_.
    - This is the only time this word is used in the New Testament.
    - The Greek word refers to a drink that once was popular but was banned because of its \_\_\_\_\_ nature.
    - Wormwood was the name of a whole family of \_\_\_\_\_ in the ancient Near East.
    - All of them had a strong, \_\_\_\_\_ taste. If you ate some of the plant, you would get very sick.
  - As a result, one third of the fresh water on the earth is now \_\_\_\_\_. It's no longer safe to drink.
4. The fourth trumpet is a judgment against the \_\_\_\_\_ (vs. 12).
  - A third of the day was without light, and also a third of the night.
  - When the fourth trumpet sounds, \_\_\_\_\_ descends on a third of the sun, moon, and the stars.
  - Evidently, this means \_\_\_\_\_ darkness spreads across the earth.
  - Life as usual comes to a halt, food becomes \_\_\_\_\_, billions die, hyperinflation. No one is safe, anywhere, at any time.
  - These judgments are setting the stage for the \_\_\_\_\_ to take total control over the entire world.

### Proclamation from Heaven to Earth (vs. 13)

1. God's judgments are \_\_\_\_\_.

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4. They are inescapable, and they are meant to be \_\_\_\_\_.
5. Our God takes no \_\_\_\_\_ it the death of the wicked.
  - Will a loving God send people to hell? The Bible says "\_\_\_\_\_."
  - Not with joy but with \_\_\_\_\_, yet to hell they must go.
6. \_\_\_\_\_ is the day of salvation.
  - God is giving you time to change your \_\_\_\_\_.

### **One Final Word**

1. We like to think we're in control. This chapter reminds us we \_\_\_\_\_ in control. We were never in control.
2. When we understand Revelation, we know that everything is \_\_\_\_\_ into place, just like the Bible says.
3. Christians ought to be the \_\_\_\_\_ people on earth because we know the Lord, and He holds the future in His hands.
4. Jesus is coming \_\_\_\_\_!
5. How then should we live?
  - \_\_\_\_\_ eyes.
  - Full hearts.
  - \_\_\_\_\_ fear.