

# **END TIME SERIES**

## **LESSON #5**

### **REVIEW: LAST WEEK**

#### **1. The Seventh Seal Judgment...(Rev. 8:1-2)**

**Rev 8:1** And when he had opened the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven about the space of half an hour.

**Rev 8:2** And I saw the seven angels which stood before God; and to them were given seven trumpets.

- a. **The opening of the seventh seal**, from which the blown trumpets will emerge, is followed by a marked silence of one-half hour, suggesting an awesome, foreboding sense of fear in view of what is about to happen. Events of greatly increased suffering follow these broken – seal events.

### **INTRODUCTION TO LESSON 5**

Chronologically, there is continuity and an increasing intensity of Judgment in the Tribulation as the seals are opened, the trumpets blown, and the bowels of wrath are poured out. In addition to the continuity of the seals, trumpets, and bowls, there are special chapters added to help us more fully understand the events of this period of time.

Between the breaking of the sixth and seventh seals there is a parenthetical period that describes a scene on earth, chapter seven gives us a glance at the 144,000 Israelites who have been sealed from the tribulation judgments. It, also, gives us a glance of the great multitude that will be saved and martyred during the Great Tribulation.

### **THE FIRST TRUMPET JUDGMENT** **(Hail, Fire, Blood – Destruction of the Earth)**

**Rev 8:2** And I saw the seven angels which stood before God; and to them were given seven trumpets.

**Rev 8:3** And another angel came and stood at the altar, having a golden censer; and there was given unto him much incense, that he

should offer *it* with the prayers of all saints upon the golden altar which was before the throne.

Rev 8:4 And the smoke of the incense, *which came* with the prayers of the saints, ascended up before God out of the angel's hand.

Rev 8:5 And the angel took the censer, and filled it with fire of the altar, and cast *it* into the earth: and there were voices, and thunderings, and lightnings, and an earthquake.

Rev 8:6 And the seven angels which had the seven trumpets prepared themselves to sound.

Rev 8:7 The first angel sounded, and there followed hail and fire mingled with blood, and they were cast upon the earth: and the third part of trees was burnt up, and all green grass was burnt up.

1. **When the seventh seal is opened, which is really the beginning of God's Great Wrath**; the "seventh trumpet judgment" are introduced.

**Note:** The trumpets do not simply follow the seventh seal; they come out of the seventh seal. They are part of the seventh seal.

2. **The seventh seal sets the pattern for the remainder of the study of Revelation, through chapter 19.** Therefore the effects of the seventh seal last until the very end of the Tribulation
  - a. **The angel sounded:** (there followed hail and fire mingled with blood, cast upon the earth, burning one third of trees and all green grass")
  - b. **These plagues are to be the fulfillment** of Joel 2:30-31.

Joe 2:30 And I will show wonders in the heavens and in the earth, blood, and fire, and pillars of smoke.

Joe 2:31 The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the great and the terrible day of the LORD come.

- c. **Some believe these are literal judgments and happenings.** Many are a repeat of the plagues of Egypt in the days of Moses was a rain of grievous hail mixed with fire and smote the cattle, herbs and trees.

- d. **God rained literal fire and brimstone upon Sodom and Gomorrah**...(Gen. 19:23-25).
- e. **Hal Lindsey**: With this massive loss of vegetation will come soil erosion, floods, and mudslides. Air pollution will be immense; the smoke of the fire will fill the atmosphere and the remaining vegetation will be unable to adequately absorb the hydrocarbons from automobiles and industry. Ecology will be thrown out of balance.

### **THE SECOND TRUMPET JUDGMENT** **(A Burning Mountain – Destruction of the Sea)**

Rev 8:8 And the second angel sounded, and as it were a great mountain burning with fire was cast into the sea: and the third part of the sea became blood;

Rev 8:9 And the third part of the creatures which were in the sea, and had life, died; and the third part of the ships were destroyed.

1. **One third is sea destroyed... fish, ships and crews; - on third seas became blood**) – Probably the Mediterranean Sea of the Middle East. Our nation, as well as others has fleets of naval vessels in this sea.
2. **Notice it says something like a huge burning mountain will be thrown into the sea**. Some think it will be nuclear. Others think it will be a burning meteor. Whatever it is, it will be big, blazing, and cause the sea to turn into blood.

### **THE THIRD TRUMPET JUDGMENT** **(... The Star Wormwood)**

Rev 8:10 And the third angel sounded, and there fell a great star from heaven, burning as it were a lamp, and it fell upon the third part of the rivers, and upon the fountains of waters;

Rev 8:11 And the name of the star is called Wormwood: and the third part of the waters became wormwood; and many men died of the waters, because they were made bitter.

1. **The Word Wormwood:** means a bitter, intoxicating, and poisonous herb.
3. **Judgment falls upon one third of fresh water rivers,** and the fountains of water...head waters of rivers, polluting them with bitter poison, causing death to all who drink thereof.
4. **This time is foretold by the prophet Jeremiah:**

Jer 9:13 And the LORD saith, Because they have forsaken my law which I set before them, and have not obeyed my voice, neither walked therein;

Jer 9:14 But have walked after the imagination of their own heart, and after Baalim, which their fathers taught them:

**Jer 9:15** Therefore thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; Behold, I will **feed them, even this people, with wormwood, and give them water of gall to drink.**

5. **Some believe this star blazing like a torch will be a meteor. Others suggest a nuclear missile.** While they hold different opinions about what it is, they usually agree about what it will do.
6. **A great blazing object containing some type of pollutant or poisonous substance will fall out of the sky.** It will be named after a bitter herb called Wormwood in the Bible. It will contaminate one third of the earth's fresh water supply, causing many people to die from drinking the tainted water. Although the Bible does not say, it is reasonable to assume that many others will die from thirst. With one-third of the fresh water tainted most people will be unable to obtain drinkable water before extreme thirst sets in. Adult will survive without water for about three days while the sick and infants will have fewer days of survival.

## **THE FOURTH TRUMPET JUDGMENT** **(...Sun, Moon, and Stars Smitten)**

Rev 8:12 And the fourth angel sounded, and the third part of the sun was smitten, and the third part of the moon, and the third part

of the stars; so as the third part of them was darkened, and the day shone not for a third part of it, and the night likewise.

1. Certain astronomical effects are produced by a cause not stated, depriving the earth of normal light in both day and night. This will effect vegetation, health and vocation.

a. **This corresponds to the ninth plague of Egypt:**

Exo 10:21 And the LORD said unto Moses, Stretch out thine hand toward heaven, that there may be darkness over the land of Egypt, even darkness *which* may be felt.

Exo 10:22 And Moses stretched forth his hand toward heaven; and there was a thick darkness in all the land of Egypt three days:

Exo 10:23 They saw not one another, neither rose any from his place for three days: but all the children of Israel had light in their dwellings.

b. **The prediction of Jesus:** (Luke 21:25-26)

Luk 21:25 And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring;

**Luk 21:26** Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken.

Luk 21:27 And then shall they see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.

Luk 21:28 And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh.

**THE ANGEL WARNINGS:**

(The Three Woes Announced)

Rev 8:13 And I beheld, and heard an angel flying through the midst of heaven, saying with a loud voice, **Woe, woe, woe, to the inhabitants of the earth by reason of the other voices of the trumpet of the three angels, which are yet to sound!**

1. **The next three Trumpet Woes will be worst than any prior Judgment:** As terrible as all past plagues and judgments, the Lord wars that the next three that will sound will bring even greater wrath upon those people still remaining on earth. The last three trumpets are marked of from the other four by identification with the “three woes.”
2. **This is a solemn announcement of the increasing intensity of the trumpet judgments,** when the fifth, sixth and seventh trumpets are sounded, there is a woe of warning that there is to be sufferings still more sever in nature. These “woes” mark the deepest darkness and most painful intensity of the Great Tribulation. This generally is associated with the last 3 1/2 years.
3. **J.H. Melton Writes:** Long was the old world left to drive its crimes, jeer at Noah’s odd notions, and fling defiance into the face of God; but presently the earth broke down beneath their feet, and their lifeless bodies dashed upon each other amid the waves of an ocean world. The trampled law will assert its rightful honour, and Christ will not endure the smiting, taunts, and wrongs of Pilate’s hall forever. And when these trumpets once give out their clangour, the vibrations will run through the universe, and everything created for human blessedness shall turn into a source of disaster and trouble to them that know not God and obey not the Gospel of Jesus Christ.”