

# *The Revelation*

## (16) The 7th Seal is opened

### *The preparation in Heaven...Rev.8:1-6*

What happens immediately when The Lamb breaks the 7th seal? 8:1

**All the angels, all the elders, all the martyrs, all the redeemed, are silent for about 1/2 hour**

What seems to be the reason for this astounding silence? Zeph.1:7; 2:13

**Perhaps seeing the final judgments on the scroll... God's wrath just stops everyone...**

Before the 7 angels begin to trumpet (vs.2, 6), what transpires? vs.3

**Another angel goes to the altar to add much incense to the prayers of the saints there.**

What altar is this and how do we see it in Scripture type? Ex.30:1-10, vs.6 Luke 1:8-10

**It's the altar of incense before the Mercy Seat. Incense is the prayers of the saints.**

As the incense goes up before God, vs.4, what does the angel do? vs.5

**Gathers fire (coals?) from the altar fire, throws it at the earth. Thunder, lightning, quake.**

### *The 7 trumpet judgments begin...Rev.8:7-13*

How is this unfolding of 7 trumpets within the 7th seal foreshadowed in Scripture? Josh.6:4

**The fall of Jericho, 7 trumpets, 7 days, and 7 times on the 7th day. Then victory!**

Trumpet #1 sounds. What is the result? vs.7

**1/3 of the earth, 1/3 of the trees, and all grass is burned up by hail, fire, mixed with blood.**

What does this sound like?

**Sounds like a deluge of small asteroids, perhaps from a comet tail, striking the earth.**

Trumpet #2 sounds. What is the result? vs.8-9

**1/3 of the sea->blood, 1/3 sea creatures died, 1/3 of the ships destroyed.**

What does this seem to describe?

**Sounds like a comet or asteroid, burning in atmosphere, hitting ocean. Tsunamis abound!**

Comment on the blood. Ex.7:14-22

**This parallels the plague on Egypt. Seems to be literal blood. Those plagues like trumpets.**

Trumpet #3 sounds. What is the result? vs.10-11

**1/3 of the rivers and springs are destroyed by poison from Wormwood star.**

What does this seem to describe? cp. Ex.7:21, 24 Deut.29:18; Jer.9:15; 23:15

**Like a comet/asteroid that breaks up in the atmosphere. Toxic debris in fresh water supply**

Trumpet #4 sounds. What is the result? vs.12-13

**1/3 of the sun, moon, and stars are plagued, darkened to not shine. Heavens are shaken.**

What does this seem to describe? cp. Is.13:9-13; Amos 8:9; Mark 13:24-25

**God turns the sun out! Causes terror and devastation to plants, animals, and people.**

But what does John see next? vs.13 Deut.28:49; Hosea 8:1; Comment on 3 woe's

**An eagle crying out, 3 woe's. The last 3 trumpets are much worse than these first 4...**