



THE END

A STUDY OF REVELATION

Rev. 8:1-13

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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.

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Rev. 1:19 Write the things which thou hast seen, and the things which are, and the things which shall be hereafter;

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B. The World Ruled by Satan, 8:1-13:18

1. What Is Recorded in Preparation about the Trumpets, 8:1-6

a. The Postponing of the Judgment, 8:1-4

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Ex. 14:14 The LORD shall fight for you, and **ye shall hold your peace.**

Isa. 41:1 **Keep silence before me**, O islands; and let the people renew *their* strength: let them come near; then let them speak: let us come near together to judgment.

Hab. 2:20 But the LORD *is* in his holy temple: **let all the earth keep silence before him.**

Zeph. 1:7 **Hold thy peace at the presence of the Lord GOD:** for the day of the LORD *is* at hand: for the LORD hath prepared a sacrifice, he hath bid his guests.

Zech. 2:13 **Be silent, O all flesh, before the LORD:** for he is raised up out of his holy

Psa. 46:10 **Be still, and know that I am God:** I will be exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth.

(8:2-3)

Psa. 141:2 Let my **prayer be set forth before thee as incense**; *and* the lifting up of my hands *as* the evening sacrifice.

Luke 1:10 And the whole multitude of the people were **praying without at the time of incense**.

(8:4)

Ex. 25:40 And look that thou make *them* **after their pattern**, which was shewed thee in the mount.

Num. 8:4 And this work of the candlestick *was* of beaten gold, unto the shaft thereof, unto the flowers thereof, *was* beaten work: **according unto the pattern which the LORD had shewed Moses**, so he made the candlestick.

Heb. 8:5 Who serve unto the example and shadow of heavenly things, as Moses was admonished of God when he was about to make the tabernacle: for, See, saith he, *that* thou **make all things according to the pattern** shewed to thee in the mount.

b. The Precipitating of the Judgment, 8:5-6

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.

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Ex. 19:16 And it came to pass on the third day in the morning, that **there were thunders and lightnings, and a thick cloud upon the mount, and the voice of the trumpet** exceeding loud; so that all the people that *was* in the camp trembled.

17 And Moses brought forth the people out of the camp to meet with God; and they stood at the nether part of the mount.

18 And mount Sinai was altogether on a smoke, because **the LORD descended upon it in fire: and the smoke thereof ascended as the smoke of a furnace, and the whole mount quaked greatly.**

19 And when **the voice of the trumpet** sounded long, and waxed louder and louder, Moses spake, and God answered him by a voice.

20 And **the LORD came down upon mount Sinai**, on the top of the mount: and the LORD called Moses *up* to the top of the mount; and Moses went up.

2. What Is Recorded in Particular about the Trumpets, 8:7-9:21

a. War Intensified on Earth, 8:7-13

(1) The First Trumpet – The Brewing Storm, 8:7

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.

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Exo 9:23 And Moses stretched forth his rod toward heaven: and **the LORD sent thunder and hail, and the fire** ran along upon the ground; and **the LORD rained hail** upon the land of Egypt.

24 **So there was hail, and fire mingled with the hail**, very grievous, such as there was none like it in all the land of Egypt since it became a nation.

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

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

Ezek. 38:22 And I will plead against him with pestilence and with blood;
and **I will rain upon him**, and upon his bands, and upon the many
people that *are* with him, **an overflowing rain, and great hailstones,**
fire, and brimstone.

(2) The Second Trumpet – The Boiling Sea, 8:8-9

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;

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.

(3) The Third Trumpet – The Banished Star, 8:10-11

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;

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Original Word: ἄψινθος

Transliteration: apsinthos

Definition: wormwood (*Artemisia vulgaris* or *Artemisia absinthium*.)

ápsinthos – a bitter plant known as "wormwood"; (figuratively) what is *intensely bitter* (grievous), bringing on *very sad results* (used only in Rev. 8:11).

<https://biblehub.com/greek/894.htm>

Svitlana took a closer look at the plant and shook her head. “No, ‘*chornobyl*’ is *Artemisia vulgaris*. ‘Wormwood’ is *Artemisia absinthium*.

<http://oneyearbibleblogentry.blogspot.com/2012/01/revelation-8-does-chernobyl-really-mean.html>

Prov. 5:4 But her end is **bitter as wormwood**, sharp as a twoedged sword.

Deut. 29:18 Lest there should be among you man, or woman, or family, or tribe, whose heart turneth away this day from the LORD our God, to go *and* serve the gods of these nations; lest there should be among you **a root that beareth gall and wormwood**;

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.

Jer. 51:25 Behold, I *am* against thee, O destroying mountain, saith the LORD, which destroyest all the earth: and I will stretch out mine hand upon thee, and roll thee down from the rocks, and will make thee a burnt mountain.

(4) The Fourth Trumpet – The Blackened Sky, 8:12-13

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.

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Conclusion

Isa 35:1 The wilderness and the solitary place shall be glad for them; and the desert shall rejoice, and blossom as the rose.

2 It shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice even with joy and singing: the glory of Lebanon shall be given unto it, the excellency of Carmel and Sharon, they shall see the glory of the LORD, *and* the excellency of our God.

3 Strengthen ye the weak hands, and confirm the feeble knees.

4 Say to them *that are* of a fearful heart, **Be strong, fear not: behold, your God will come with vengeance, even God with a recompence; he will come and save you.**

5 Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped.

6 Then shall the lame *man* leap as an hart, and the tongue of the dumb sing: for in the wilderness shall waters break out, and streams in the desert.

7 And **the parched ground shall become a pool, and the thirsty land springs of water**: in the habitation of dragons, where each lay, *shall be* grass with reeds and rushes.

8 And an highway shall be there, and a way, and it shall be called **The way of holiness**; the unclean shall not pass over it; but it *shall be* for those: the wayfaring men, though fools, shall not err *therein*.

9 No lion shall be there, nor *any* ravenous beast shall go up thereon, it shall not be found there; but the redeemed shall walk *there*:

10 And **the ransomed of the LORD shall return, and come to Zion with songs and everlasting joy upon their heads: they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.**