

The Trumpet Judgements

The Trumpet Judgements-Overview

These are the second in a three part series of judgements. They are followed lastly by the Bowl judgements. All are released by Jesus in conjunction with the prayers of the saints.

There are seven trumpet judgements. These trumpet judgements are given to the seven angels who stand before the throne of God. As Moses released the plagues on Pharaoh in Egypt so will Jesus release these judgements on the antichrist's regime. The books of Exodus and Revelation should be read in conjunction for understanding God's motive and application of judgement because they are similar. At that time, God's supernatural protection will be on the saints, that is, protection against His judgements. However, many will still be martyred by the antichrist. The prayers of the saints release the trumpet judgements against those who persecuted them.

The first 4 trumpet trumpet judgements affect the environment and will destroy the resources of the people in the antichrist's empire. These 4 are warning judgements, their intent is not to kill. The 5th and 6th trumpet judgements affect their bodies as demons are released to torment and kill. The 7th trumpet announces Jesus' second coming.

First Trumpet.

The first trumpet releases hail, fire and blood. This judgement destroys food supply by burning 1/3 of the earth's vegetation. It will cause an agricultural crisis.

Explanation of words used in (Rev 8:7)

Hailstones are not new to God. He used them against the Amorite army to assist Joshua in battle. (Josh 10:11). It parallels the 7th plague in Egypt when hail mixed with fire struck Egypt's men and livestock. (Ex 9:25). God is stoning the reprobates with hail and fire to remove wickedness.

Fire. Balls of fire and lightning striking the earth mixed with blood. Sodom and Gomorrah were destroyed by fire from heaven. It will be an extremely frightening time to be alive.

Blood. We have no experience of this phenomena when it is mixed with hail and fire.

Burning trees and grass. Not only forrest and grasslands but also the food supplies of wheat, corn, barley and other crops.

The events that may happen in proximity to the first trumpet.

Worldwide chaos and destruction of cities loyal to the antichrist's regime. Famine following the destruction of food supply. Suffocating smoke on a worldwide scale causing pollution. Breathing difficulties and daytime darkness causing major disruption to business. It will be a time of warning, for people to consider their eternal destiny. In the end times God will destroy Gog and Maygog with great hailstones, fire, brimstone and flooding rains. See (Ezek 38:22).

Second Trumpet.

The second trumpet releases something described as a great mountain burning with fire which was thrown into the sea, and a third of the sea became blood.

Explanation of words used in (Rev 8:8-9)

Something like a great mountain. It appears it is 'something like' a great meteorite, we do not know, but it was burning with fire which seems to indicate it came through the earth's atmosphere.

The sea turns to blood. Blood is one of the main signs of the end-times. There is a progression of 'blood' in the judgements because of the shedding of innocent blood. Blood is significant in the 1st. and 6th trumpet and again in the 3rd bowl judgements.

Sea life and shipping destroyed. This is the forerunner to the 2nd bowl judgement when all sea life is destroyed. It also corresponds to the 1st plague in Egypt where the waters became blood.

The events that happen in proximity to the second trumpet are a continuation of those calamities that occurred in the 1st. trumpet. There is an increase of pressure on the antichrist's regime. People will become more disenchanted with the status quo and begin to seek God.

Third Trumpet.

The third trumpet sees a great star falling from heaven to the earth poisoning the rivers and the waters. This is a prelude to the 3rd bowl where all the waters are turned to blood. This causes inland fresh water to become contaminated. This will increase pressure on the antichrist's economic system.

Explanation of words used in (Rev 8:10-11)

Wormwood is an OT symbol of divine punishment. It is a herb with a bitter taste that can poison water. The 2nd and 3rd trumpets correspond to the 1st plague in Egypt when the waters were polluted.

The events that happen in proximity to the third seal are a continuation and worsening effect following the 2nd. trumpet. God increases the pressure, but at the same time giving people the opportunity to repent.

Fourth Trumpet.

The fourth trumpet sees light and energy destroyed in part. The judgement will affect both day and night. This supernatural work of God will see 1/3 of the sun, 1/3 of the moon, 1/3 of the stars so that 1/3 of them are darkened. This judgement replicates the 5th bowl judgement and the 9th plague of Egypt. This judgement sends a clear prophetic message of God's supernatural power. The antichrist will have no answer and will not be able to reverse the situation. Some people on the earth will turn to Jesus as a result of this judgement.

Explanation of words used in (Rev 8:12)

1/3 of them darkened. God reduces the natural light on the earth to warn people against rejecting the spiritual light of salvation that His Son is offering them.

The events taking place at the fourth trumpet is a change in the earth's climate. Temperature will drop because of the lack of sunlight. Energy will run out because demand will exceed supply. Commerce will grind to a halt. Life will be dramatically affected causing people to rethink who is God.

Fifth Trumpet.

The fifth trumpet sees demonic locusts released to sting and torment people for 5 months. They have power to torment and sting those who do not have the seal of God on them, but they are not permitted to kill their victims, nor are they permitted to harm vegetation.

Explanation of words used in (Rev 9: 1-6)

Star fallen Is an angel (good or bad) but Jesus has authority over this angel. Rev. 20:1 says 'coming down from heaven'. So this seems to clarify the angel's origin.

Locusts. These are supernatural demonic beings not natural locusts. They have a king and the ability to distinguish between believers and unbelievers. Natural locusts do not sting. John describes these demonic locusts in detail. (See Rev 9:7-10).

Seal of God. As the children of Israel had a protective mark over their doorposts to protect them from the angel of death, so will believers in this time be given a mark to protect them.

The bottomless pit (or the abyss) is a temporary prison within the earth for fallen angels who are chained in darkness, being specifically reserved to carry out this judgement. (See Jude 6). The pit has a shaft to the surface which is currently sealed. Some people who have had near death experiences have seen or experienced a tunnel. The pit is also related to Death and Hades.

The events. Hospitals and doctors will be in high demand for treating stung patients. Because believers are not stung by these locusts, it will be a sign to others that believers must be different to them. again, this is another gracious offer by the Lord for people to still choose Him, even at

this late hour for salvation. There will be continuing chaos in the market place, workers failing to come to work, jobs not getting done, profits falling. Industry failing and continuing bankruptcies.

Sixth Trumpet.

The sixth trumpet releases 200 million demonic horsemen who kill 1/3 of the human race. They are released by four evil angels bound at the Euphrates river. The demonic horseman released by these four angels are described graphically by the apostle John (See Rev 9:17). They are terrifying demonic beings who have, this time around, the power to kill by the fire, smoke and brimstone.

Explanation of words used in (Rev 9:13-21)

Four horns - golden altar. The four horns in OT times was the place where people sought mercy for their crimes. The golden altar of intercession is where the prayers of the saints rise before God. The angel with the 6th trumpet is commissioned here to blow his trumpet.

Killing one-third This is a literal number, something like 2 billion people. This follows the 2 billion already killed in the 4th seal. That is about 3 million per day! Refer Isa 13:9-12 and Isa 24:6.

Murder, immorality, sorcery, theft. These describe the extreme level of sin that will manifest in the final years of natural history.

The events Daniel said in the last days transgression will reach its fullness (See Dan 8:23). People's hearts will be so hardened against God that the earth will be filled with Satan worshippers and given over to the crimes mentioned. All these four will be occult based and have a darkened perversion associated to them far beyond what we currently know now (Refer (Rom 1:24-28).

Seventh Trumpet.

The seventh trumpet announces not only Jesus' return but that God's kingdom is being released on the earth as it is in heaven. This means that all governments of the world are about to be replaced! It will be a hostile takeover as the nations will resist Jesus. The rapture of the saints occurs at the 7th trumpet which publicly vindicates them and makes the nations even more angry. Paul makes the time of the rapture quite clear. (Refer 1 Cor 15:51-52 and 1 Thes 4:16-17). Jesus second coming will be in three stages. a) His procession across the sky, which may last for many days. b) His procession across the land, from Bozrah (in Edom) to Jerusalem. c) His triumphal entry into Jerusalem.

Explanation of words used in (Rev11:14-19)

Loud voices in heaven. When the 7th angel sounds his trumpet, a vast multitude of voices proclaim to people on the earth 'the kingdoms of this world have become the kingdom of our God and his Christ.' (Rev 11:15)

Judged. The unrighteous dead are pronounced guilty and sentenced to spend 1000 years in Hades as their temporary prison. At the end of the 1000 years they appear before the great white throne, and are then committed to the lake of fire.

Rewarded. Jesus tells us in Rev 22:12 'that He is coming quickly, and my reward (for you) is with me. We are commanded in scripture to seek the 22 rewards He has on offer for us. These are mostly mentioned in Rev 1-3. Our rewards are based on how we lived out our lives in loving him. This is clearly spelt out in the first and great commandment.

Destroyed. This seems to indicate that those on the earth who have been destroying it now receive their just pay-back.

The temple of God was opened in heaven. Heaven's temple being opened so that the ark of the covenant is seen signifies an 'open heaven' of God's glory. We do not know if the veil that exists between heaven and earth is lifted at this time for those on the earth to see His glory.

The events Once again there are supernatural events that happen at the 7th trumpet (Rev 11:19). All these create disruption and confusion in the nations. The blowing of the 7th trumpet lasts for a number of days. Imagine this happening: trumpet blasts that are continuous and heard

by all people on the earth for several days! The 7th trumpet is the very last chance for salvation. After this comes the seven bowls of wrath.

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