

THE SEVENTH SEAL  
(Revelation 8:1-13)

- I. Opening the Seventh Seal (Rev. 8:1-2)
  - A. Resulted in SILENCE in HEAVEN for about ½ an HOUR
    - 1. Indicating a final PAUSE before great JUDGMENT
    - 2. Providing opportunity for saints' PRAYERS to be HEARD
    - 3. Proving OMINOUS nature of coming judgments
  - B. Involved giving TRUMPETS to seven ANGELS
  - C. Continued with further JUDGMENTS
    - 1. The seven TRUMPETS are the seventh SEAL
    - 2. The seven BOWLS are the seventh TRUMPET
- II. Seeing the Golden Censer (Rev. 8:3-6)
  - A. Carried by ANOTHER ANGEL
  - B. Presented at the ALTAR as the PRAYERS of the SAINTS (cf. Ex. 30:34-38)
  - C. Filled with FIRE of the ALTAR
  - D. Cast to the EARTH
    - 1. Resulted in peals of THUNDER, SOUNDS, LIGHTNING and an EARTHQUAKE (cf. Ex. 19:16-19; Rev. 4:5; 11:19; 16:18)
    - 2. Signaled the seven angels to PREPARE to sound their TRUMPETS (cf. Josh. 6:4)
  - E. Significance—the “angel” could be CHRIST
    - 1. Called the “ANGEL of YAHWEH” in OT (Gen. 16:7; Ex. 3:2; Num. 22:2; Judges 2:1; 1 Kings 19:7; Ps. 34:7; Isa. 37:36)

2. Performing role of the HIGH PRIEST at the altar (cf. Amos 9:1)
3. PRESENTING the prayers to the FATHER
4. ANSWERING the prayers with JUDGMENT

### III. Hearing the First Four Trumpets (Rev. 8:7-13)

#### A. Sounding the first trumpet affects the EARTH (8:7)

1. Involved HAIL and FIRE mixed with BLOOD (cf. Ex. 9:19, 25)
2. Resulted in destroying 1/3 of TREES and GRASS by fire

#### B. Sounding the second trumpet affects the SEA (8:8-9)

1. Involved something LIKE a great fiery MOUNTAIN being cast into the SEA (cf. Ex. 7:20-21)
2. Resulted in 1/3 of sea becoming BLOOD, death of 1/3 of sea LIFE, and destruction of 1/3 of sea VESSELS

#### C. Sounding the third trumpet affects FRESH WATER (8:10-11)

1. Involved a burning star falling into RIVERS and SPRINGS
2. Resulted in 1/3 of fresh water being POISONED

#### D. Sounding the fourth trumpet affects the SUN (8:12-13)

1. Involved "STRIKING" the sun, moon and stars, DARKENING them by 1/3, for 1/3 of a DAY and NIGHT
2. Includes a WARNING of the contents of next THREE trumpets
  - a. Pronounced by either an ANGEL or an EAGLE (Rev. 4:7)
  - b. Judgments designated as GREAT WOES
  - c. Judgments impacting the "EARTH DWELLERS," as opposed to the FAITHFUL on the earth