

Cultural, Historic, and Geographic Context



Revelation Backgrounds 17

The Trumpet Judgments
Selected Cross-references

Revelation 8



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Acts 17:11 (KJV)

These (Bereans) were more noble than those in
Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all
readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily,
whether those things were so.

Unless otherwise noted, all biblical passages referenced are from the Complete Jewish
Bible by David H. Stern. (Clarksville, MD: Messianic Jewish Publishers, 1998).



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Revelation 8

When the Lamb opened the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven for about half an hour. Then I saw the seven angels who stand before God, and seven trumpets were given to them. And another angel came and stood at the altar with a golden censer, and he was given much incense to offer with the prayers of all the saints on the golden altar before the throne, and the smoke of the incense, with the prayers of the saints, rose before God from the hand of the angel. Then the angel took the censer and filled it with fire from the altar and threw it on the earth, and there were peals of thunder, rumblings, flashes of lightning, and an earthquake. Now the seven angels who had the seven trumpets prepared to blow them. The first angel blew his trumpet, and there followed hail and fire, mixed with blood, and these were thrown upon the earth. And a third of the earth was burned up, and a third of the trees were burned up, and all green grass was burned up.



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The second angel blew his trumpet, and something like a great mountain, burning with fire, was thrown into the sea, and a third of the sea became blood. A third of the living creatures in the sea died, and a third of the ships were destroyed. The third angel blew his trumpet, and a great star fell from heaven, blazing like a torch, and it fell on a third of the rivers and on the springs of water. The name of the star is Wormwood. A third of the waters became wormwood, and many people died from the water, because it had been made bitter. The fourth angel blew his trumpet, and a third of the sun was struck, and a third of the moon, and a third of the stars, so that a third of their light might be darkened, and a third of the day might be kept from shining, and likewise a third of the night. Then I looked, and I heard an eagle crying with a loud voice as it flew directly overhead, "Woe, woe, woe to those who dwell on the earth, at the blasts of the other trumpets that the three angels are about to blow!"



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Review



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Silence – silent prayers and intercessions

Revelation 8:1	References
When the Lamb opened the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven for about half an hour.	Luk 1:21 And the people were waiting for Zechariah, and they were wondering at his delay in the temple.



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Silence – silent prayers and intercessions

Revelation 8:1	References
When the Lamb opened the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven for about half an hour.	Dan 6:10 When Daniel knew that the document had been signed, he went to his house where he had windows in his upper chamber open toward Jerusalem. He got down on his knees three times a day and prayed and gave thanks before his God, as he had done previously.



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Seven Angels/Trumpets

Revelation 8:2	References
Then I saw the seven angels who stand before God, and seven trumpets were given to them.	Isa 27:13 And in that day a great trumpet will be blown, and those who were lost in the land of Assyria and those who were driven out to the land of Egypt will come and worship the LORD on the holy mountain at Jerusalem.



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Incense prayers

Revelation 8:3-4

And another angel came and stood at the altar with a golden censer, and he was given much incense to offer with the prayers of all the saints on the golden altar before the throne, and the smoke of the incense, with the prayers of the saints, rose before God from the hand of the angel.

References

Psa 141:2 Let my prayer be counted as incense before you, and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice!



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Throw fire on earth

Revelation 8:5

Then the angel took the censer and filled it with fire from the altar and threw it on the earth, and there were peals of thunder, rumblings, flashes of lightning, and an earthquake.

References

Eze 10:2 And he said to the man clothed in linen, "Go in among the whirling wheels underneath the cherubim. Fill your hands with burning coals from between the cherubim, and scatter them over the city." And he went in before my eyes.



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First Trumpet-hail, ground, trees

Revelation 8:6-7	References
Now the seven angels who had the seven trumpets prepared to blow them. The first angel blew his trumpet, and there followed hail and fire, mixed with blood, and these were thrown upon the earth. And a third of the earth was burned up, and a third of the trees were burned up, and all green grass was burned up.	Eze 5:12-13 A third part of you shall die of pestilence and be consumed with famine in your midst; a third part shall fall by the sword all around you; and a third part I will scatter to all the winds and will unsheathe the sword after them.



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2nd Trumpet-mountain of fire

Revelation 8:8-9	References
The second angel blew his trumpet, and something like a great mountain, burning with fire, was thrown into the sea, and a third of the sea became blood. A third of the living creatures in the sea died, and a third of the ships were destroyed.	Jer 51:24-25 "I will repay Babylon and all the inhabitants of Chaldea before your very eyes for all the evil that they have done in Zion, declares the LORD. 25 "Behold, I am against you, O destroying mountain, declares the LORD, which destroys the whole earth; I will stretch out my hand against you, and roll you down from the crags, and make you a burnt mountain.



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Third Trumpet – bitter water - Idolatry

Revelation 8:10-11	References
The third angel blew his trumpet, and a great star fell from heaven, blazing like a torch, and it fell on a third of the rivers and on the springs of water. The name of the star is Wormwood. A third of the waters became wormwood, and many people died from the water, because it had been made bitter.	Deu 29:18 Beware lest there be among you a man or woman or clan or tribe whose heart is turning away today from the LORD our God to go and serve the gods of those nations. Beware lest there be among you a root bearing poisonous and bitter fruit



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Third Trumpet – bitter water – adultery

Revelation 8:11	References
...many people died from the water, because it had been made bitter.	<p>Heb 12:15-16 See to it that no one fails to obtain the grace of God; that no “root of bitterness” springs up and causes trouble, and by it many become defiled; 16 that no one is sexually immoral or unholy like Esau, who sold his birthright for a single meal.</p> <p>Pro 5:3-4 For the lips of a forbidden woman drip honey, and her speech is smoother than oil, 4 but in the end she is bitter as wormwood, sharp as a two-edged sword.</p>



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Third Trumpet – bitter water – general judgment

Revelation 8:11	References
...many people died from the water, because it had been made bitter.	Jer 9:15 (also Jer 23:15) Therefore thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: Behold, I will feed this people with bitter food, and give them poisonous water to drink.



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Third Trumpet – bitter water – general suffering

Revelation 8:11	References
...many people died from the water, because it had been made bitter.	Lam 3:15 He has filled me with bitterness; he has sated me with wormwood. Rth 1:20-21 She said to them, "Do not call me Naomi (pleasantness); call me Mara, for the Almighty has dealt very bitterly with me. I went away full, and the LORD has brought me back empty. Why call me Naomi, when the LORD has testified against me and the Almighty has brought calamity upon me?"



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Fourth Angel – sun, moon, stars

Revelation 8:12	References
The fourth angel blew his trumpet, and a third of the sun was struck, and a third of the moon, and a third of the stars, so that a third of their light might be darkened, and a third of the day might be kept from shining, and likewise a third of the night.	Joh 3:19 And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved (agape'd) the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil.



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Eagle – woe, woe, woe

Revelation 8:13	References
Then I looked, and I heard an eagle crying with a loud voice as it flew directly overhead, “Woe, woe, woe to those who dwell on the earth, at the blasts of the other trumpets that the three angels are about to blow!”	Luk 6:22 “ Blessed are you when people hate you and when they exclude you and revile you and spurn your name as evil, on account of the Son of Man! Luk 6:26 “ Woe to you, when all people speak well of you, for so their fathers did to the false prophets.



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