

The Revelation of Jesus Christ to the Apostle John
 Vision 3: The Seven Trumpets
 Unit 14: The 7th Seal and the 4 of the 7 Trumpets
 Revelation 8:1-13
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**YOUR CUES TO
 UNDERSTAND THE TEXT**

THE BREAKING OF THE SEVENTH SEAL (Revelation 8:1-6)

REVELATION 8:1-6 **1** When the Lamb opened the seventh seal, there was **silence in heaven** for about **half an hour**. **2** Then I saw the seven angels who stand before God, and seven trumpets were given to them. **3** 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, **4** and the smoke of the incense, with the prayers of the saints, rose before God from the hand of the angel. **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. **6** Now the seven angels who had the seven trumpets prepared to blow them.

FIRST FOUR TRUMPETS OF JUDGMENT (Rev. 8:7-13)

REVELATION 8:7-13 **7** The first angel blew his trumpet, and there followed **hail and fire, mixed with blood**, and these were thrown upon the earth. And hail and fire, mixed with blood was burned up, and **a third** of the trees were burned up, and all green grass was burned up. **8** 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**. **9** A third of the living creatures in the sea died, and a third of the ships were destroyed. **10** 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. **11** 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. **12** 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. **13** 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!"

THE BREAKING OF THE SEVENTH SEAL (Revelation 8:1-6)

- (1) *silence in heaven* - Hushed expectation
- (1) *half an hour* - Dramatize the significance of judgment
- (3) *golden censer* - prayers boost judgment impact
- (5) *fire* - Symbol of Judgment (Matthew 3:8-10)
- (5) *thunder, rumblings* - Storm of Judgment on RELIGIOUS DELUSION is approaching

FOUR OF THE SEVEN TRUMPETS (8:7-13)

- (7) *hail and fire, mixed with blood* - Judgment on the World itself
 - * Resembles 7th Egyptian Plague (Exodus 9:23-25)
- (7) *a third* - Partial judgment - preliminary to Final Judgment - call to repentance
- (8) *great mountain* - Unidentified RELIGIOUS DELUSION
- (8) *sea became blood* - Resembles 1st Egyptian Plague (Exodus 7:14-24)
- (10) *great star fell* - Religious Delusion makes life BITTER
- (11) *Wormwood* - Absinthe bitter juice
- (12) *darkened* - Resembles the 4th Egyptian Plague (Exodus 10:21-23) ... Religious delusion leaves people "in the dark": Darkened
- (13) *an eagle crying* - Harbinger and Herald of Judgment
- (13) *Woe, woe, woe* - This judgment will be devastating

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