"The Earth Experiences Calamity"

Revelation 8: 1-13

Things we need to know about the Seventh Seal:

- The Seventh Seal opens the Trumpet judgments

- The Seventh Trumpet opens the Bowl judgments

- All judgments are contained in the Seven Sealed Scroll



Some believe the Seal, Trumpet and Bowl judgments overlap (termed = recapitulation)

Recapitulation

View that judgments overlap

Seals: 1234567

Trumpets: 1234567

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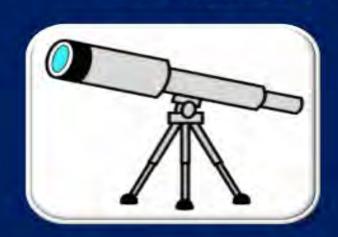
Telescoping of the judgments: Telescoping

7th judgment releases 1st in next series

Seals: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7

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Verse 1 - 2 Silence in Heaven

The stark silence of impending doom

The target of the first four trumpet judgments is earth itself!

A destruction of what the earth dwellers worship, "Mother Earth"

They worship the creation rather than the Creator - Romans 1: 22-23

REMEMBER:

In judgment, God is getting the people's attention - (think of the ten plagues of Egypt)

Today, God is getting our attention "I Am real; turn and live!"

"Repent!!"

Verse 3 - 5 God Hears Your Prayers

In times of crisis, in times of calamity, at *all* times, *PRAY!!*

How are we to pray?

"IN THE SPIRIT" -Ephesians 6: 18

In the Spirit is in line with the Holy Spirit - thy will be done!

Prayer for the believer is our go to position -

1 Thessalonians 5: 16-17

Our prayers are a sweet aroma to God - (verse 3)

Prayer is simply talking to God - do so often!

Verse 6 Angels are ready to go!

Angels are ready to do God's bidding; they are poised and ready!

How does this speak to me?

When God speaks to me through His Word, or the Holy Spirit (that is always in line with the Word), I must be ready to respond immediately

Verse 7 The First Trumpet Vegetation is struck

THE SEVEN TRUMPETS

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6th 4th 5th 2nd 1st 200-million-The 1/3 of sea 1/3 of sun, "Locusts" Green 1/3 of Kingdom becomes wield grassand waters moon, man the blood; 1/3 of of turn and army; 1/3 of a third the bitter. Beast's God stars ships military trees are Rev. 8:1-11 of donot is mankind burned shine. declared. and power. killed. sea life Rev. 8:12 Rev. 11:15-19 Rev. 9:1-12 up. Rev. 817 destroyed. Rev. 9:13-21

Plant life is devastated!

The seventh plague in Egypt was hail - Exodus 9: 13

What did Pharaoh do?

Hardened his heart

What will the earth dwellers do?

Harden their hearts

Revelation 9: 20

Verse 8 - 9

The Second Trumpet - One third of the sea is destroyed!

Think of the food impact, the economic impact, and the emotional impact!

MASSIVE PTSD and still no repentance!

Verse 10 - 11 The Third Trumpet One third of the fresh water destroyed!

A huge asteroid named "Wormwood" (means bitter)

One third of the fresh water - BITTER!

God describes idolatry as "a root bearing bitterness or wormwood"

Deuteronomy 29: 18

How does God view idolatry in America, in my life?

BITTER!

God is turning up the heat in hopes that mankind repents!

Verse 12 The Fourth Trumpet The Heavens are struck

One third of the light of the sun, moon and stars will not reach earth

Talk about the "twilight zone"

This darkness reminds us of the darkness of Hell - Matthew 8: 12

If there is no Jesus, there is no light; simply a future of darkness

Those who are saved will live forever in the light of the Lamb - Revelation 21:23

Verse 13 Woe to the Earth It just gets worse!

The earth dwellers know these judgments are from God!

Like Pharaoh, they refuse to repent!

You are sealed by the Holy Spirit at salvation (= protection and ownership)

Satan cannot hurt you directly!

You are not protected from Satan's schemes - **Ephesians 6: 11**

God has provided us with protection from Satan's schemes:

- The "armor of God" Ephesians 6: 12-13
- It is up to you to live your life "armored up"!
- Do not give the devil a foot hold!! **Ephesians 4: 27**

CLOSING: The Earth Experiences Calamity

Our blessed hope, *our only hope* is JESUS MESSIAH! John 1: 29

The Lamb (Jesus) enters the calamity of earth and brings peace with God and the peace of God

Our Shepherd will lead us to still waters - *CALM!*

Do not be one who chooses calamity over calm -

"My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me. And I give them eternal life and they shall never perish, neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand." John 10: 27-28

CALAMITY OR CALM....

IT'S UP TO YOU!

CHOOSE WISELY!!