

“The Earth Experiences Calamity”

Revelation 8: 1-13

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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: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7

Trumpets: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7

Bowls: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7

Telescoping of the judgments:

Telescoping

7th judgment releases 1st in next series

Seals: 1 2 3 4 5 6 **7**

Trumpets: **1** 2 3 4 5 6 **7**

Bowls: **1** 2 3 4 5 6 7



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

1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	6 th	7 th
						
Green grass and 1/3 of the trees are burned up.	1/3 of sea becomes blood; 1/3 of ships and sea life destroyed.	1/3 of waters turn bitter.	1/3 of sun, moon, and stars do not shine.	"Locusts" wield the Beast's military power.	200-million-man army; a third of mankind killed.	The Kingdom of God is declared.
Rev. 8:7	Rev. 8:8-9	Rev. 8:11-11	Rev. 8:12	Rev. 9:1-12	Rev. 9:13-21	Rev. 11:15-19

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!!