

THE REVELATION OF JESUS CHRIST

Chapters 8-11 – The *Second* Journey Through the Tribulation Period

SEVEN ANGELS WITH SEVEN TRUMPETS – PART ONE – REVELATION 8:1-6

So far our study of Revelation has revealed the following:

- Chapter 1 – God’s introduction to Revelation with specific keys to understanding the book
- Chapters 2-3 – The seven letters to the seven churches of Asia Minor which is a doctrinal journey through church history
- Chapters 4-5 – The rapture of church age saints and our heavenly worship service
- Chapter 6 – God’s overview of the *first* journey through the entire tribulation period on earth as witnessed by the opening of *six seals* of the Book with *seven seals*
- Chapter 7 – A trip backward in time to the middle of the tribulation period giving us details about a sealed remnant of 144,000 Jewish witnesses on earth, leading to a great multitude of redeemed saints in heaven

Today we enter into Chapter 8 and the opening of that *seventh seal*. This chapter begins the _____ of *four* separate accounts detailing the 7 year tribulation period—extending through Chapter 11. This last seal (carried over from Chapter 6) introduces us to a series of _____ that come in the form of seven _____. As we will see, these judgments take place during the last half of the tribulation. However, before these extreme verdicts are unleashed on earth, there are significant events that must first take place in heaven.

1. The silence – Rev. 8:1

a. Silence in the Bible – Is. 41:1; Hab. 2:20; Zeph. 1:7, 14-18; Zech. 2:13

- Silence signifies a dramatic interlude before judgment comes

Silence reflects the awe of the profound awesomeness of God’s supreme power and holiness

b. Silence in heaven – verse 1

- This silence is the calm before the storm
- This silent time frame (*about the space of half an hour*) is _____ symbolic or figurative, nor is it a dream or vision. It demonstrates that John is present, witnessing this event in real time

2. The supplication – Rev. 8:2-4

a. Seven angels with seven trumpets – verse 2

b. An altar, a golden censer, incense, a golden altar, and a throne – verses 3-4

- These furnishings belong in the _____...

There is a temple in heaven – Rev. 7:15; 11:19

It is the pattern for the temple on earth – Heb. 8:1-5

- These furnishings are connected to the _____ of the deceased and martyred saints – Ps. 141:2; Lk. 1:10; Acts 10:42

They cried with a loud voice, saying, “How long, O Lord...” – Rev. 6:9-10

It indicates that the prayers of the saints mean something to God, because it causes him to answer their prayers with a _____ upon the earth – verses 4-6

3. The sounds – Rev. 8:5-6

a. Voices, and thunderings, and lightings, and an earthquake

- All these sounds break the silence

b. The seven angels with the seven trumpets are now _____ to sound

NEXT REVELATION MESSAGE: The trumpets blow and bring judgment upon the earth and its inhabitants