

BEWARE THE LAMB



THE REVELATION OF JESUS CHRIST Rev 08:1-13

Rev. 8:1-6

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[2] And I saw the seven angels which stood before God; and to them were given seven trumpets.

[3] And another angel came and stood at the altar, having a golden censer; and there was given unto him much incense, that he should offer it with the prayers of all saints upon the golden altar which was before the throne.

[4] And the smoke of the incense, which came with the prayers of the saints, ascended up before God out of the angel's hand.

[5] And the angel took the censer, and filled it with fire of the altar, and cast it into the earth: and there were voices, and thunderings, and lightnings, and an earthquake.

[6] And the seven angels which had the seven trumpets prepared themselves to sound.

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[7] The first angel sounded, and there followed hail and fire mingled with blood, and they were cast upon the earth: and the third part of trees was burnt up, and all green grass was burnt up.

[8] And the second angel sounded, and as it were a great mountain burning with fire was cast into the sea: and the third part of the sea became blood; [9] And the third part of the creatures which were in the sea, and had life, died; and the third part of the ships were destroyed.

[10] And the third angel sounded, and there fell a great star from heaven, burning as it were a lamp, and it fell upon the third part of the rivers, and upon the fountains of waters; [11] And the name of the star is called Wormwood: and the third part of the waters became wormwood; and many men died of the waters, because they were made bitter.

[12] And the fourth angel sounded, and the third part of the sun was smitten, and the third part of the moon, and the third part of the stars; so as the third part of them was darkened, and the day shone not for a third part of it, and the night likewise.

[13] And I beheld, and heard an angel flying through the midst of heaven, saying with a loud voice, Woe, woe, woe, to the inhabitants of the earth by reason of the other voices of the trumpet of the three angels, which are yet to sound!

OT References - Rev 8

Revelation

8:1	Josh 6:10
8:2	Josh 6:4
8:3	Ps 141:2
8:4	Ps 141:2
8:5	Ezek 10:2; 8:5-6; Ex 19:16
8:7	Ex 9:23-24; Josh 10:11; Ps 18:13; Isa 28:2
8:8	Ex 7:17-19; 8:10; Isa 14:12
8:11	Jer 9:15; 23:15
8:12	Josh 10:12-14; Isa 13:10

Rev. 8:1-5 Free Translation

1 'And when He opened the seventh seal, there came a silence in Heaven for about half an hour.

2 And I saw the seven messengers which stand in the Presence of God; and to them were given seven trumpets. 3 And another messenger came and stood at the altar, having a golden censer; and there was given to him much incense, in order that he might add it to the prayers of all the saints upon the golden altar which is before the throne.

4 And the smoke of the incense with the prayers of the saints, went up into the Presence of God out of the messengers' hands, :And the messenger had taken the censer, and filled it with the fire from the altar, and cast it into the earth; and there followed voices, and thunderings, and lightnings, and an earthquake.

Revelation 8

In chapter 8 the judgments again begin to fall on earth.

What is to come is far, far more severe than anything that has gone on before.

Everything in heaven falls silent.

He has broken the seals and opened the scroll.

All eyes are on the Lamb to see what will happen next as He claims His kingdom and inheritance.

Idioms of Judgment

(Suggestions only - Use your own concordance)

Hail	Judgments; Stoning	Isa 28:2, 17
Fire	Judgments; Hell	Deut 32:22; Isa 33:14;
Earth	Israelites; Israel	
Sea	Gentile humanity; Gentiles	Dan 7:2,3; Isa 57:20
Trees	Men; Pride of man	Dan 4:10, 20-22; Ezek 31:31
Grass	People(s)	Isa 40:6,7
Mountain	Government; Authority	Jer 51:25; Dan 2
Star	Spiritual, Religious leaders	Rev 1, 8
Lamp	Churches	Rev 1
Rivers, fountains	Sources of life, refreshing	Ezek 47:1-5; John 4:10-14

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The Book of Joshua as a prophetic model?

Joshua = Yehoshua = Jesus.

Joshua leads God's people to dispossess the usurpers on behalf of His people (Originally 10 nations: 3 down, 7 left).

Joshua crossed over the Jordan on the 10th of Nisan;
Jesus Triumphal Entry was on 10th of Nisan

Joshua circumcised, 14th of Nisan;
Jesus Crucifixion: 14th of Nisan

Who really fought the battle of Jericho? Jesus ([Josh 5:13-15](#))

Laws of the Torah ignored?

- Ark itself goes to war
- Levites lead march; (exempt from military duties)
- 7 days of trumpets: 7 times on the sabbath?

Why "two witnesses" sent:

certainly not for military intelligence to develop this battle plan!

No they were sent to save a Gentile woman.

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The Book of Joshua as a prophetic model?

Silence preceded the engagement; cf. [Rev 8:1](#).

Adversary leader: Adoni-Zedek — called himself the “Lord of Righteousness”

He was defeated with Hailstones from Heaven & Signs in the Sun and Moon ([Josh 10](#)).

Kings hid in caves ([Josh 10:15 vs. Rev 6:15](#))

Cried out for them to fall on them...

Jubilee Year:

We may be about to enter the 70th Jubilee Year. Significance?!?

Jubilee begins after Joshua's conquest.

Debts are forgiven,

Land returns to original owners,

Slaves go free:

“The time of the restitution of all things.” [Acts 3:21](#).

Revelation 8:1

1] “And when he had opened the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven about the space of half an hour”:

Why “silence” before the “7 Trumpet” judgments?

The Scroll is completely open -- Awe, wonder at what will happen next ?

[Zeph 1:7, 14-18](#).

Trumpet of God when law given ([Ex 19:16-19](#));

7 trumpets were blown at Jericho ([Josh 6:13-16](#)).

Silence falls across heaven (not even praise and worship)

Verses 3-6 the prayers of the saints are offered.

May represent the fact that at the prayer of a saint everything stops in heaven in order to hear and attend to it.

As each of the previous 6 seals were opened, the judgments fell immediately.

The 7th seal causes a silent pause - nothing happens immediately.

The other seals were accompanied by shouts or sounds or announcements probably heard in both heaven and across the earth.

No sounds now! Only ominous silence.

Revelation 8:1

1] "And when he had opened the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven about the space of half an hour":

The silence is "about the space of half an hour"

John's estimate as He reckoned time given His location and circumstances

Silence in Heaven is almost an inconceivable idea...

Throughout the Old Testament, the men of God, like the martyrs of the 5th Seal, cried out against the seeming triumph of evil and God's seeming silence in response.

"How long shall the wicked triumph?" (Ps. 94:3).

Of which salvation the prophets have enquired and searched diligently, who prophesied of the grace *that should come* unto you: 11 Searching what, or what manner of time the Spirit of Christ which was in them did signify, when it testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ, and the glory that should follow. 12 Unto whom it was revealed, that not unto themselves, but unto us they did minister the things, which are now reported unto you by them that have preached the gospel unto you with the Holy Ghost sent down from heaven; which things the angels desire to look into. (1Pe 1:10-12)

There is an eager desire in Heaven and on earth to know when God will break His silence and effectively end the ills of earth.

The silence is about to be broken. The Lamb is become the Lion...

"Our God shall come, and shall not keep silence: a fire shall devour before him, and it shall be very tempestuous round about him. He shall call to the heavens from above, and to the earth, that he may judge his people" (Ps. 50:3, 4).

Revelation 8:1

1] "And when he had opened the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven about the space of half an hour":

The seventh seal is not a "judgment", it is the beginning of a new phase.

When the 7th seal is broken, the trumpets are given permission to blow; heralding the Lion of the Tribe of Judah; the rightful heir to the Kingdom of God.

"All these are the beginning of sorrows" (Matt. 24:8).

The beginning of sorrows is ended – Now the real sorrows and woe begin.

First we see only a sealed scroll.

As each seal is broken and the portion of the scroll that is revealed is read, a judgment takes place.

The last seal 'explodes' - disclosing 7 angels, each with trumpets.

As each trumpet sounds, another more severe series of judgments falls until the 7th trumpet sounds.

The 7th Trumpet is not just another single judgment, but signals the 7 vials of the wrath of God to begin to be poured out on the earth.

The First 4 Trumpet Judgments

1st four are “natural”; the next two are “demonic”...

“Judgment of the Thirds”

- 1st Trumpet: Aimed at the earth; 1/3 trees, grass dies.
- 2nd Trumpet: Aimed at the Sea; 1/3 of fish, ships destroyed.
- 3rd Trumpet: Aimed at the waters; 1/3 part dies. Star called “Wormwood.”
- 4th Trumpet: Aimed at the Sun, moon, stars; 1/3 sky darkened.

The final 3 Trumpets are also called “3 Woes.” [Chapter 9.]

There appears to be a “logarithmic” progression in the various judgments:

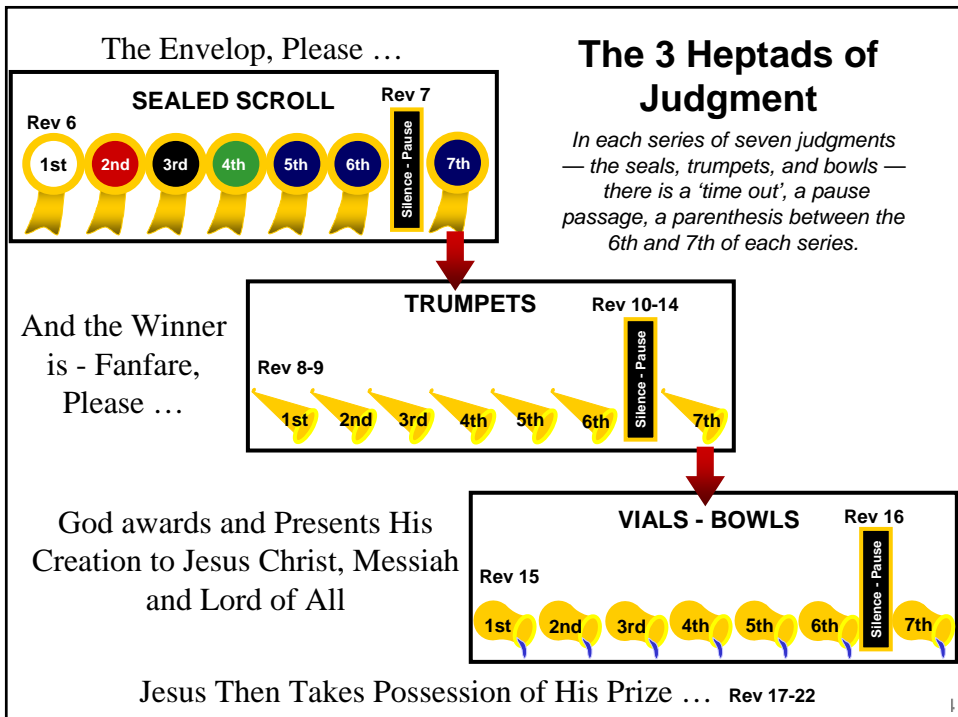
Seals (Ch. 6),

Trumpets (Ch. 8 & 9), and

Bowls (Ch. 15 & 16).

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Trumpets (Ch 8-9) vs. Bowls (Ch 15-16)

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| 1) 1/3 of the Earth | The Earth, Beast Worshipers |
| 2) 1/3 of the Sea | The Sea; all die |
| 3) 1/3 of the Waters | The Waters; |
| 4) 1/3 of Sun, Moon | The Sun; scorching |
| 5) Woe #1: Aboussou opened | Throne of Beast; Air Darkened |
| 6) Woe #2: Demon Army | Euphrates; |
| 7) Woe #3: Kingdom claimed | “It is Done”; Babylon falls |

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Revelation 8:2

2] “And I saw the seven angels which stood before God; and to them were given seven trumpets”:

The Spirit of God multiplies the evidences and the impact of each series of judgment to prove without question that it comes from God.

It is the Lord Jesus Christ who opens the final seal of the scroll.

The Holy Spirit has appeared to us in the form of the seven messengers; seven symbols before...

The character and nature of the Holy Spirit

[Rev 1:4-5] from him which is, and which was, and which is to come; and from the seven Spirits which are before his throne;

- ...the spirit of YHWH [the Lord] shall rest upon him,
- the spirit of wisdom
- and understanding,
- the spirit of counsel
- and might,
- the spirit of knowledge
- and of the fear of the Lord (Isa. 11:2).

Compare with: “Convicting of sin”, “Teacher” and “Comforter”

John 14:16 John 14:26 John 15:26 John 16:7.

Note other references to 'seven spirits':

(Mat 12:45) (Luk 11:26) ... taketh with himself seven other spirits more wicked than himself, and they enter in and dwell there: and the last [state] of that man is worse than the first...

(Luk 8:2) ...Mary called Magdalene, out of whom went seven devils,

(Rev 3:1) Sardis write; These things saith he that hath the seven Spirits of God, and the seven stars;...

(Rev 4:5) ...and [there were] seven lamps of fire burning before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of God.

(Rev 5:6) ...stood a Lamb as it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent forth into all the earth.

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2] “And I saw the seven angels which stood before God; and to them were given seven trumpets”:

Don't confuse the 7th trumpet judgment with the “last trump” of 1 Cor 15:52.

There are many ‘Last Trumps’.

There will be trumpets throughout the Millennium.

The number 7 appears again → wholeness / completeness

7 arch-angels stand in God's immediate presence.

“Arch” literally means ‘first’

- perhaps they are 1st in rank
the hierarchy of the principalities and powers

- they may be 1st in terms of creation
Among the first angels created.

All angels were created by the Lord God – even Lucifer

Exod 20.11

Revelation 8:2

2] “And I saw the seven angels which stood before God; and to them were given seven trumpets”:

The angels are not mentioned in the Genesis creation accounts except (as some believe) by implication → ‘host of heaven’ (which may refer to stars, etc.) Gen 2:1

They are the ‘sons of God’ who shouted for joy as God laid the foundations of the earth Job 38:4-7

The foundations were laid on the 3rd day of creation

– when dry land appeared out of the “without form and void”

The angels were probably created on the 1st day

Ps 104 provides insight into the creation

Presumably the arch-angels were assigned their positions at that time

The 7 angels known as “the angels of the presence” are believed to be arch-angels

According to Jewish writings (Tobit 12:15) and in the Apocrypha they are named:

**Uriel,
Michael, **
Phaniel (Remiel)**

**Raphael,
Sarakiel,**

**Raguel,
Gabriel (Gabriel) * and**

** Only Michael and Gabriel are actually named in scripture.

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Michael Jude 1:9, Dan 12:1, Dan 10:13

Michael is probably the commander of God's heavenly army Rev 12.7

He is always mentioned in connection with battles and the protection of Israel, God's people

Gabriel Luke 1:19, Dan 8:16, Dan 9:21-23, Luke 1.26

Gabriel is believed to be Heaven's 'Press Secretary'

He is always associated with 'announcements' and explanations

The other 5 are not mentioned in scripture

The arch-angels; “angels of the presence” were believed to be courtiers

Courtiers had the right to be before the king at any and all times.

They had the responsibility to be ready to be sent at a moments notice on the king's business.

It is believed that these 7 arch-angels sound the 7 trumpets although there is no specific Scripture that demands it ...

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Rev 11:19 also speaks of the Temple of God and the Ark of the Testament in Heaven.

Rev. 11:19 And the temple of God was opened in heaven, and there was seen in his temple the ark of his testament: and there were lightnings, and voices, and thunderings, and an earthquake, and great hail.

Rev. 15:5 speaks of "the temple of the tabernacle of the testimony in heaven"

Rev. 15:5 And after that I looked, and, behold, the temple of the tabernacle of the testimony in heaven was opened:

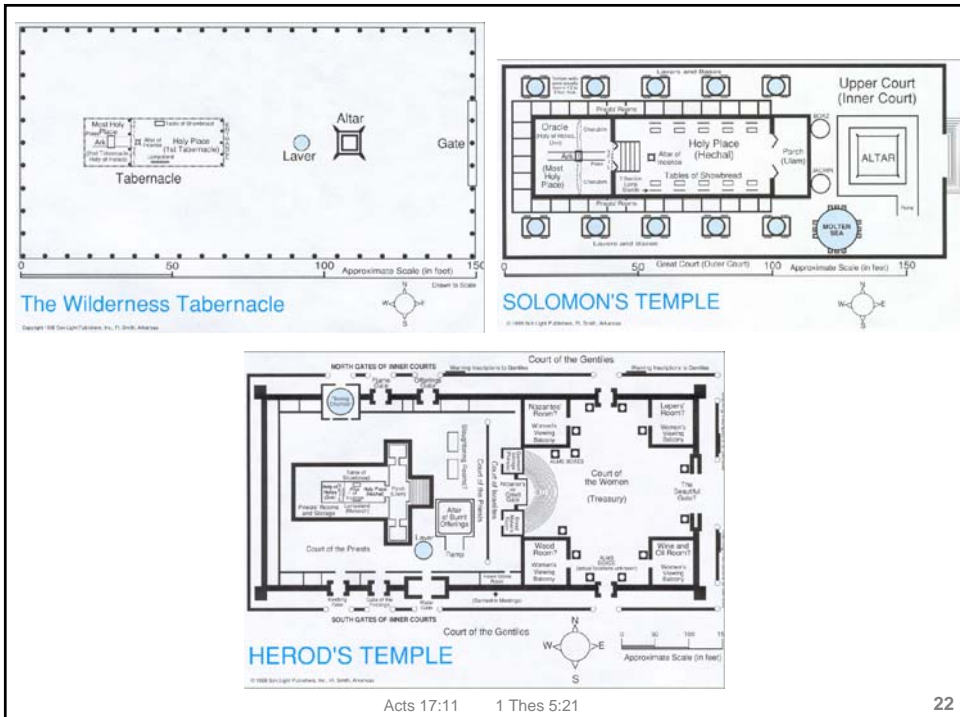
We need to understand the Old Testament references concerning the Tabernacle and Temple in light of what the Letter to the Hebrews says:

It was therefore necessary that the patterns of things in the heavens should be purified with these; but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these. For Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands, which are the figures of the true [copies of the heavenly things]; but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us (Heb. 9:23, 24).

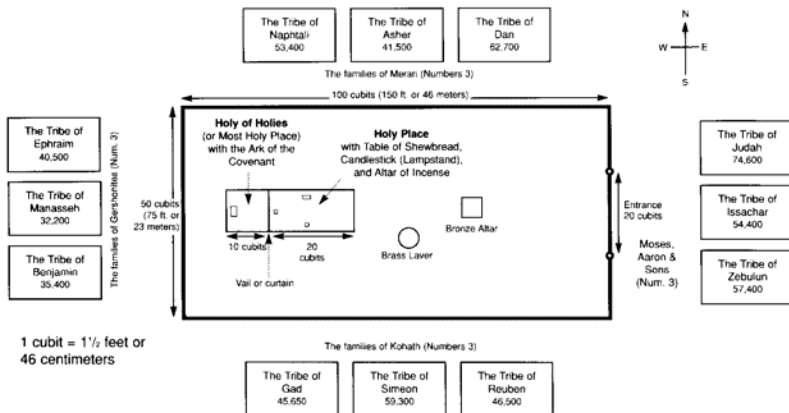
God told Moses he was to exactly follow the plan for building the Tabernacle that God had given him on Mount Sinai at the time he received the 10 Commandments:

See, saith he, that thou make all things according to the pattern shewed to thee in the mount (Heb. 8:5).

The Tabernacle and the Temple were the earthly manufactured scale models of a great reality – a truth - that is to be found in Heaven.



The Tabernacle



What is the Tabernacle?

The Tabernacle was a moveable "tent of meeting" that God commanded Moses to build. (Read Exodus 25:1-2 and 25:9-1.) God wanted to dwell among his people, the Israelites. He wanted to have fellowship with them and be able to communicate with them (Ex. 25:22).

The Tabernacle and its courtyard were constructed according to a pattern set by God, not by Moses. We study the Tabernacle to understand the steps that the Lord laid out for a sinful people to approach a holy God. The Tabernacle became the place that God dwelt with his people for 400 years: from the Exodus until the time of King Solomon, when the Temple was built.

The Tabernacle was in the center of the Israelite camp. The 12 Tribes of Israel were encamped around it. The figures in the boxes refer to the number of males age 20 or over in each tribe. The total would be 603,550.

Fascinating Facts About the Tabernacle

- There are 50 chapters in the Bible that discuss the Tabernacle.
- The Tabernacle would have fit in half of a football or soccer field.
- The Tabernacle of the Old Testament was a "shadow" of things in heaven. Hebrews 8:1-5 tells us that the real Tabernacle is in heaven. This is where Jesus Himself is our high priest (Heb. 8:2).
- The Tabernacle was built using many expensive materials: gold, silver, bronze, precious woods, and rare cloth. In modern terms the cost would exceed \$1 million. Offerings from the Israelites paid for the materials. (Ex. 35:22-36:3)
- The Israelites were so generous they gave more than was needed. Moses had to command them to stop giving. (Ex. 36:6)

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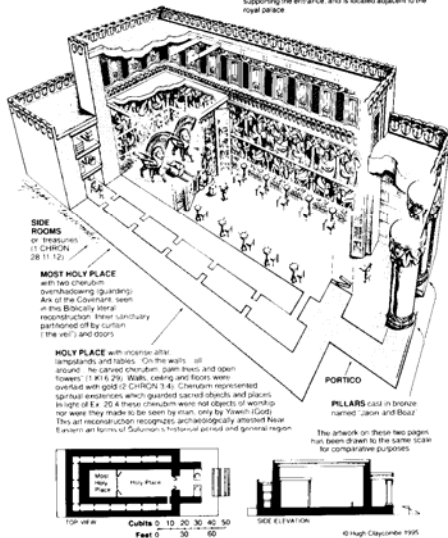
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Solomon's Temple

960-586 B.C.

The temple of Solomon, located adjacent to the king's palace, functioned as God's royal palace and Israel's national center of worship. The Lord spoke to Solomon, "I have consecrated this temple... by putting my Name there forever. My eyes and my heart will always be there" (1 K. 9:3). By its cosmological and royal symbolism, the sanctuary signified the absolute sovereignty of the Lord over the whole creation and His special blessing over Israel.

The floor plan is a type that has a long history in Semitic religion, particularly among the West Semites. An early example of the tripartite division into courts, hall, and deity portico, main hall, and inner sanctuary has been found at Eilat (Eilat, c. 2000 B.C.) and much later but more contemporaneous with Solomon, at Tel Tanar in the Dead Sea basin (c. 800 B.C.). Like Solomon's, the later temple has three divisions, contains two columns supporting the entrance, and is located adjacent to the royal palace.



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Sacrifice – Offering - Worship

- A worshiper approaching the Temple or Tabernacle would first come to the **Altar of Sacrifice** in the courtyard in front of the structure.

A fire was lighted on this Altar to consume the body of the lamb after its blood had been shed.

- Beyond this altar was a laver – **The Molten Sea** - filled with water so that the priests could immerse themselves in its waters and be washed – cleansed, preparing them for service.
- Next were several small **lavens** in which the priests could see themselves and wash any dirt from them that they may have picked up as they moved about and performed their duties in the Temple before they entered the Holy Place.

Washing their feet was necessary before entering into the holy place.

- Entering the Tabernacle or Temple, the priest went through the **one door** into the main room called the sanctuary or **Holy Place**.
- It was lit by **seven-branched candlestick(s)**, a symbol of Jesus Christ, our Light.
- There were also the **table(s) of shewbread** - Jesus Christ, the Bread of Life, where the saints feed;

Sacrifice – Offering - Worship

Then at the far end of the room, a golden altar which is called the **Altar of Incense**.

No blood sacrifice was offered on this altar,

But, the incense which was burned on it had to be lighted with the fire from the altar where the blood of the lamb had dripped.

That fire had originally been lighted from the holy presence of God,

Just behind the altar of incense – at the far end of the Holy Place - was **the great veil** that separated the sanctuary from the **Holy of Holies** ([Heb. 9:1-3](#)).

This veil was torn top to bottom when Jesus died on the cross ([Matt. 27:51](#)).

Only once a year on the Day of Atonement could the High Priest go beyond this veil into the Holy of Holies itself as described in the first half of [Hebrews 9](#).

Within the Holy of Holies was the **Ark of the Covenant**.

The lid over the Ark was called the **Mercy Seat**.

It is where the high priest placed the blood from the sin offering on the day of atonement.

It was here that God dwelt in the midst of His people. It was here that His presence could be seen as a pillar of cloud by day and the pillar of fire by night.

Sacrifice – Offering - Worship

Every object, every activity was representative of Christ and His redemptive work.

- By the sacrifice of the Lamb of God and His blood which was sacrificed and shed for us, we are cleansed.
- We walk and live, washing ourselves daily from sin and unrighteousness so we can enter the 'Holy Place' where Jesus is our 'bread of life' and 'light'
- We offer our prayers as a sweet incense before God in this place.
- The wall that separated us from God has been torn down.
- God now looks at us from above through the mercy seat where Christ's blood is seen offered on our behalf.
- He does not see his broken law in our lives except through the sacrifice of Jesus blood, cleansing us from all sin, unrighteousness and transgression....

Every detail of the Tabernacle and Temple, was an earthly copy, a representation of a reality that exists in Heaven before the presence of God.

This earthly architectural plan is a physical 'object lesson' of God's plan for our redemption laid out from and in the space before the very throne of God itself.

Recognizing spiritual significance attached to each detail God gave to Moses, David and Solomon by the Holy Spirit Himself, we can begin to understand the magnitude and significance of God's intentions towards us.

The book of Hebrews is written to explain and help us understand these things.

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Cf. *Isa 6:5-7*, the Vision of Jesus (*Jn 12:41*).

Another angel (not one of the seven) stands before the altar of incense and offers the prayers of the saints to God.

Jewish tradition says Michael is the guardian of the prayers of Israel.

There is also an unnamed angel called 'the angel of peace' whose responsibility was to see that Israel 'did not fall into extremity' and who interceded for the righteous.

This 'angel' may be the Lord himself

This angel presents the prayers of the saints - is their mediator before God

[1 Tim 2.5](#)

[Heb 9.24](#)

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Leviticus 10:1-2 Strange Fire

And Nadab and Abihu, the sons of Aaron, took either of them his censer, and put fire therein, and put incense thereon, and offered strange fire before the Lord, which he commanded them not. [2] And there went out fire from the Lord, and devoured them, and they died before the Lord. Lev 10:1-2

Aaron's two sons, Nadab and Abihu, offered a 'strange fire' before the Lord and were struck dead. It was the failure to light their incense with the fire from this altar which caused their death, when they brought strange fire into the presence of God.

All worship must be on the basis of the redemption accomplished by Christ.

When Zacharias was preparing to offer the incense in the Holy Place and he saw Gabriel appear in front of the Altar, he fell on his face in fear. [Luk 1:5-13]

Gabriel told Zacharias that his prayer had been answered, that he and Elisabeth would have a son – John the Baptist.

Here the 'mighty angel' fulfills the role of the priest;

the intercessor between man and God

This is the position and role that Jesus now fills on our behalf.

Priest: intercedes for man with God

Prophet: intercedes for God with man

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The altar of Incense [Exod 30:1-10].

Aka: The Altar of Worship

- Stood just in front of the Veil in the Holy Place in both the Tabernacle and Temple
- Is 18 inches square - 3 feet high
- Is hollow covered with gold plate
- Has horns at each corner with a railing all around it's top to keep burning coals in place.

A Priest burned a special incense on it before the first and after the last sacrifice of the day to enclose the sacrifices of the day filling the Holy Place in a sweet perfume, odors (incense) when the sacrificial blood was sprinkled on the altar of burnt offering.

Exodus 30:1-10

And thou shalt make an altar to burn incense upon: of shittim wood shalt thou make it. [2] A cubit shall be the length thereof, and a cubit the breadth thereof; foursquare shall it be: and two cubits shall be the height thereof: the horns thereof shall be of the same. [3] And thou shalt overlay it with pure gold, the top thereof, and the sides thereof round about, and the horns thereof; and thou shalt make unto it a crown of gold round about. [4] And two golden rings shalt thou make to it under the crown of it, by the two corners thereof, upon the two sides of it shalt thou make it; and they shall be for places for the staves to bear it withal. [5] And thou shalt make the staves of shittim wood, and overlay them with gold. [6] And thou shalt put it before the veil that is by the ark of the testimony, before the mercy seat that is over the testimony, where I will meet with thee. [7] And Aaron shall burn thereon sweet incense every morning; when he dresseth the lamps, he shall burn incense upon it. [8] And when Aaron lighteth the lamps at even, he shall burn incense upon it, a perpetual incense before the Lord throughout your generations. [9] Ye shall offer no strange incense thereon, nor burnt sacrifice, nor meat offering; neither shall ye pour drink offering thereon. [10] And Aaron shall make an atonement upon the horns of it once in a year with the blood of the sin offering of atonements: once in the year shall he make atonement upon it throughout your generations: it is most holy unto the Lord.

Altar of Incense



Incense

The Lord required that special incense be burned constantly on the altar of incense. It was a special sweet mixture of spices to be used only for the Tabernacle.

God specifically required this recipe.

No other mix or recipe was to be burned on the altar – it was a life and death matter [Lev 10:1-2].

Exodus 30:34-37

[34] And the LORD said unto Moses, Take unto thee sweet spices, stacte, and onycha, and galbanum; these sweet spices with pure frankincense: of each shall there be a like weight: [35] And thou shalt make it a perfume, a confection after the art of the apothecary, tempered together, pure and holy: And thou shalt make it a perfume, a confection after the art of the apothecary, tempered together, pure and holy: [36] And thou shalt beat some of it very small, and put of it before the testimony in the tabernacle of the congregation, where I will meet with thee: it shall be unto you most holy. [37] And as for the perfume which thou shalt make, ye shall not make to yourselves according to the composition thereof: it shall be unto thee holy for the Lord.

The incense - same Greek word as “odours” in Rev 5.8 for “the prayers of the saints” contained in the golden vials held by the 24 elders.

Phil 4.18 Gen 8.21 Exod 30.1
Exod 30.8 Ps 141.2

Gk: for “censer” derived from word for ‘frankincense’, the main ingredient in the prescribed incense.

The incense represents the prayers of the ‘faithful’. [Rev 5:8; 8:3-4]

If you had to listen to your own prayers, repeatedly, “day in and day out”, morning and evening, would they be a ‘sweet smelling savor’ or just ‘stink to high heaven’?

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4) “And the smoke of the incense, [which came] with the prayers of the saints, ascended up before God out of the angel’s hand.”

The ‘messenger’ standing at the golden altar of incense has a censer in his hand.

2 purposes:

- **intercession**
- **judgment.**

The Altar of Incense (also called the Altar of Worship) is the first place this messenger brings and stops with the prayers of the saints.

These are the prayers of the saints who are on the earth.

The prayers of and intercession of the saints in Heaven has already been turned into praise and adoration (Rev. 5:8-10).

Saints:

Any man or woman who is and has built his hope in Jesus Christ.

It is not limited to mean someone who is ‘saintly’.

A saint is someone who has been saved through Christ

- the meanest, lowest, and least of the believers is still a ‘saint’ God eyes.



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5] "And the angel took the censer, and filled it with fire of the altar, and cast [it] into the earth: and there were voices, and thunderings, and lightnings, and an earthquake":

The angel moves from the Altar of Incense to the Altar of Sacrifice and fills a censor with coals from the altar

The censor had held incense for the worship of God is now filled with fire from the altar and is thrown down on the earth.

The 'fire of God' used to consume His sacrifice, fueled by the prayers of the righteous for judgment upon the enemies of righteousness is now become the very thing that judges and consumes the 'earth dwellers'.

The prayers of the saints for deliverance from and judgment upon their enemies is now being answered.

The censor which held the prayers of the saints becomes and weapon of judgment upon the earth.

The coals which consumed the divine sacrifice now ignite the flames of God's wrath upon the earth.

The wrath of God that is to be poured out upon the earth is based upon the world's rejection of sufferings of the Lord Jesus Christ on Calvary on their behalf

– The Unpardonable Sin –

If we reject God's sacrifice, it becomes the means of our destruction and judgment.

Heb 10:26-27 Luke 12:49-51

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Isaiah – God Cleans House

Isaiah [in Isaiah chapter 6] was shown a vision of the Heavenly Temple.

He saw the Lord high and lifted up.

He heard the cry of the seraphim as they led the worship of the universe and announced that the whole earth was filled with His glory.

What Isaiah saw was a vision of the Lord Jesus Christ in the presence of the Father.

John 12:41 These things said Esaias, when he saw his glory, and spake of him.

Immediately Isaiah recognized his own situation:

"Woe is me! for I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for mine eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts" (Isa. 6:5).

One of the seraphim came with a live coal from the Altar of Sacrifice in his hand and laid it on Isaiah's mouth announcing that his iniquity was taken away and his sin purged (Isa. 6:6, 7).

The Lord burned off Isaiah's uncleanness and iniquity with fire from the altar.

Isaiah survived the experience only because he was the Lord's servant – one of the Lord's own.

Think !!! - *The fire from the altar which burned Isaiah's iniquity is the same fire that is now poured out on the sin full and unrighteous earth. What and who will survive the burning of God's cleansing fire? Isa 43:2 1 Cor 3:11-17*

If the world will not have Jesus Christ as its Savior and King it must have Him as Judge.

Voices, thunderings, lightnings and an earthquake come from the contact of Heaven's fire and earth's sin.

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5] "And the angel took the censer, and filled it with fire of the altar, and cast [it] into the earth: and there were voices, and thunderings, and lightnings, and an earthquake":

The Lord's 'fiery baptism' at the cross has divided men into two large groups

Heb 10.28-29 Mat 13.41-42 2 Thes 1.6-8

As the 1st embers of the censer spill out on the earth, a great thunder and lightening storm strikes – which is still without rain - voices are heard around the earth

Another great earthquake hits the earth

There was thunder and lightening and voices around the throne of heaven [Rev 4.5](#)

Now they warn of more judgment and destruction to follow

The silence in heaven is broken

The saints prayers had been presented - they will now be answered

The earth had been warned again

Revelation 8: 6

6] "And the seven angels which had the seven trumpets prepared themselves to sound."

The 7 angels had been waiting to sound the trumpets during the silent period - now they ready themselves to play

Trumpets in scripture represents God's direct intervention in the affairs of man on the earth; His direct intervention in man's affairs/history.

Exod 19:16-19 Isa 27:13 Joel 2:1 Zeph 1:16

Zech 9:14 1 Cor 15:52-53 1 Thes 4:16 Matt 24:31

Trumpet blast (not music) has at least 3 meanings/purposes:

- * Sound warning
- * Announce an arrival / a fanfare to introduce or reveal
- * Call orders to battle

The sound of the trumpets signaled the host of heaven to go into action and begin purging and purifying the earth.

Revelation 8: 6

6] "And the seven angels which had the seven trumpets prepared themselves to sound."

As we have seen the angels have the power to affect nature and natural systems - at the trumpets tremendous physical upheavils take effect.

First four trumpets unleash a different natural force against a different part of the earth.

None is global but each affects only a portion of the earth.

First: destruction on the ground (impacting 1/3 of the earth)

Second; destruction on the seas (impacting 1/3 of salt waters)

Third: destruction on the rivers and springs (impacting 1/3 of fresh. drinking waters)

Fourth: destruction on the heavens (impacting 1/3 of sun, moon and stars)

All of creation is targeted.

Rev. 8:6-12 Free Translation

6 And the seven messengers having the seven trumpets, prepared themselves in order that they might sound.

'And the first sounded, and there came hail and fire mingled with blood, and they were cast upon the earth; and the third part of the earth was burnt up, and the third part of the trees was burnt up, and all green grass was burnt up.

'And the second messenger sounded, and as it were, a great mountain burning with fire was cast into the sea; and the third part of the sea became blood; 7 And the third part of the creatures which were in the sea, which had life, died; and the third part of the ships was destroyed.

10 And the third messenger sounded, and there fell from heaven a great star, burning as a torch, and it fell upon the third part of the rivers, and upon the fountains of the water. 11 And the name of the star is called The Wormwood; and the third part of the waters was turned into wormwood; and many of the men died from the waters, because they were made bitter.

"And the fourth messenger sounded, and the third part of the sun was smitten, and the third part of the moon, and the third part of the stars, in order that the third part of them should be darkened, and the day should not shine for a third part of it, and the night likewise.

10 Plagues of Egypt

- The Plague judgments were against the gods they worshipped (Num 33:4, Jude 1:10-14).
- They were a public display of power (Ex 9:16)
- They were a warning to other nations: Rahab, Josh 2:8-9; Philistines, 1 Sam 4:8; Gen 12:3.

Exodus:

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| 1) Warning #1 | EX 7:14-25 | Waters turned to blood. |
| 2) Warning #2 | EX 8:1-5 | Frogs on land, homes. |
| 3) (No warning) | EX 8:10-19 | Lice on persons (this prevented worship by their priests; 8:18). Magicians could not reproduce this one as they did three other times: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1) rods into serpents 7:12 (2 Tim 3:8); 2) water into blood, 7:22; and 3) frogs, 8:12. Compare with miracles by enemies (Rev 16:14). |
| 4) Warning #3 | EX 8:20-24 | Flies on homes (Beelzebub = Fly God). |
| 5) Warning #4 | EX 9:1-7 | Disease on Cattle. |
| 6) (No warning) | EX 9:8-12 | Boils, sores: man & beast. |
| 7) Warning #5 | EX 9:18-35 | Thunder, hail. |
| 8) Warning #6 | EX 10:1-20 | Locusts; > Pharaoh: "I have sinned." |
| 9) (No warning) | EX 10:21-29 | Darkness (3 days). |
| 10) Warning #7 | EX 11, 12 | Firstborn, Man and Beast. cf Ex 4:22, Israel = "firstborn." |

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Patterns in the 10 Plagues

Other 10 Plague Patterns

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|---------|--------------|-------|------------------------------|
| 1, 2, 3 | Rod of Aaron | 5, 6 | Cattle involved |
| 4, 5, 6 | (No rod ?) | 4, 7 | Goshen exempted (8:22; 9:26) |
| 7, 8, 9 | Rod of Moses | 3, 8 | Admission by enemies |
| | | 2, 9 | Darkness |
| | | 1, 10 | Death |

Why 10 plagues ?

God told Moses at the burning bush that Pharaoh would not truly yield until God had proven himself stronger than Egypt's gods and the Egyptians recognized it.

Exo 7:3-5 And I will harden Pharaoh's heart, and multiply my signs and my wonders in the land of Egypt. 4] But Pharaoh shall not hearken unto you, that I may lay my hand upon Egypt, and bring forth mine armies, and my people the children of Israel, out of the land of Egypt by great judgments. 5] And the Egyptians shall know that I am the LORD, when I stretch forth mine hand upon Egypt, and bring out the children of Israel from among them.

Each of the plagues attacked one of Egypt's gods.

Prophetic

- 1) Jacob's trouble; affliction: Isa 60:14; Jer 30:5-8.
- 2) Cry to God; heard: Jer 31:18-20.
- 3) God will command oppressors; let them go: Is 43:6
- 4) Two witnesses, with miracles before enemies: Rev 11:3-6.
- 5) Enemies will also perform miracles: Rev 13:14,15.
- 6) Sore judgments fall from God: Jer 25: 15, 6.
- 7) God will protect His people: Rev 7:4; 12:6; 14-16
- 8) Water turned to blood: Rev 8:8; 11:6; 16:4, 5.
- 9) Satanic frogs: Rev 16:13.
- 10) Plague of locusts: Rev 9:2-11.
- 11) Boils and blains: Rev 16:2.
- 12) Hailstones from heaven: Rev 8:7.
- 13) Darkness: Isa 60:2; Rev 16:10.
- 14) Hearts hardened: Rev 9:20, 21.
- 15) Death to multitudes: Rev 9:15.
- 16) Israel to be delivered: Zech 14:3, 4; Rom 11:26.

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Revelation 8: 7

7] The first angel sounded, and there followed hail and fire mingled with blood, and they were cast upon the earth: and the third part of trees was burnt up, and all green grass was burnt up.

Hail, fire and blood fall on the dry land – 7th plague on Egypt plus blood
Ex 9:18-26; Joel 2:10, 30

“Hail” is always used of judgment.

The plague of hail in Egypt is only one example.

Against Ephraim God announced the mighty and strong judgment, "as a tempest of hail and a destroying storm" (Isa. 28:2).

The Lord revealed to Job that He had reserved "treasures of the hail ... against the time of trouble, against the day of battle and war" (Job 38:22, 23).

This time is also described by Jer 30:7, and Dan 12:1

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“Fire” = also a natural phenomena always used of judgment

It comes from the Lord, it devours, it consumes, it is divine judgment.

“Trees”: Greek word, dendron = “fruit trees”

Clue: Area of earth affected contains fruit trees / orchards

The “earth” here does not necessarily mean the whole globe, but may be limited to Israel, or area of the old Roman Empire.

Perhaps the “hail and fire” the result of worldwide volcanic eruptions

Hail (frozen water vapor formed around dust) and fire from the eruptions

- Or – the literal fire and ash cast down from the Golden Censer...

Regardless of its source the fire would quickly ignites the drought dried trees and grass on the earth.

One third of the land area is burnt – 1/3 of the trees and all the grass –

A disaster for nature's carbon dioxide / oxygen engine

Revelation 8: 7

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Exodus 9:23-25 And Moses stretched forth his rod toward heaven: and the Lord sent thunder and hail, and the fire ran along upon the ground; and the Lord rained hail upon the land of Egypt. [24] So there was hail, and fire mingled with the hail, very grievous, such as there was none like it in all the land of Egypt since it became a nation. [25] And the hail smote throughout all the land of Egypt all that was in the field, both man and beast; and the hail smote every herb of the field, and brake every tree of the field.

This plague is different from that of Moses day

- Blood – a divine phenomena; no natural explanation...
- It is worldwide versus localized

Blood, is mingled with the hail and the fire.

Here is violence and death; more judgment

The mingled blood and its source is unknown except by God

Revelation 8: 7

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Why should the Lord spare 2/3 ?

Why should only 1/3 suffer?

Could it be a call, a warning to the others to turn to God and live?

As terrible as the seal and trumpet judgments are, they are not yet the ultimate judgments coming with the great tribulation.

It comes after the abomination of desolation in accordance with the definite prophecy of the Lord Himself (Matt. 24:15, 21).

The seals and the trumpets are still in the 'beginning of sorrows'.

Revelation 8:8-9 Symbolic ??

8] "And the second angel sounded, and as it were a great mountain burning with fire was cast into the sea: and the third part of the sea became blood":

9] "And the third part of the creatures which were in the sea, and had life, died; and the third part of the ships were destroyed":

The "earth" is frequently used as a symbol of Palestine or Israel

The "sea" is frequently is used to represent the Gentile nations or Gentiles.

If taken symbolically, this judgment falls upon the Gentile nations.

A "mountain" is frequently used as a symbol of power; authority; a government or religion

"Behold, I am against thee, O destroying mountain, saith the Lord, which destroyeth all the earth; and I will stretch out mine hand upon thee, and roll thee down from the rocks, and will make thee a burnt mountain" (Jer. 51:25)

Jesus spoke of a mountain (Matt 21:21)

Jesus answered and said unto them, Verily I say unto you, If ye have faith, and doubt not, ye shall not only do this which is done to the fig tree, but also if ye shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; it shall be done.

Symbolically this is a great power filled with eruptive forces which is cast into the nations.

The result is catastrophe for the surrounding nations;
death and destruction of trade and commerce.

Revelation 8:8-9 Literally ??

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The other interpretation is literal -- only the mountain is not literal.

Something that looks like a mountain falls into the sea causing the death of 1/3 of every living creature in the sea and destroying 1/3 of the commerce that moves on it.

Old Testament that speak of the destruction of the fish of the sea and the commerce of the earth.

Hosea 4:3 Therefore shall the land mourn, and every one that dwelleth therein shall languish, with the beasts of the field, and with the fowls of heaven; yea, the fishes of the sea also shall be taken away.

Zeph. 1:3 I will consume man and beast; I will consume the fowls of the heaven, and the fishes of the sea, and the stumblingblocks with the wicked; and I will cut off man from off the land, saith the Lord.

Isaiah 2:16 And upon all the ships of Tarshish, and upon all pleasant pictures.

With the nuclear fission it is very possible that these things will have a literal fulfillment.

Revelation 8:8

8] "And the second angel sounded, and as it were a great mountain burning with fire was cast into the sea: and the third part of the sea became blood":

Compare with the 1st Egyptian plague

(Ex 7:19-21; Ps 105:29; cf. Jer 51:25; (Mt 21:21).

More than 3/4 earth's surface is ocean. [Atlantic = 1/3?]

A few years ago, there were over 25,000 ocean-going merchant ships registered;

A great mass - like a great mountain - is cast into a sea

John would recognize it if it were a terrestrial mountain or a mountain crest that was blown off by a volcano

Comets are composed of frozen gases and rock debris

Perhaps the angels direct a comet to strike the earth

With the heat of entry into the atmosphere the thawing gases may ignite

Hail mixed with Fire ???

It impacts the earth in one point with a mighty explosion

The impact (greater than any atomic weapon known) and the elements it carries destroys and poisons 1/3 of the seas

Revelation 8:9

9] "And the third part of the creatures which were in the sea, and had life, died; and the third part of the ships were destroyed":

A third of the sea turns blood, fish and ships and every living thing in them die

The impact of this great mountain like object causes great sunamis and waves which capsize and sink 1/3 of the earth's shipping.

Ships, whether at anchor at shore or at sea are devastated and sunk.

Literally turning water to blood is not impossible either...

Exod 7:20-21, Zeph 1:3 Ps 78:44, Ps 105:29

This event will have special significance since the 2 witnesses have forecast and prayed for this very event.

Rev. 11:6 These have power to shut heaven, that it rain not in the days of their prophecy: and have power over waters to turn them to blood, and to smite the earth with all plagues, as often as they will.

The smell / stench / and stagnation will be awful...death and decay everywhere

With the destruction of 1/3 of the marine organisms and fishes, the earth's food chain is disrupted, effecting all on earth who are already suffering famine

Torino Impact Scale



0. The likelihood of a collision is zero, or well below the chance that a random object of the same size will strike the Earth within the next few decades. This designation also applies to any small object that, in the event of a collision, is unlikely to reach the Earth's surface intact.
1. The chance of collision is extremely unlikely, about the same as a random object of the same size striking the Earth within the next few decades.
2. A somewhat close, but not unusual encounter. Collision is very unlikely.
3. A close encounter, with 1% or greater chance of a collision capable of causing localized destruction.
4. A close encounter, with 1% or greater chance of a collision capable of causing regional devastation.
5. A close encounter, with a significant threat of a collision capable of causing regional devastation.
6. A close encounter, with a significant threat of a collision capable of causing a global catastrophe.
7. A close encounter, with an extremely significant threat of a collision capable of causing a global catastrophe.
8. A collision capable of causing localized destruction. Such events occur somewhere on Earth between once per 50 years and once per 1000 years.
9. A collision capable of causing regional devastation. Such events occur between once per 1000 years and once per 100,000 years.
10. A collision capable of causing a global climatic catastrophe. Such events occur once per 100,000 years, or less often.

Revelation 8:10-11 Symbolic ???

10] "And the third angel sounded, and there fell a great star from heaven, burning as it were a lamp, and it fell upon the third part of the rivers, and upon the fountains of waters"

11] "And the name of the star is called Wormwood: and the third part of the waters became wormwood; and many men died of the waters, because they were made bitter":

The only symbolism we can find may be related to the rivers and springs as the sources of spiritual refreshment and life.

John 4:13-14 Whosoever drinketh of this water shall thirst again: but whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life.

Psalm 84:6-7 (In the Hebrew) says that 'those who go from strength to strength have been turning the valley of trouble into a well, and dwelling in a place of springs.'

Rev 22:1 And he shewed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb.

So, if this is describing a literal event, the other Trumpet events must also be literal...

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Israel came to a place in the wilderness desert where "they could not drink of the waters of Marah, for they were bitter...the Lord showed him [Moses] a tree, which when he had cast into the waters, the waters were made sweet" (**Exo 15:23, 25**).

If the tree here represents the cross of Jesus Christ,

then the waters without the tree would be religion without redemption.

Here there is the intentional introduction of poison. The situation is made still worse.

Satan or a Satanic messenger fallen from Heaven, poisons spiritual life with false doctrine which is symbolically compared to wormwood.

"The Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils" (**1 Tim 4:1**).

Those who "received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved" are given over by God to a "strong delusion, that they should believe a lie" (**2 Thes 2:10-11**)

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Revelation 8:10-11 Literally

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A meteor of some kind, falling from the literal heavens poisons and embitters a third of the fresh waters and fresh water sources of the earth,

- Or -

Some nuclear device or vast nuclear event could have set off a chain reaction beyond the control of the physicists, contaminating vast areas of the earth and the ground water sources feeding the fresh water supplies.

Literal: Ex 15:23, 25; Jer 9:14-15; 23:15



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Revelation 8:10

10] “And the third angel sounded, and there fell a great star from heaven, burning as it were a lamp, and it fell upon the third part of the rivers, and upon the fountains of waters”

Luke 21:11 And great earthquakes shall be in divers places, and famines, and pestilences; and fearful sights and great signs shall there be from heaven.

The earth hasn't recovered from the last heavenly impact before another hits

This object is not 'like a great mountain' that fell at the 1st trumpet was solid.

This is a flaming mass of some sort - a gaseous or liquid mass burning like a lamp

Apparently as this 'star' hits the atmosphere it breaks up sending great blobs of its burning mass across the surface of the earth

There is no Biblical precedent for the fall of the flaming star.

National Geographic Society lists about 100 principal rivers.

U.S. Geological Survey: 30 large rivers in U.S.

One third of the rivers and the sources of fresh water are affected...

Revelation 8:10

10] “And the third angel sounded, and there fell a great star from heaven, burning as it were a lamp, and it fell upon the third part of the rivers, and upon the fountains of waters”

The Greek word for 'fountain' means 'well'

John 4.6 John 4.14

It refers to the subterranean sources of water that feed the springs and wells and flow into the rivers and lakes

There are many precedents for water “turning to 'wormwood'”; becoming bitter.

Both the salt and sweet water sources are affected so that 1/3 are not only useless but poisoned.

Many men die from drinking the poisoned waters

Revelation 8:11

11] "And the name of the star is called Wormwood: and the third part of the waters became wormwood; and many men died of the waters, because they were made bitter":

The term star in scripture can refer to any heavenly body

Symbolically, a star in scripture is a leader or a messenger

This 'star' has a name: WORMWOOD

The name may be a given name or may be descriptive of the star

Wormwood is a bitter class of plants known as 'artemisia', any of several aromatic plants which yield a bitter, dark green oil, a the deadly liquor ingredient used in Vodka manufacturing.

Heb: laanah - translated in the KJV as hemlock

Greek: absinthe. Undrinkable without harm.

OT: Synonymous with sorrow, calamity; hemlock, bitterness

(Jer 9:15; 23:15; Lam 3:15, 19; Amos 5:7).

[Figurative? Deut 29:18; Prov 5:4; 1 Tim 4:1; 2 Thess 2:10,11.]

Russian / Ukrainian word for "wormwood" = Chernobyl? (Stedman)

Revelation 8:11

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Wormwood has been associated with gall

- the drink Jesus refused while on the cross

It is bitter; It intoxicates and eventually kills if ingested

It represents the fruits (the results of) idolatry in Old Testament

Deut 29:17-18, Jer 9:14-15, Jer 23:15.

Wormwood represented the bitterness of God's judgment on the unrighteous.

The recurring effect on 1/3 indicates these are not random disasters

– just bad luck –

These are divinely guided missiles – divinely guided judgments

Revelation 8:12 Symbolic ??

12] "And the fourth angel sounded, and the third part of the sun was smitten, and the third part of the moon, and the third part of the stars; so as the third part of them was darkened, and the day shone not for a third part of it, and the night likewise":

As with the 6th seal, the sun, moon and stars are frequently used as symbols of human government among other symbolic meanings.

Symbolically, the 6th seal showed us anarchy caused by the breakup of all authority.

There would be an attempt to restore order out of chaos.

From many passages in the Bible we see that the power of the Roman dictator will be established during this period and that Satan will come to indwell him as the Antichrist.

Hebrews 12:26-28

Whose voice then shook the earth: but now he hath promised, saying, Yet once more I shake not the earth only, but also heaven. [27] And this word, Yet once more, signifieth the removing of those things that are shaken, as of things that are made, that those things which cannot be shaken may remain. [28] Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear:

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The "powers of heaven" symbolically are very probably the spiritual rulers of this world's darkness, and the result of that shaking will be increasingly felt upon the earth as all attempts at human government are proved to be short lived and futile.

Eph 6:11-13 Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. 12 For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. 13 Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

Only the coming of the Lord can bring peace and order upon the earth.

Moreover the light of the moon shall be as the light of the sun, and the light of the sun shall be sevenfold, as the light of seven days, in the day that the Lord bindeth up the breach of his people, and healeth the stroke of their wound Isa. 30:26

And all this will lead on to that perfect time when there will be no further need of human leadership, since the Lamb will be all the light and there will be no need of lesser lights Rev. 21:23

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Revelation 8:12 Literally ??

Atomic blast.
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12] And the fourth angel sounded, and the third part of the sun was smitten, and the third part of the moon, and the third part of the stars; so as the third part of them was darkened, and the day shone not for a third part of it, and the night likewise:

Compare with the 9th plague on Egypt:

Ex 10:21-23 (3 days); Amos 5:18; cf. Rev 16:8-9; Mt 24:29-30; Lk 21:25-28.

Luke 21:25-26: "Powers of the heavens be shaken"

Powers: dunamis, ("dynamite"),

Heavens: ouranos ("uranium"),

Shaken: saleo ("to be set off balance");

cf. Heb 12:26-28; Isa 30:26; Joel 2:1-2, "Darkness."

The Greek could be translated literally,

"the explosive force of uranium shall be set off balance"

Isa 54:17 No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper; and every tongue that shall rise against thee in judgment thou shalt condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the LORD, and their righteousness is of me, saith the LORD.

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Compare with the 9th plague on Egypt:

Ex 10:21-23 (3 days); Amos 5:18; cf. Rev 16:8-9; Mt 24:29-30; Lk 21:25-28.

Luke 21:25-26: "Powers of the heavens be shaken"

Powers: dunamis, ("dynamite"),

Heavens: ouranos ("uranium"),

Shaken: saleo ("to be set off balance");

cf. Heb 12:26-28; Isa 30:26; Joel 2:1-2, "Darkness."

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2 Peter 3

1 This second epistle, beloved, I now write unto you; in both which I stir up your pure minds by way of remembrance:
2 That ye may be mindful of the words which were spoken before by the holy prophets, and of the commandment of us the apostles of the Lord and Saviour:

3 Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts, 4 And saying, Where is the promise of his coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation.

5 For this they willingly are ignorant of, that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of the water and in the water: 6 Whereby the world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished:

7 But the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men.

8 But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. 9 The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

10 But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up.

11 Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness, 12 Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat?

13 Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness. 14 Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace, without spot, and blameless. 15 And account that the longsuffering of our Lord is salvation; even as our beloved brother Paul also according to the wisdom given unto him hath written unto you; 16 As also in all his epistles, speaking in them of these things; in which are some things hard to be understood, which they that are unlearned and unstable wrest, as they do also the other scriptures, unto their own destruction.

17 Ye therefore, beloved, seeing ye know these things before, beware lest ye also, being led away with the error of the wicked, fall from your own stedfastness. 18 But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and for ever. Amen.

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This is not simply blocking or dimming of the light of the sun and stars.

The sun is "smitten".

The sun, moon and stars do not shine
for a 3rd part of the day - *day and night*

This is apparently 'Darkness' – not just 'Dimming' Exodus 10:21-23

The effect is temporary - the sun later returns burning more intensely than before.

Rev 16.8-9

The natural scientist would say this is not possible - with God all is possible
The effect on the earth is not limited to lack of light but would result in a loss of heat
- fast cooling would occur upsetting normal temperature and weather patterns.

Unpredictable storms would result.

Luk 21:25-26 And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars;
and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves
roaring; 26 Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things
which are coming on the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken.

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John sees and hears an ‘angel’ flying through the sky shouting, Woe, Woe, Woe to those living on the earth due to the next three trumpets: the 3 Woe’s.

Gk: aietos = eagle

(Rev 12:14; Mt 24:28; Lk 17:37).

Some early manuscripts have ‘angel’ translated as ‘eagle’

This is not a literal eagle –

eagles do not shout messages

But they do scream loudly and unmistakably

The 4th cherubim was described ‘as a flying eagle’

- perhaps it is the 4th living being normally found at the throne of God.

Rev. 4:7 And the first beast was like a lion, and the second beast like a calf, and the third beast had a face as a man, and the fourth beast was like a flying eagle.

Acts 17:11 1 Thes 5:21

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The first 4 trumpets brought judgment on the earth; on nature.

The next 3 bring judgment on it's inhabitants.

This physical world has been the ‘target’ of the judgments to this point

- the inhabitants have suffered but only indirectly

From now on the inhabitants are judged and suffer directly.

The angel shouts woe 3 times - 3 more trumpets are to sound

The angel is calling out to the “inhabiters of the earth” - lit: earth dwellers

“Inhabiters of the earth” (12X):

Rev 3:10; 6:10; 8:13; 11:10; 12:12; 13:8,12,14; 14:6; 17:2,8.

Opposite of citizens of heaven: Phil 3:18-21

Earth-dwellers are not born again: Rev 13:8

After all the things that have happened and that the scientific and world political and religious leaders cannot explain much less stop, the people of the earth see an angel of God flying back and forth across the sky shouting that the worst is yet to come.

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Ooh, That' Scary !

Good = It's supposed to be.

Judgment; particularly Gods' judgment is frightening

It Sobers us...

It Humbles us...

It Corrects us...

It Reassures us...

Mat 10:27-28 What I tell you in darkness,
that speak ye in light: and what ye hear in the ear,
that preach ye upon the housetops.

28 And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul:
but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.