

Revelation— Trumpet Judgments!

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Chapter 8:1-11

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1 Serious *judgment* is coming on a wicked and rebellious world, so serious *warnings* are needed to underscore the urgency of the time.

2 Escaping all that will happen is possible, but only by heeding **AV 1 Corinthians 11:31** *“If we would judge ourselves, we should not **be** judged.”*

3 The world will experience these serious judgments because of its unbelief and disregard of God’s warnings. **AV Luke 21:36** *“Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass.”*

4 The chapter begins with a prelude to the trumpets—**AV Revelation 8:1** *“And when he had opened the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven about the space of half an hour.”* It is like waiting for something important to happen.

5 This half hour of silence is time for contemplation and prayer—asking God to help us understand what is about to take place. **AV Revelation 8:2** *“And I saw the seven angels which stood before God; and to them were given seven trumpets.”*

6 Divine judgment is about to fall on a wicked world—and the majority of people would think that the world is deserving of such judgment with all the evil, immorality, unbelief, and idolatry on a global scale—and on a world that has totally rejected His Son.

7 When the disciples asked the Lord if they should **AV Luke 9:54** *“command fire to come down from heaven, and consume”* some Samaritans who would not receive Jesus, He replied **56** that He came *“to save”* people **from** sin, not to destroy them **in** sin.

8 **AV Revelation 8:3** *“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.”*

9 The rising smoke represents the prayers of God’s people going up to His throne. We should pray for the spiritual conviction of anyone or any group that would receive God’s judgment because of them living outside of His will, Word, and plan.

10 It is easy to judge others, but it seems against the grain to judge ourselves and our attitudes. God wanted Jonah to preach to the people of Nineveh, as they were wicked people and Jonah a loyal Jew, who had no time for enemies of Israel.

11 To avoid going to Nineveh and warning them, Jonah took a ship headed in the opposite direction—but later ended up in the stomach of a fish. Jonah repented while in that horrible predicament and he was willing to give God’s message to the Ninevites.

NIV Jonah 3:4 *“He proclaimed: ‘Forty more days and Nineveh will be overturned [overthrown AV; destroyed NLT].’”*

12 The people listened and repented and asked for God’s mercy. **NKJV Jonah 3:10** *“Then God saw their works, that they turned from their evil way; and God relented from the disaster that He had said He would bring upon them, and He did not do it. **4:1** But it displeased Jonah exceedingly, and he became angry.”*

13 It seems that everyone wants justice and judgment to come down on someone *they* think *deserves* it. We are so ready to judge *others*, but so reluctant to judge *ourselves*—**WEY 1 Corinthians 11:31** *“If, however, we estimated ourselves aright, we should not **be** judged.”*

14 Jonah did not seem to care about the Ninevites who were about to perish and prayed **NKJV Jonah 4:2** *“I know that You are a gracious and merciful God, slow to anger and abundant in lovingkindness, One who relents from doing harm.”* Jonah should have *rejoiced* that God spared the entire city.

15 God had said **AV Ezekiel 33:11** *“I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked; but that the wicked turn from his way and live.”* We should not be *glad* when anyone is judged by God, because He has been merciful toward *us* and has forgiven *us* so many times.

16 The judgment of God is about to fall on a world that has rejected His offer of pardon and has

refused to accept His Son who shed His Blood for the sins of the world.

17 AV Revelation 8:5 “*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.*”

18 There are two parts of these judgments—the first four trumpets are directed toward the environment like the plagues of Egypt, and the final three are directed toward humanity. The voices, thunder, lightning, and the earthquake are a prelude to the serious supernatural judgments about to begin.

19 AV Revelation 8:7 “*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.*”

20 Although many are concerned with global warming and the impact of rising temperatures, this is far more serious and sudden—this will decimate food crops and forests and filling the air with smoke and ash which seriously affects the food supply and global economy.

21 AV Revelation 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; 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.*”

22 By saying “*as it were a great mountain*” in first-century terminology, it could be an asteroid or meteor that would have devastating results if colliding with the earth. These judgments are

serious warnings given so we will take heed, repent, and be ready for the Rapture.

23 AV Revelation 8:10 “*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.*”

24 The star *burning like a lamp* could refer to nuclear warfare. The fallout from such blasts poisons the rivers, streams, and oceans.

The aftermath of a nuclear explosion has more devastating effects than the blast itself. We can survive without food for a while but not long without water.

25 AV Revelation 8:12 “*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.*”

26 These trumpet judgments are so terrible that God sends an angel with a message AV Revelation 8:13 “*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!*”

27 As dreadful as the first *four* trumpet judgments have been, there are *three* more plagues. God is warning people for the last time—He does not want anyone to be *hurt by the second death* but is patient and AV 2 Peter 3:9 “*longsuffering to us-*

ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.”

28 Our prayers are noted in Heaven—and even if we have forgotten them, God has not.

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29 This life is extremely brief when compared to eternity where life continues forever. God wants to answer the *prayers of all the saints*.

Our part is to persist in prayer, and to believe that God will answer every one that is offered in sincerity and humility of our heart—like AV Luke 18:13 “*God be merciful to me a sinner.*”

30 Jesus taught us to pray AV Matthew 6:10 “*Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.*”

Believers in Christ have prayed that prayer for over two thousand years—and it *will* be answered. God’s kingdom will come to earth but not until His judgments on a sinful world.

31 That is why we are emphatically warned AV Luke 21:36 “*Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man.*”

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