

## Prophecy devo #24 – The judgments of the Tribulation

REVELATION 8: The first four trumpet judgments announce the Divine destruction of the earth's ecology.

1<sup>ST</sup> TRUMPET. Hail mixed with fire and blood (7). Moses called down the same judgments in Egypt. Joel 2:30 says, "I will show wonders in the heavens and in the earth, blood and fire and pillars of smoke." This will be a judgment on the vegetation and plant life, creating famine.

2<sup>ND</sup> TRUMPET. "As it were," a fiery mountain was cast into the sea (8-9). This is not a literal mountain. This could be a huge meteor, i.e. a body of matter that enters the earth's atmosphere. If this were to happen it would create a tremendous dust plume that would envelope the entire planet, block out the sun and raise temperatures where the asteroid made impact. Billions could die, and much of life on earth would be destroyed. One third of the sea will be turned to blood. One third of the sea creatures will die. One third of the ships will be destroyed. This will be an ecological disaster. Oceans cover 70 percent of earth's surface.

3<sup>RD</sup> TRUMPET. A burning star falls from heaven on the rivers (10-11). This is probably an asteroid that will fall into the rivers and lakes. The name of the "star" is called wormwood (bitter). Proverbs 5:4 says immorality produces bitterness like wormwood. This asteroid is a judgment on earth's immorality.

4<sup>TH</sup> TRUMPET. One third of the sun, moon, and stars are darkened (12). This judgment reaches into the atmospheric heavens. The judgment will affect the entire world. This judgment is prophesied in other places (Joel 2:1-2; uke 21:25-26); Matthew 24:9; Hebrews 12:26-28). Three woes are pronounced by an angel regarding the next three judgments (13).

REVELATION 9 is about spiritual warfare between the kingdom of darkness and the kingdom of light. The three woes are two demon invasions and the seventh trumpet.

5<sup>TH</sup> TRUMPET. The army from the bottomless pit (1). Satan (a star) is cast out of Heaven (Isaiah 14:12; Luke 10:19; Revelation 12:7-9). He will be given the key to the bottomless pit (the underworld of demons, literally the abyss). God has cast evil angels there "to be reserved for the last time" (II Peter 2:4). Satan will open the bottomless pit (2), releasing locusts and smoke on the earth (3). These aren't ordinary locusts. They are an army of demons released to hurt those who follow the Antichrist. Satan is the angel of the bottomless pit. He is called Destroyer (11). All mankind will be afflicted except the 144,000.

6<sup>TH</sup> TRUMPET. The army from the east (13-21). Four angels will be loosed. An army of 200 million horsemen will be released to cross the Euphrates River and make war with the inhabitants of earth. One third of mankind will be killed. The rest of mankind will not repent. They will worship demons and idols. They will not repent of their murders, sorceries, sexual immorality, or theft (20-21).