

A Study Of The Book Of Revelation

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Resources used:

- A Study Of The Book Of Revelation by Bob Dodson
- More Than Conquerors by William Hendriksen
- Overcoming With The Lamb, Florida College Annual Lectures, February 7-10, 1994
- Revelation: An Introduction and Commentary by Homer Hailey
- Revelation (Truth Commentaries) by Robert Harkrider
- Revelation (A Study Workbook) by Robert Harkrider
- Revelation by Donnie Rader
- Revelation charts by Keith Greer.
- Studies In The Book Of Revelation by Ferrell Jenkins
- The Old Testament In The Book Of Revelation by Ferrell Jenkins
- The Revelation Of Saint John The Divine by G.B. Caird
- The Book of Revelation by Foy E. Wallace
- The Avenging of the Apostles and Prophets by Arthur M. Ogden
- Worthy Is The Lamb by Ray Summers
- Written exchange on "The Domitian Persecution" between Arthur M. Ogden and Ferrell Jenkins presented in Searching The Scriptures, June 12, 1989, pages 7-12

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I. Struggle on Earth (1-11)

A. *John's Vision* (1)

B. *Letters to 7 churches* (2-3)

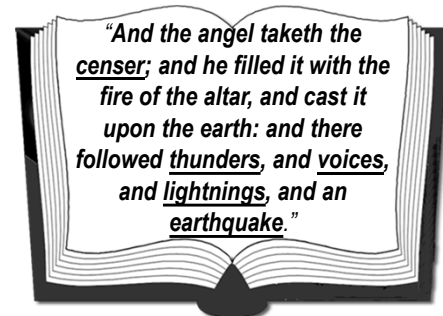
C. *God in control* (4-5)

D. *Opening of seven seals* (6-11)

1. Chapter 7 – Interlude
answering the question,
"Who is able to stand?" (6:17)

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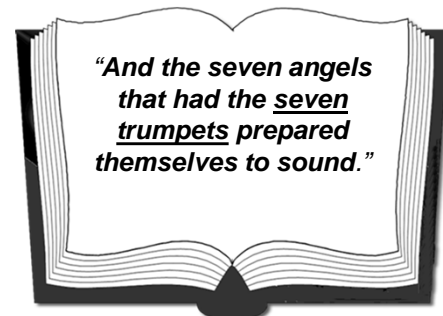
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Sounds in Heaven

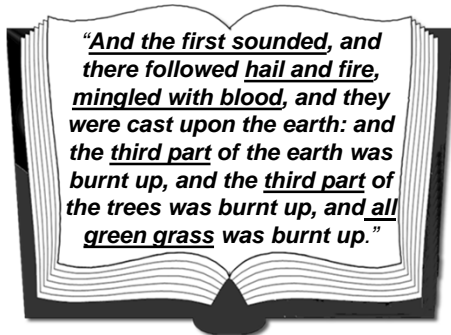
- The censer that offered the incense is filled with **fire** taken from the altar.
- Fire strikes the earth, causing thunder, voices, lightning, and an earthquake – all **symbolical of God's response**.
- All this expresses certainty that God **hears and answers** the prayers of His people. (Exodus 2:23-24; 1 Peter 3:12; 1 Peter 2:5; 1 Timothy 2:5; 1 Thessalonians 5:17; Philippians 4:6).
- **God always warns first – then comes judgment!**
Amos 3:3, 7; 2 Peter 3:9

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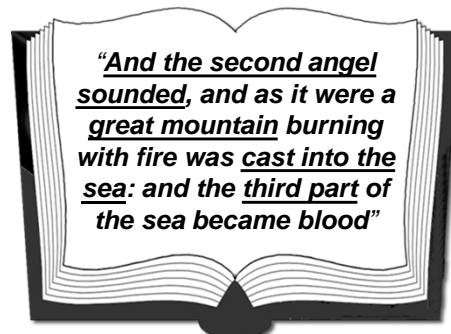
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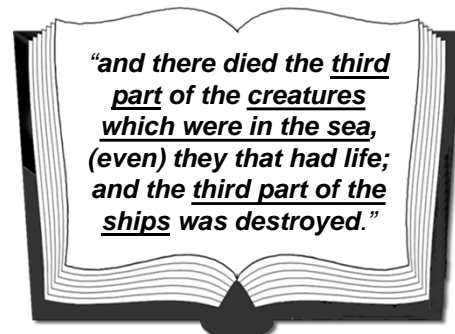
First Angel/Trumpet

- Angels **prepare to sound** the trumpets (verse 6)
- The first four trumpets affect the areas of **nature**, (*natural calamity*); whereas, the next two pronounce **woes upon mankind**.
- **Similar to the plagues of Egypt**. Exodus 9:22ff; 7:14-25; 10:21-29; 10:1-20
- First trumpet – **land disaster** (Caution about applying these to specific events)
 - Hail and fire mixed with blood – Judgment
 - Only 1/3 affected – judgment is not FINAL. Mercy greater than judgment!
 - Joel 2:30

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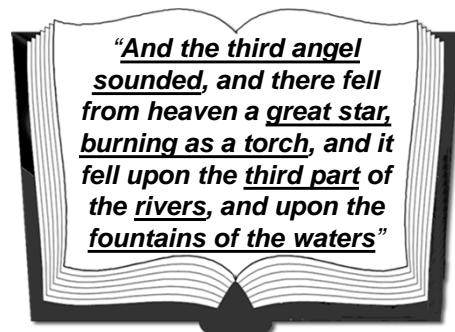
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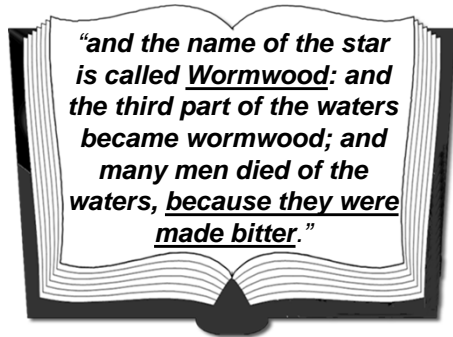
Second Angel/Trumpet

- Second trumpet – **maritime disaster**
 - Great mountain burning with fire – Judgment (Micah 1:2-4)
 - Thrown into the sea
 - Became like blood
 - 1/3 of the living creatures in the sea died
 - 1/3 of the ships were destroyed
 - Again, mercy greater than judgment
 - Commerce and industry will be affected

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Third Angel/Trumpet

- Third trumpet **land/water** (*inland water*) disaster
 - Great star fell from heaven, burning like a torch (*blazing torch falls into water*) (cf. Isaiah 13:10-11)
 - Name of the star is **Wormwood**
 - 1/3 of the **rivers and springs of water**
 - 1/3 of the **waters** became **Wormwood**
 - Many **men died** because the water became bitter

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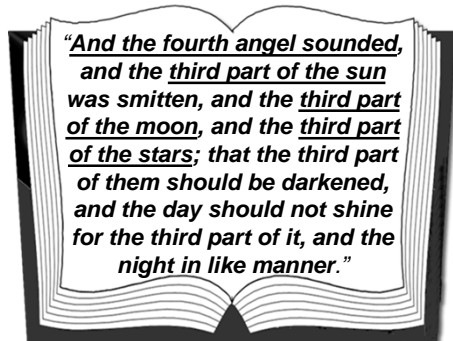
- Wormwood is a **bitter plant** mentioned in the Old Testament, usually with **divine chastisement** against idolatry.
 - Deuteronomy 29:18; Jeremiah 9:15; 23:15
- Wormwood in the fresh waters symbolizes the bitterness and sorrow **men will suffer** because of their idolatries and sins.
- Not everyone, but **many**, will die!

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Third Angel/Trumpet**Wormwood:**

- Deuteronomy 29:18 – Connected with the worshipping of idols.
- Proverbs 5:4 – Connected to the results of succumbing to the lips of a strange woman!
- Jeremiah 9:13-16 – Result of Israel's disobedience unto God and sin abounded!
- Jeremiah 23:15 – God filled false prophets with wormwood for being profane!
- Lamentations 3:13, 19 – Symbolic of part of God's punishment upon Jerusalem.
- Amos 5:7 – Israel turned judgment into wormwood – rejecting God.

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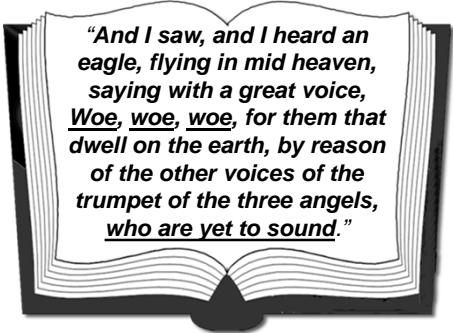
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Fourth Angel/Trumpet

- Fourth trumpet – abnormal functioning of the **heavenly bodies**
- Darkness upon the earth – **sun, moon, and stars are darkened**; no light!
- The land is in **darkness** 1/3 of the day. Again, mercy greater than judgment.
- "The imagery of heavenly bodies being darkened was familiar to first century Christians who understood its use in prophecy as a warning for those who do not serve the Lord (Joel 2:10; 3:15; Amos 5:8, 20; Mic. 3:6)." (Harkrider, *Revelation, Truth Commentaries*, Page 178)

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*“And I saw, and I heard an eagle, flying in mid heaven, saying with a great voice, **Woe, woe, woe, for them that dwell on the earth, by reason of the other voices of the trumpet of the three angels, who are yet to sound.**”*

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Interval – Eagle Flying in Mid-Heaven

- The **eagle** (angel KJV, NKJV) – a bird of prey.
 - The eagle is often used as a sign of disaster, symbol of vengeance (Deuteronomy 28:49; Hosea 8:1; Habbakuk1:8; Matthew 24:28).
- “Mid-heaven” is literally the highest point, the place the sun reaches at meridian.
- **Three woes** pronounced upon the inhabitation of the earth – because the three remaining trumpets are still to come.
- **The worst is yet to come!**
- **Will more directly affect mankind!**

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- “Historians agree that three major factors contributed to Rome’s demise: natural calamity, internal rottenness, and outside invasion.” (Harkrider, *Revelation*, Truth Commentaries, Page 179)