**Revelation Chapter 8:1**

**Previous 6 Seals**

**First Seal - Revelation 6:1-2**

And I saw when the Lamb opened one of the seals, and I heard, as it were the noise of thunder, one of the four beasts saying, Come and see. 2 And I saw, and behold a white horse: and he that sat on him had a bow; and a crown was given unto him: and he went forth conquering, and to conquer.

**Second Seal - Revelation 6:3-4**

And when he had opened the second seal, I heard the second beast say, Come and see. And there went out another horse [that was] red: and [power] was given to him that sat thereon to take peace from the earth, and that they should kill one another: and there was given unto him a great sword.

**Third Seal - Revelation 6:5-6**

And when he had opened the third seal, I heard the third beast say, Come and see. And I beheld, and lo a black horse; and he that sat on him had a pair of balances in his hand. 6 And I heard a voice in the midst of the four beasts say, A measure of wheat for a denarius, and three measures of barley for a denarius; and [see] thou hurt not the oil and the wine.

**Fourth Seal - Revelation 6:7-8**

And when he had opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth beast say, Come and see. 8 And I looked, and behold a pale horse: and his name that sat on him was Death, and Hell followed with him. And power was given unto them over the fourth part of the earth, to kill with sword, and with hunger, and with death, and with the beasts of the earth.

**Fifth Seal - Revelation 6:9-11**

And when he had opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of them that were slain for the word of God, and for the testimony which they held:
And they cried with a loud voice, saying, How long, O Lord, holy and true, dost thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth? And white robes were given unto every one of them; and it was said unto them, that they should rest yet for a little season, until their fellow servants also and their brethren, that should be killed as they [were], should be fulfilled.

**Sixth Seal - Revelation 6:12-17**

And I beheld when he had opened the sixth seal, and, lo, there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became as blood; 13 And the stars of the heavens fell unto the earth, even as a fig tree casteth her untimely figs, when she is shaken of a mighty wind. 14 And the heavens departed as a scroll when it is rolled together; and every mountain and island were moved out of their places. 15 And the kings of the earth, and the great men, and the rich men, and the chief captains, and the mighty men, and every bondman, and every free man, hid themselves in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains; 16 And said to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb: 17 For the great day of his wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?

The seventh seal is opened, which is the last seal containing the revelation of the contents of the scroll. Based upon what we see in seals 5 (the request of the pouring out of the wrath of God) and 6 (the announcement and imminent outbreak of the wrath of God), the 7th seal depicts the actual beginning of God’s wrath in the form seven trumpet judgments. The silence in heaven is so powerfully significant because it ceases all of the praise, worship and glorifying of God to announce the beginning of the wrath of God. The wrath of God has been promised since Adam, and restrained since the flood, but now is so powerful in its inception, that all heaven goes silent at the notion of the wrath of God

**Zachariah 2:13**

Be silent, all flesh, before the Lord, for He is aroused from His holy habitation!”

**Habakkuk 2:20**

But the Lord is in His holy temple. Let all the earth keep silence before Him.”

There are 58 verses that mention the time frame of an hour. This is the only verse in all of scripture that speaks of a half an hour. This indicates that an already short time frame is spoken of in this verse as being even shorter.

**Revelation 8:2**

The seven angels are described by some to be archangels, but we do know that they stand perpetually before the Lord. This indication denotes a special type of angel, although John simply refers to them as angels. The seven trumpets represent the seven stages or manifestations of the wrath of God. Remember that the number 7 represents completion relative the earth.

**1 Thessalonians 4:16**

For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first.

**Revelation 8:3**

The angel in this verse is believed to be Jesus because He is mingling the incense with the prayers of the saints because all of the prayers of the saints go through Him, to the father. However, Jesus is not an angel, He is the lamb. The prayers are aided by the angel**, but they do not go through this angel.**

**Psalms 141:2**

Let my prayer be set before You *as* incense, The lifting up of my hands *as* the evening sacrifice.

**Ephesians 2:18**

For through **Him** we both have access by one Spirit to the Father.

**John 14:6**

Jesus said *to* him, “*I* am *the* way, *the* truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.

**Revelation 8:4**

**The incense speaks of the fragrance of His Person and work. By the time the prayers reach God the Father, they are perfectly flawless and perfectly effectual (James 5:16)**

**Revelation 5:8**

Now when He had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each having a harp, ***and golden bowls full of incense***, which are the prayers of the saints.

**Revelation 8:5**

This is the first evidence that God’s wrath is about to hit the earth. The thunder, lightning, voices and earthquake are not the wraith, only the sign that the wrath is about to follow. We must be careful never to mistake the sign of that which is coming and confuse it for the manifestation of that which is coming.

1 Kings 19:11-12

Then He said, “Go out, and stand on the mountain before the Lord.” And behold, the Lord passed by, and a great and strong wind tore into the mountains and broke the rocks in pieces before the Lord, *but* the Lord *was* not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, *but* the Lord *was* not in the earthquake; 12and after the earthquake a fire, *but* the Lord *was* not in the fire; and after the fire a still small voice.

**Revelation 8:6**

While the preparation is not clarified, we do know that the trumpets are divided into two categories similar to the seals. The seals were categorized by a grouping of 4, then 3. The trumpets are also grouped in like manner. Trumpets are used traditionally in the Old Testament for various reasons. These trumpets constitute a cycle of the wrath of God.

**See note on verse 2 (**The seven angels are described by some to be archangels, but we do know ***that they stand perpetually before the Lord***. This indication denotes a special type of angel, although John simply refers to them as angels. ***The seven trumpets represent the seven stages or manifestations of the wrath of God. Remember that the number 7 represents completion relative the earth*.)**

**Revelation 8:7**

The sounding of the first trumpet brings more atmospheric damage to the earth. Some believe that this is a result of the effects of the earthquakes mentioned in verse 5, which in turn may cause steam and water thrown into the sky by such eruptions could easily condense into hail and fall to the earth along with the fiery lava. Dust and gases may so contaminate falling liquid water that it appears blood red. There has always been scientific rationale connected to the acts of God in the earth involving the atmospheric change and elemental transformation. One third of the earth’s forests will be destroyed by the fire, which could be from the lava of the volcanoes**.**

**Exodus 9:23**

**When Moses stretched out his staff toward the sky, the Lord sent thunder and hail, and lightning flashed down to the ground. So the Lord rained hail on the land of Egypt (This kind of phenomena is orchestrated by God, not the enemy!)**

**Ezekiel 38:22**

And I will bring him to judgment with pestilence and bloodshed; I will rain down on him, on his troops, and on the many peoples who *are* with him, flooding rain, great hailstones, fire, and brimstone

**Joel 2:30**

And I will show wonders in the heavens and in the earth: Blood and fire and pillars of smoke**.**

**Revelation 8:8**

The sounding of the second trumpet brings a huge meteor which will enter the earth’s atmosphere on fire and be cast into the sea. The power of its impact on the sea will be catastrophic in its destruction of a third of the aquatic life and a third of all the ships in the sea. The salt water shall be turned into blood in the manor the Nile River was during the 10 plagues of Egypt (Exodus 7:20)

**Amos 7:4**

Thus the Lord God showed me: Behold, the Lord God called for conflict by fire, and it consumed the great deep and devoured the territory

**Exodus 7:17, 20**

Thus says the Lord: “By this you shall know that I *am* the Lord. Behold, I will strike the waters which *are* in the river with the rod that *is* in my hand, and they shall be turned to blood. And Moses and Aaron did so, just as the Lord commanded. So he lifted up the rod and struck the waters that *were* in the river, in the sight of Pharaoh and in the sight of his servants. And all the waters that *were* in the river were turned to blood.

**Revelation 8:9**

Once again, the focus is on one third of this elemental resource**.**

Revelation 16:3

Then the second angel poured out his bowl on the sea, and it became blood as of a dead *man;* and every living creature in the sea died.

**Revelation 8:10**

The sounding of the third trumpet brings a burning star (a comet) that falls to the earth with the destruction of one third of the rivers and on the springs of water. Since not all of the rivers and springs are located together, it is intended to be understood that the star would break up once entering the earth’s atmosphere to cause this effect. God knows exactly where the disintegrating particles are going to land.

Revelation 6:13

And the stars of heaven fell to the earth, as a fig tree drops its late figs when it is shaken by a mighty wind.

**Revelation 8:11**

This star is named Wormwood because of its effects. Wormwood is a bitter, poisonous substance, derived from a root that causes drunkenness and eventual death. Wormwood as a medicinal plant has been used to remove worms from the intestines. It is extremely bitter. It is the poisonous aspect of it that causes many people to die.

(**Deuteronomy 29:18; Proverbs 5:4; Jeremiah 9:15; Amos 5:7**) all reference wormwood from the perspective of a bitter experience or disposition.

**Revelation 8:12**

The sounding of the fourth trumpet brings severe effects on heavenly light sources. Unlike the 6th seal where all light sources were temporarily darkened, here only a third of the sun, moon and stars are darkened. God will reduce the intensity of the celestial bodies by one–third. The loss of solar heat will cause a radical drop in temperature, producing severe changes in meteorological, botanical and biological cycles

Isaiah 13:10

For the stars of heaven and their constellations Will not give their light; The sun will be darkened in its going forth, And the moon will not cause its light to shine.

Amos 8:9

And it shall come to pass in that day,” says the Lord God, “That I will make the sun go down at noon, And I will darken the earth in broad daylight;

Matthew 24:29

“Immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken.

Luke 21:25

And there will be signs in the sun, in the moon, and in the stars; and on the earth distress of nations, with perplexity, the sea and the waves roaring;

**Revelation 8:13**

The angel that is flying in the midst of heaven is carrying a message of devastation. The intended devastation is not aimed at the earth’s resources, atmosphere or geography, rather it is aimed at the people on the earth (further evidence that the church has been taken out of the earth). Although these first four trumpets have brought devastating and unimaginable consequences, they will be miniscule compared to what’s coming!

Revelation 9:12

One woe is past. Behold, still two more woes are coming after these things.

Revelation 11:14

The second woe is past. Behold, the third woe is coming quickly.

Revelation 12:12

Therefore rejoice, O heavens, and you who dwell in them! Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and the sea! For the devil has come down to you, having great wrath, because he knows that he has a short time.”

**The third woe stretches from Revelation 11:15 – the end of Revelation 20**. **The judgment will be progressive!**