

# THE REVELATION OF JESUS CHRIST

*as revealed to the Apostle John* • Lesson #40 - January 5th, 2025

• **Moderator:** Brother Christ begins with a review of the last lesson...We talked about the 144,000 virgin jews who were sealed by God to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ to all who will hear it. They received the protection of their lives to deliver it. Because of their preaching a great multitude (which no man can number) have heard it and were saved by the great mercy of Jesus.

**Revelation 7:9** “After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands;”

• **Moderator:** We must stress how wonderful God is to want multitudes to be saved and remember that God is still giving people chances to be saved, even with all the horrible events of the first 3.5 years of tribulation. Millions of people that have rejected the offer for salvation before the tribulation's beginning are now being saved. God's mercy and grace is greater than all sin!

These new believers will wear white robes that symbolize the righteousness of Christ. They serve God day and night. They will suffer hunger and starvation during the tribulation but in Heaven they will suffer no more. The Lamb of God will provide food and water for all of eternity and God will wipe all their tears away. We learn this from Revelation 7:9-17.

We have arrived at the end of the first half of tribulation. We now move on to Chapter 8...

**Initial verses: “The Seventh Seal and the Golden Censer”**

**Revelation 8:1-5** “And when he had opened the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven about the space of half an hour. And I saw the seven angels which stood before God; and to them were given seven trumpets. 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. And the smoke of the incense, which came with the prayers of the saints, ascended up before God out of the angel's hand. 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.”

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## • #1 THE OPENING OF THE SEVENTH SEAL (Rev. 8:1)

**Revelation 8:1** “And when he had opened the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven about the space of half an hour.”

• **Moderator:** The silence for a half hour in Heaven is a mystery for us, It's been said that there never was a time when Heaven was still, quiet...silent. It must have been very important for God to will this into being. Christ says He wonders if there was the same silence when Jesus was nailed to the cross. He endures our punishment on the cross and now the silence at the beginning of the last half of tribulation is the prelude, the opening of the last seal. This opening seal will lead to the seven Trumpet & seven Vials (or Bowls) that mark the most horrible time this planet has ever known...the GREAT TRIBULATION.

We thank God that Christians living today will not have to go through this terrible time. We will talk more about the “rapture” of the church here shortly.

## • **#2 7 ANGELS STANDING BEFORE GOD GIVEN 7 TRUMPETS** (Rev. 8:2)

Revelation 8:2 “And I saw the seven angels which stood before God; and to them were given seven trumpets.”

- **Moderator:** There are only three angels that are named in the Bible.

Gabriel, the Messenger of God who went to King David with messages regarding the end times. Gabriel also went to Joseph to reassure him that his virgin soon-to-be wife Mary was pregnant by the work of the Holy Spirit and not by another man.

The other angel is the archangel Michael who goes to battle for God against Satan for the body of Moses and also in the tribulation against the “god” of the beast, and the false prophet.

The only other angel named is Lucifer, the angel who rebelled against God and became Satan, the Devil, the Dragon and Destroyer.

God doesn’t want us to worship angels and because of this few were named. Worshipping an angel is what the rebellious angels did and still do with Lucifer. They will spend an eternity in the lake of fire because of this horrific choice in sin.

Having said that, there are many instances where trumpets are used in the work of God including the Old Testament:

**Joshua 6:20** “So the people shouted when the priests blew with the trumpets: and it came to pass, when the people heard the sound of the trumpet, and the people shouted with a great shout, that the wall fell down flat, so that the people went up into the city, every man straight before him, and they took the city.”

**Numbers 10:1-7** “And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, Make thee two trumpets of silver; of a whole piece shalt thou make them: that thou mayest use them for the calling of the assembly, and for the journeying of the camps. And when they shall blow with them, all the assembly shall assemble themselves to thee at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation. And if they blow but with one trumpet, then the princes, which are heads of the thousands of Israel, shall gather themselves unto thee. When ye blow an alarm, then the camps that lie on the east parts shall go forward. When ye blow an alarm the second time, then the camps that lie on the south side shall take their journey: they shall blow an alarm for their journeys. But when the congregation is to be gathered together, ye shall blow, but ye shall not sound an alarm.”

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## • **#3 THE LAST TRUMP OF GOD AT THE RAPTURE** (Rev. 8:2)

- **Moderator:** What do Trumpets have to do with the New Testament?

**II Corinthians 15:51-52** “Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.”

**I Thessalonians 4:13-18** “But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him. For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep. For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. Wherefore comfort one another with these words.”

• **#4 ANOTHER ANGEL; INCENSE; PRAYERS OF SAINTS** (Rev. 8:3-5)

**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.”

**Revelation 6:9** “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:”

- **Moderator:** These are the tribulation saints who are under the altar.

**Revelation 6:10-11** “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 fellowservants also and their brethren, that should be killed as they were, should be fulfilled.”

**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.

- **Moderator:** We discover an Old Testament use of the symbolism of “prayers of all saints”.

**Exodus 30:1-3** “And thou shalt make an altar to burn incense upon: of shittim wood shalt thou make it. 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. 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.”

**Exodus 30:7-8** “And Aaron shall burn thereon sweet incense every morning: when he dresseth the lamps, he shall burn incense upon it. And when Aaron lighteth the lamps at even, he shall burn incense upon it, a perpetual incense before the LORD throughout your generations.”

- **Moderator:** Regarding the Incense (A Fragrant Substance).

**Exodus 30:34-38** “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: And thou shalt make it a perfume, a confection after the art of the apothecary, tempered together, pure and holy: 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. 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. Whosoever shall make like unto that, to smell thereto, shall even be cut off from his people.”

**Psalms 141:2** “LET MY PRAYER BE SET FORTH BEFORE THEE AS INCENSE; and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.”

- **Moderator:** Prayers Of The Saints:

**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.”

**Revelation 8:4-5** “And the smoke of the incense, which came with the prayers of the saints, ascended up before God out of the angel’s hand. 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 thunders, and lightnings, and an earthquake.”

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