

THE REVELATION OF JESUS CHRIST

as revealed to the Apostle John • Lesson #41 - January 12th, 2025

Initial verses:

Revelation 8:5-7 “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. And the seven angels which had the seven trumpets prepared themselves to sound. 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.”

• **Moderator:** We have covered the 6 seals, we’ve gone over the numberless multitude of people who will be saved in the tribulation and their worship in Heaven. As we began our study of Chapter 8 last week we have talked about the silence in Heaven for a half hour. Now we are prepared to talk about the Seven Trumpets. With each Trumpet being blown a worse judgement occurs. This includes the earth itself and all people living on the earth.

• #1 VOICES, THUNDERINGS, LIGHTNINGS & EARTHQUAKE (Rev. 8:5)

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.”

• **Moderator:** After the angel cast down the fiery censer from the fire of the altar, John observes voices, thunderings, lightnings and an earthquake. We are not told what the voices are saying or anything about how it sounded or anything like that. It’s apparent that these are not natural voices, but Heavenly voices. Now, we’ll look at a Old Testament “shadow” that is very much like what we see here in Revelation 8:

Exodus 19:18-19 “And mount Sinai was altogether on a smoke, because the LORD descended upon it in fire: and the smoke thereof ascended as the smoke of a furnace, and the whole mount quaked greatly. And when the voice of the trumpet sounded long, and waxed louder and louder, Moses spake, and God answered him by a voice.”

Exodus 20:18-19 “And all the people saw the thunderings, and the lightnings, and the noise of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking: and when the people saw it, they removed, and stood afar off. And they said unto Moses, Speak thou with us, and we will hear: but let not God speak with us, lest we die.”

• **Moderator:** We see from these verses in Exodus 19 & 20 that the events of Revelation is similar to Old Testament book of Exodus passages recorded. This was God’s way of getting people’s attention to what was about to occur.

• #2 FIRST TRUMPET JUDGMENT- HAIL, FIRE & BLOOD FROM HEAVEN (Rev. 8:6-7)

Revelation 8:6-7 “And the seven angels which had the seven trumpets prepared themselves to sound. 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.”

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

• **Moderator:** Now we'll look at another passage from Exodus that contain the same kind of ways God sends judgment down to people on the earth:

Exodus 19:18-25 "And mount Sinai was altogether on a smoke, because the LORD descended upon it in fire: and the smoke thereof ascended as the smoke of a furnace, and the whole mount quaked greatly. And when the voice of the trumpet sounded long, and waxed louder and louder, Moses spake, and God answered him by a voice. And the LORD came down upon mount Sinai, on the top of the mount: and the LORD called Moses up to the top of the mount; and Moses went up. And the LORD said unto Moses, Go down, charge the people, lest they break through unto the LORD to gaze, and many of them perish. And let the priests also, which come near to the LORD, sanctify themselves, lest the LORD break forth upon them. And Moses said unto the LORD, The people cannot come up to mount Sinai: for thou chargedst us, saying, Set bounds about the mount, and sanctify it. And the LORD said unto him, Away, get thee down, and thou shalt come up, thou, and Aaron with thee: but let not the priests and the people break through to come up unto the LORD, lest he break forth upon them. So Moses went down unto the people, and spake unto them."

• **#3 HAIL USED IN SCRIPTURE AS DIVINE JUDGMENT** (Rev. 8:6-7)

• **Moderator:** Now we'll look at Hailstones as part of God's punishment against the world and all sinners who have rejected God's leadership, including his Son, Jesus Christ: Having said that, there are many instances where hail is used in the work of God in the Old Testament (please note the **ALL CAPS** in the following passages):

Joshua 10:5-11 "Therefore the five kings of the Amorites, the king of Jerusalem, the king of Hebron, the king of Jarmuth, the king of Lachish, the king of Eglon, gathered themselves together, and went up, they and all their hosts, and encamped before Gibeon, and made war against it. And the men of Gibeon sent unto Joshua to the camp to Gilgal, saying, Slack not thy hand from thy servants; come up to us quickly, and save us, and help us: for all the kings of the Amorites that dwell in the mountains are gathered together against us. So Joshua ascended from Gilgal, he, and all the people of war with him, and all the mighty men of valour. **AND THE LORD SAID UNTO JOSHUA, FEAR THEM NOT: FOR I HAVE DELIVERED THEM INTO THINE HAND; THERE SHALL NOT A MAN OF THEM STAND BEFORE THEE.** Joshua therefore came unto them suddenly, and went up from Gilgal all night. And the LORD discomfited them before Israel, and slew them with a great slaughter at Gibeon, and chased them along the way that goeth up to Bethhoron, and smote them to Azekah, and unto Makkedah. And it came to pass, as they fled from before Israel, and were in the going down to Bethhoron, that **THE LORD CAST DOWN GREAT STONES FROM HEAVEN UPON THEM UNTO AZEKAH, AND THEY DIED: THEY WERE MORE WHICH DIED WITH HAILSTONES THAN THEY WHOM THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL SLEW WITH THE SWORD.**"

Isaiah 30:30-31 "And the LORD shall cause his glorious voice to be heard, and shall shew the lighting down of his arm, with the indignation of his anger, and with the flame of a devouring fire, with scattering, and tempest, **AND HAILSTONES.** For through the voice of the LORD shall the Assyrian be beaten down, which smote with a rod."

Psalms 78:42-49 "They remembered not his hand, nor the day when he delivered them from the enemy. How he had wrought his signs in Egypt, and his wonders in the field of Zoan: And had turned their rivers into blood; and their floods, that they could not drink. He sent divers sorts of flies among them, which devoured them; and frogs, which destroyed them. He gave also their increase unto the caterpillar, and their labour unto the locust. **HE DESTROYED THEIR VINES WITH HAIL,** and their sycamore trees with frost. **HE GAVE UP THEIR CATTLE ALSO TO THE HAIL,** and their

flocks to hot thunderbolts. He cast upon them the fierceness of his anger, wrath, and indignation, and trouble, by sending evil angels among them.”

Ezekiel 13:10-15 “Because, even because they have seduced my people, saying, Peace; and there was no peace; and one built up a wall, and, lo, others daubed it with untempered mortar: Say unto them which daub it with untempered mortar, that it shall fall: there shall be an overflowing shower; and ye, **O GREAT HAILSTONES, SHALL FALL**; and a stormy wind shall rend it. Lo, when the wall is fallen, shall it not be said unto you, Where is the daubing wherewith ye have daubed it? Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD; I will even rend it with a stormy wind in my fury; and there shall be an overflowing shower in mine anger, and **GREAT HAILSTONES IN MY FURY** to consume it. So will I break down the wall that ye have daubed with untempered mortar, and bring it down to the ground, so that the foundation thereof shall be discovered, and it shall fall, and ye shall be consumed in the midst thereof: and ye shall know that I am the LORD. Thus will I accomplish my wrath upon the wall, and upon them that have daubed it with untempered mortar, and will say unto you, The wall is no more, neither they that daubed it;”

Revelation 8:6-7 “And the seven angels which had the seven trumpets prepared themselves to sound. 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.**”

• **Moderator:** We’ve all seen the horrible devastation of the fires in Southern California where huge swaths of land in Los Angeles have been destroyed by raging fire. And the results are similar to the prophesies of Tribulation. The Sun darkened in a daytime sky, the moon appearing red. Foreshadows of days to come! Now, we’ll go back to Revelation chapter 6 for a few moments and reflect...

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; And the stars of heaven fell unto the earth, even as a fig tree casteth her untimely figs, when she is shaken of a mighty wind. And the heaven departed as a scroll when it is rolled together; and every mountain and island were moved out of their places. 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; 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: For the great day of his wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?”

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