

Revelation Study Guide

Chapter 8



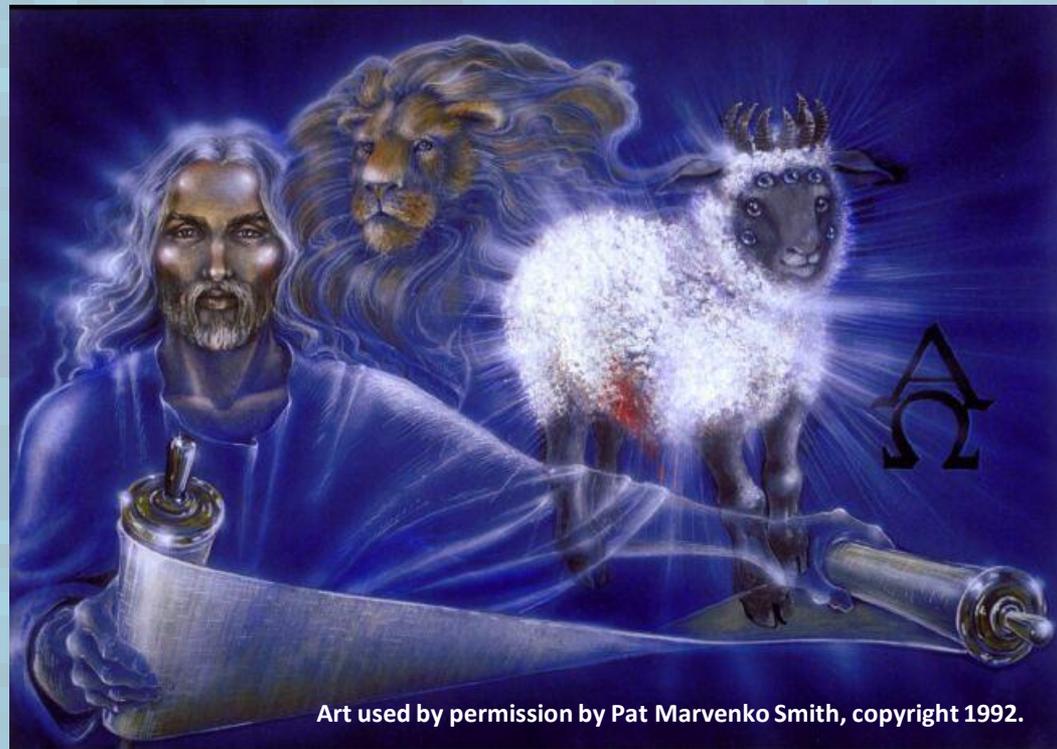
Silence

Chapter 8 chronologically follows seven. And in seven the 144,000 Jews have been placed as the light in this world. The church has been Raptured and stands before the throne. So what happened when we saw the multitude in heaven before the throne in Chapter 5. Think about it and see if anything in Chapter 8 sounds familiar to you. Chapter 8 parallels the first few verses of Chapter 5. As we move through the verses of chapter 8, it is important to know that they will parallel those of Chapter 6 and we will jump back and forth and see.

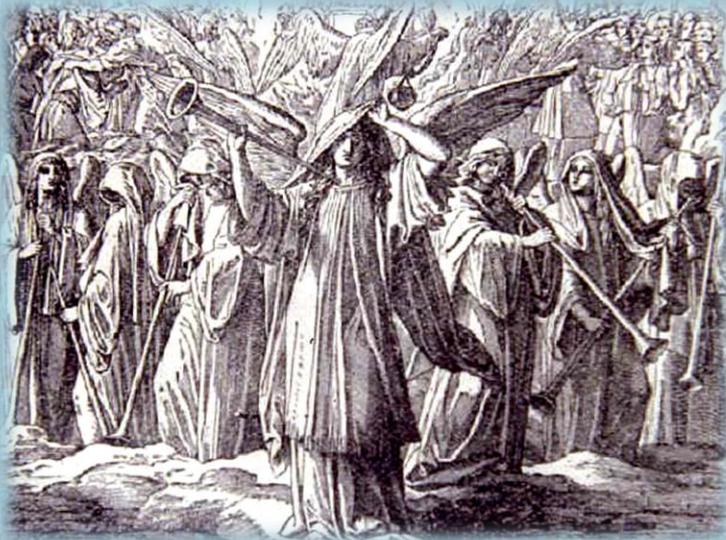
Rev. 8:1 And when he had opened the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven about the space of half an hour.

This seal is said to be silence in heaven for the space of about a half hour. Some jokingly say that the silence in heaven is period where women are not aloud to talk, but I believe that is false doctrine. Well, what I have to say can't be worse than that, here is what I think it is. Do you remember how Chapter 5 starts with a strong angel saying "who is worthy to open the book" and God the Father is sitting with a sealed book in His hand? A search is made for one who is worthy to open the book.

How long do you think they searched, and what do you think we are doing while the search is going on? They could have searched about a half an hour, I think God could do a thorough search in that time period. What do you think we will be doing, talking and whispering about who didn't make it on the Rapture? No, I think we will be silent. After a while you might hear a sob come from over here, and another over there, as people realize the seriousness and the intensity of things that are about to happen. That is what John was doing, he began to weep, do you think we will do any less? What happened after the silence of a half an hour? One worthy to open the book is found. It is Jesus Christ, the Lion of the Tribe of Judah, he is seen as a Lamb that had been slain, having seven eyes and seven horns, which is the Holy Ghost that is sent forth into all the world. Here is God the Son, anointed by God the Holy Ghost, taking the seven-sealed book out of the hand of God the Father. There are those that don't believe in Holy Trinity, they often ask the question, "How many people will you see in the God head when you get to heaven." The answer is three.



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I will see God, the Father, holding the book, and God, the Son taking the book, and the Holy Ghost anointing Jesus. It is amazing what you can learn when you read the Bible.

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

Here we have the Seven angels that are about to sound their trumpets.

Rev. 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.

Before they sounded their trumpets, another angel came with something in his hand. Remember from earlier reading that the Seven Seals is an expression of God's omnipotent power. They show us God's power to hold back the actions of evil men. When the seals are opened, a process of destroying the earth will begin. It is not the actions of God that are destroying the world, but the now unrestrained actions of sinful man. God has been keeping man and Satan from destroying the world. Because mankind has told God to butt out, and let him handle things on his own, God's hand is being pulled back. The church is taken up, and man is allowed to do whatever he will. Man unrestrained, causes an absolute total catastrophe to take place. As seals are broken, it sets a chain of events into motion, and that leads to a nuclear war that escalates step by step. As each climactic event takes place, a trumpet blows before it. The trumpets signifying God's foreknowledge. He knows how everything is going to happen. God knew what was to befall the world, he warned them, tried to tell them.

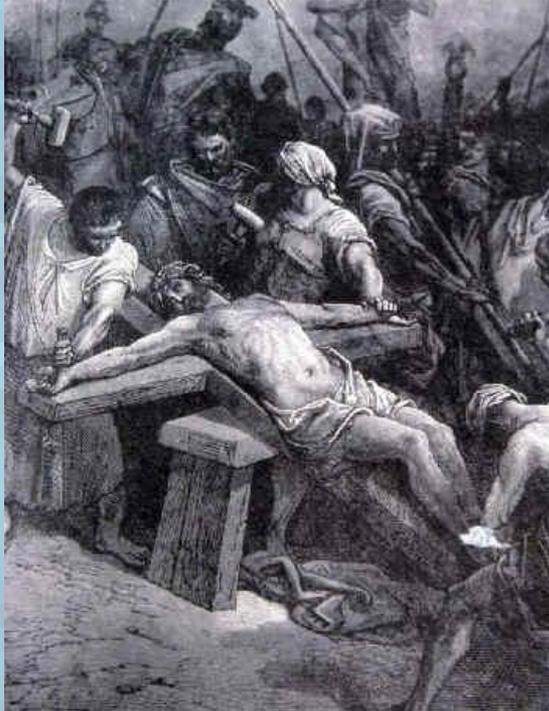
Now an Angel comes having a golden censer. The golden censer contains the prayers of the saints? This is not the first time these prayers have been seen. Let's see where we saw them first. It was in Chapter 5:8 of Revelation. Rev. 5:8 "And when he had taken the book, the four beasts and four and twenty elders fell down before the Lamb, having every one of them harps, and golden vials full of odours, which are the prayers of saints." See the prayers of the saints. Are we seeing the prayers of the saints at two different times or are we seeing the prayers of the saints from two different angles? It is one time from two different angles. If that is true, the Tribulation period has not started yet as far as this verse in the Book of Revelation. What God is establishing with you here is, He has been more than merciful, He has been more than Righteous, He has not arbitrarily decided to destroy the world. He has given a two thousand-year witness to the world. No one in this world has ever seen a time where there has not been a witness of the gospel in the world. There maybe some people that haven't heard it, but this time period has probably had more exposure to the truth than any other time period, through movies, and television, etc . . . Hollywood usually takes the gospel and twists it, perverts it, but enough truth still shines to warn the man who wants to do right.



What we see here is further proof that the Church has been Raptured and are in heaven before the Tribulation begins. That golden vial is very important to us. I want you to understand why it is. God gave us a schoolmaster to teach us his ways. It is Israel and her worship as revealed in the Old Testament. The Wilderness Tabernacle teaches us how to get into the presents of God. Did you ever play a game called Monopoly? Each player chooses a little character to represent him. With his character he advances around the board until he wins the game.

Here is another game, I am a sinner and I have to get to where you see that cloud. Inside the tent under that cloud is the Ark of the Covenant in a place that is called the Holy of Holies. There is the mercy seat, and if I can get there, under the right conditions I can be forgiven.

But I have a problem, I am unholy and this is holy ground. So now I have to depend on a human being that is qualified to walk on holy ground to represent me. He becomes my board piece in this game. He is the High Priest of the Temple. I am coming in my sinful nature and I am going to need redemption. I have another problem, it only has one door and if I live way over here, I have to make my way to that entrance way over here. If I try to get in any other way, by crawling over, or dig under the outer curtain, there are temple guards that will cut my head off. You don't intrude on God's holiness. You must come through the one and only door. That is what the High Priest has presented to us, the open door.



A lot of people are trying to get into heaven without going through Christ. Jesus Christ said "***I am the door if anyone comes another way he is a thief and a robber (John 10:1)***." There is only one way to get into heaven and that is through the Lord Jesus Christ, he has to represent you, only he can take an unholy man onto holy ground. So I need to present a lamb to atone for my sin. I need a lamb. It has to be a spotless lamb, the best of my stock. The lamb can't be sick and it has to have no reason to die whatsoever. I am a sinner. I cannot bring a one eyed, three-legged lamb for my sacrifice. I don't bring something that is so sick that I wouldn't feed it to family.

Now I have to take my lamb to a point, and notice some things, see this curtain, inside is holy and outside is unholy. Do you know why that curtain is white? White represents righteousness and holiness. The curtain can't stand by itself. There are poles to hold it up, and you know your righteousness won't stand up by itself. You are going to have to have something clothe you in righteousness, since you don't have any of your own. The poles that are here are set in sockets of brass. Brass is the metal that represents judgment against sin. The meaning of this is if you want the righteousness of Christ covering your life, you better set your life's pole down in the socket of brass. It means that you and I have to repent of our sins. We have to be done with those sin, then and only then can you have the righteousness of Jesus Christ on you. Repentance of sin is not enough by itself. What makes you holy after you have repented? It is the mercy of God. Therefore, on the top of that pole is a crown or a socket of silver that the curtain can hang on. Silver means mercy.

To sum up what we have so far, if you want to have holy ground inside of your heart, the first step is to repent of your sins, then God will have mercy on you and hang the righteousness of Jesus Christ on you. Until that is done, you are still in the world, still a part of the world, you are still separated from God.

Now I am going to need to get the Holy of Holies inside the Tabernacle. But I am not allowed in here, I have to have a priest represent me. The priest that represents me will first have to face the Brazen Altar. It is an altar made of brass, now brass means judgment of sin. After the altar is constructed, the priest anointed the horns of the altar with blood. This was done so that it would be holy in the sight of God. After the altar had been rendered holy, God sent fire down from Heaven that would consume sin.

But after Aaron and Moses built this altar, after they anointed it with blood, God told them to get away from it, then a fire from heaven fell upon the altar. There is only one fire in heaven, and it is the Holy Ghost. There is no other fire. John the Baptist prophesied that Jesus Christ would baptize his followers with the Holy Ghost and with fire. Fire purifies, sanctifies, it takes away the dross. When silver and gold are set upon the fire, dirt will separate from the metal. When the Holy Ghost fire touches a life, it separates that life from sin. One of the problems seen today is people are trying to be "spirit filled" without being sanctified.



When the fire came down, the priests were instructed to keep the fire burning. This lets us know that we are not to neglect our walk with God. Every day of your life the fire needs to be fed. God tells Moses if the fire goes out, do not start a fire of your own. Human fires were called strange fire. The penalty for strange fire on the altar is death. Two of Aaron's sons didn't think God was serious about it and they offered their own fire before the Lord, and in turn God sent down his own fire and killed them. This altar & fire has a counter part in the Holy Ghost. Our hearts are a brazen altars. If you want the power of God to dwell in your life, you are going to have to repent. The blood of Christ has to make you holy, and you are going to have to be sanctified in His sight. And then heavenly fire would fall.

The Pentecostal movement which is different from the Charismatic movement started in 1886 in America. Church of God had the fortune to be the first modern group to receive the Baptism of the Holy Ghost. For ten years the people of the Church of God didn't even know there was a baptism of the Holy Ghost with speaking in tongues. All they knew was that God saved and sanctified. The early preachers of that day proclaimed a message of salvation and sanctification, for ten years that was the emphasis. The people were seeking God to have a holy and clean life. There is a painting that hangs on the back wall of my church. It represents what happened at the Sheerer School House. The church members were there in a meeting when the Holy Ghost fell on them, and they began to speak in another tongue as the Spirit gave them utterance. It gave birth to the first Pentecostal Church in America and that was in 1896. The early Pentecostals thought that was how it worked, you got saved and sanctified, then God filled you with the Holy Ghost. As the Pentecostal movement migrated around the world, some preachers started trying to make some short cuts. If you are an evangelist that wants to get a lot of money in your pockets, being able to say a hundred people received the Holy Ghost in my revival could gain you fame and guarantee success. Your services would be in great demand. Somewhere along the way these money-grubbing evangelists decided to skip being holy.

Their new message, I will impart it to you. I will give it to you, just get near the hand and I will zap you. Then they would just line you up and say ""repeat after me (something like) "Ting Tang Walla Walla Bing Bang, and anything else that comes to your mind. This is your prayer language (you now have the license to act like any idiot anytime that you want to). The evangelist would often stand up and say, everybody stand up and speak in tongues because the devil is afraid of tongues. Why would he be afraid? He knows every language on the earth. Some would say he can't understand a language from heaven. Why can't he? He was the highest angel that God had ever created. He goes in front of God and accuses us. He knows everything that is said up there, why is he afraid of that, and why can't he understand it? He isn't afraid of your talking in tongues, why should he be? He is afraid when you get right with God in English that scars him to death. In this latest movement, people are not receiving the Holy Ghost, they are offering strange fire on their altars. All strange fire has in it is the power of death, because strange fire is a human thing, and human things are corrupt. Holy Ghost fire is a heavenly thing that sanctifies you and makes you holy. God is telling you not to intrude on the divine, and you ask what do you do when the fire goes out? He gives you the same instruction, sanctify the altar again with blood. Pray over it, pray that I will send it back down, then and only then will the fire return. The brazen altar is where sin has to be taken care of.



Know as you are making your way to the Holy of Holies you will run into something else. It is the Brazen Laver this was made out of the brass looking glass of the women. You know what mirrors represent? Vanity, "mirror mirror on the wall who is the fairest of us all." Yes sir if I just moved this hair, I would

be perfect. If I could get my eyes a little blacker, I would be so beautiful. Is that not vanity? Wood, Fire and Blood it contaminates you. These priests that work inside the Tabernacle are bare footed. They don't wear shoes. They have robes that represent divinity. They are types of Christ. He is human and divine, but just being in this world contaminates you.

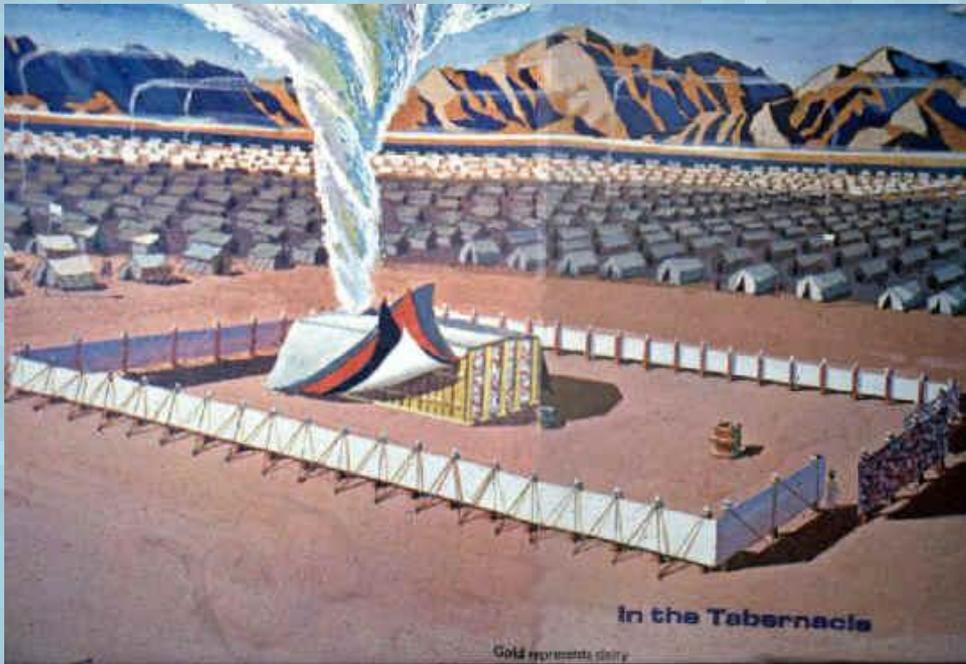
What I am saying is that you can be ever so spiritual, but the world that you are living in contaminates everything in it. So what do you have to do, if you are going to stay in this place were God does not allow sin. There is a continual supply of fresh water placed in the brazen Laver, the priests have to wash continually to cleanse themselves if they are going to stay in the presence of almighty God. If you are going to stay in God's presence, you are going to work with holy things, and you are going to get to the Holy of Hollies, there has to be an activity in your life that continually washes you, and cleanses you, and renews you. What is that one thing that cleanses you and renews you?



Titus 3:5 Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost; 6 Which he shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Saviour;

It is the Word of God that sanctifies you. When you begin to hear the Word of God it gets inside of you, and washes you, and cleanse you. So what this Brazen Laver does is judge your vanity. When you think you are righteous, and you think you are good, it keeps bringing you

back to the Word of God, keeping you humble, keeping you clean, washing away the contaminating doctrines, contaminating spirits, contaminating attitudes that will keep us from walking into a holy place.

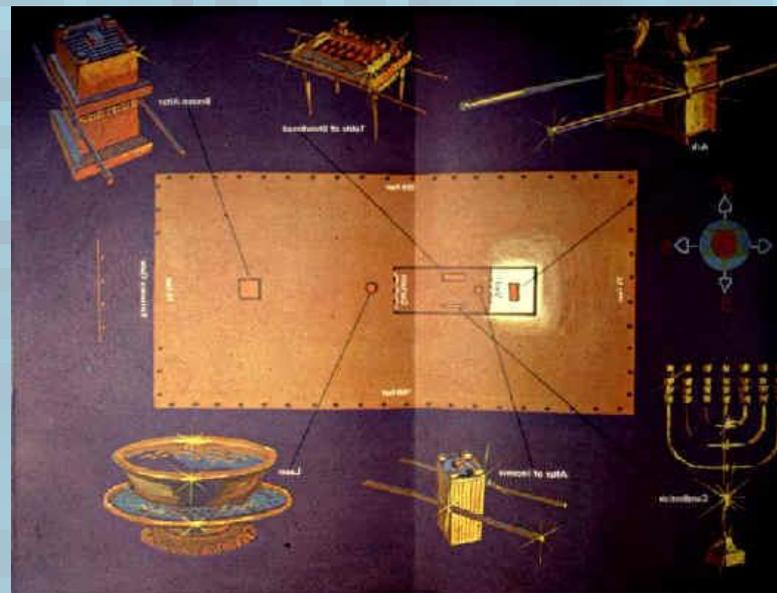


Now we are going into the actual Tabernacle. We have only been in the courtyard up until this time. The Tabernacle is covered with animal skins that each has a special meaning. When the skins are in their proper place there is no outside light inside of the Tabernacle. The Tabernacle is 45 feet long, 15 feet tall, and 15 feet wide. The Tabernacle is divided into two parts. First section is the Holy Place, then we have the Holy of Holies. The Holy of Holies are a perfect cube. It is 15 feet, by 15 feet, by 15 feet.

The Holy of Holies are a type of New Jerusalem, the Heavenly city. We will see in later chapters that the dimensions of New Jerusalem are also a 15, by 15, by 15.



The Holy place is where you serve God. When you step inside the Tabernacle's Holy Place, you are going to find three pieces of furniture. When we see the layout of the furniture, the arraignment of the pieces makes the sign of the cross



If you are going to go in there, you will find that there is only one source of light, it is this candelabrum. This symbolizes the Seven Spirits of God sent forth into the whole world (Holy Ghost). That is the only light in there, and if you are going to see to do anything you have to walk in the light of the Menorah. Which has one common source of oil, but seven different lamps burning, this is a representation of the Holy Ghost in the World. The Holy Ghost is the only source of light in this world, and if you are going to try to live a Christian life, if you are going to have any kind of victory, you are going to have to walk in the light that the Holy Spirit puts on your path.

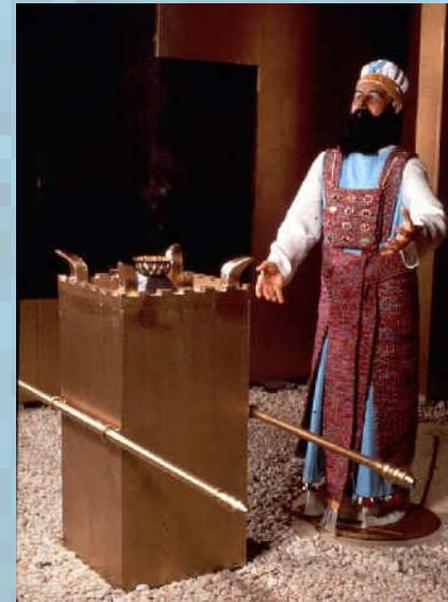


Now over to the side, right across from the Menorah is this table of shew bread. On that table is twelve loaves of bread. The number twelve means sufficient, or "enough." The unleavened bread it is a type of two things. It is first a type of the Word of God, and secondly a type of the Lord Jesus Christ. The Bible gives us the understanding that the Word of God is Jesus, and they are synonymous (John 1:1-14). The priest that is walking in that light had to eat of the bread every day. In other words you must walk in the light of the Gospel if you want live for God. You are going to have to consume the Word of God every day of your life in order to survive in this ungodly world. Do you know why some of you are stumbling? You are experiencing malnutrition. You haven't eaten your food (The Bible) lately.

Now this brings us to the Golden Alter. Remember the Golden altar in chapter 8 of the Book of



Revelations? I have taken you through this whole trip to help you understand something, you see this altar in the Tabernacle, this is where you offer your service. This is not a second altar for you to repent at just in case you sinned between the Brazen altar and the Golden Altar. You offer your works here. It is where your prayers are offered. You're song or service it is offered here. Understand this, anything that you have to offer is going to have to go to heaven through the fire, but there is no fire in this altar.



Where are you going to get the fire? Do you remember earlier our stop at the Brazen altar in the outer court, which was fired by the Holy Ghost, you have to get the fire from there? What I am telling you is, your service to God will not be accepted unless you have repented of your sins. Elvis Presley cannot lead God's choir in heaven, if he has not repented of his sins. You need to get fire from the altar of God when you want your works to be accepted of God. Unless you get fire from the Brazen altar, meaning you have repented. So what we want to

know is that the prayers of those saints are going to be offered on the Golden Altar in Heaven before God.



This means several things, one is that you can't offer a sacrifice to God that isn't finished yet. You can't give God the worst half of the lamb, and you keep the first part, He gets the best lamb and he gets it all. So unless the church has finished its work, and been before the judgment seat of Christ, had their works purified by fire then the prayers of the church cannot be offered on the Golden Altar. Yet another proof that we have been Raptured, have been to the judgment seat of Christ. Our work has been finished, our work has been tried, it is all done and being offered before the Golden Altar.

"IT IS FINISHED!"
John 19:30
 At Calvary, the sinless Lamb of God was sacrificed-
 "for the remission of sins".
Matthew 20:28; Hebrews 9:22

A new way to God.
Matthew 21:31-32

The Passover lamb was slain at 3:00 P.M.

LESSON 7 **CHART 4**

A NEW WAY OF WORSHIP

Golden Candlestick
 Provided light for priests to perform duties in the Holy Place. Oil in lamps burned continually.

Holiest of Holies

Place Holy

Ark of the Covenant
 The most important object in the Tabernacle! God's Presence dwelled above the "Mercy Seat" between the cherubim. Inside the Ark were the Tables of Law, a pot of manna, and later, Aaron's rod that budded.

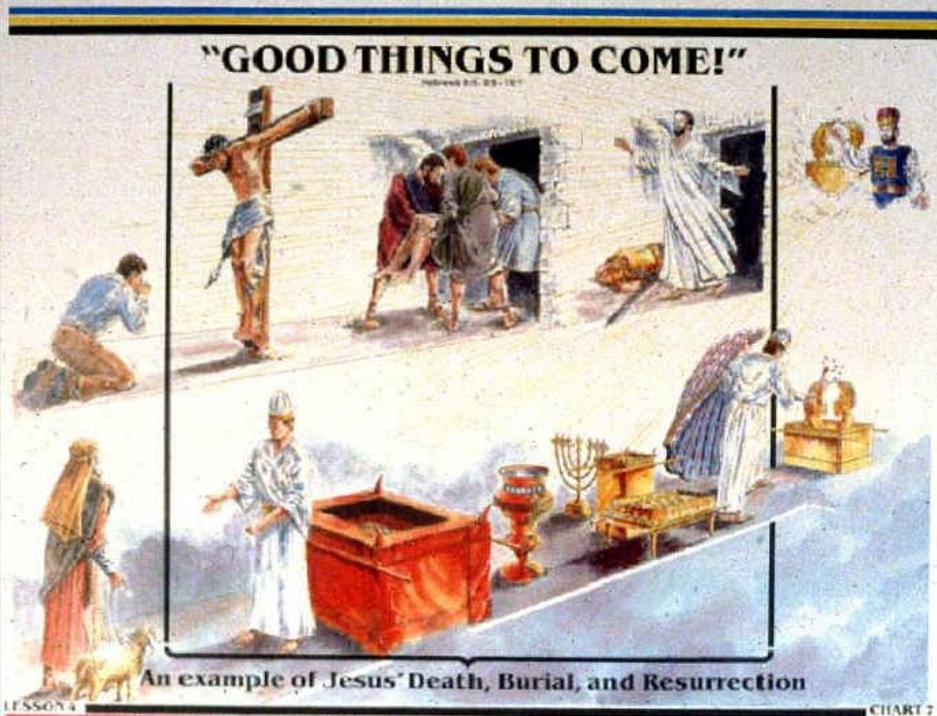
Brazen Altar
 The place of death and bloodshed. Sin had to be covered by blood before man could fellowship with a Holy God.

Table of Shewbread
 Twelve loaves of unleavened bread sprinkled with frankincense were renewed each Sabbath and eaten by the priests. Became a continual thank offering to God.

Brazen Laver
 A ceremonial washing of the Priests was required before ministering at the Brazen Altar or entering the Tabernacle.

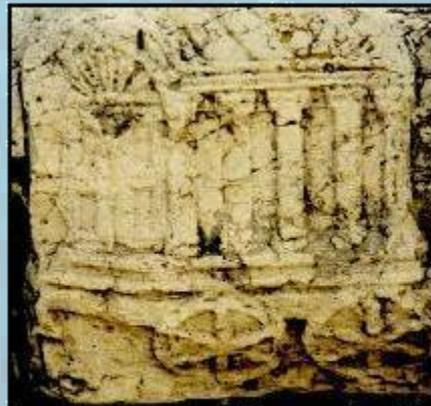
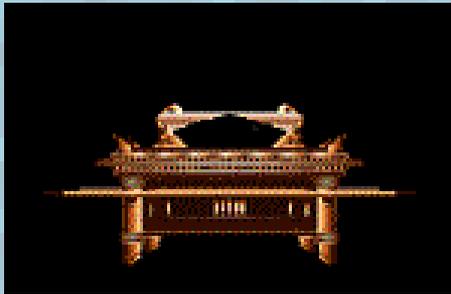
Altar of Incense
 The perfumed fragrance of incense was offered to God twice a day, morning and evening.

LESSON 4 **CHART 6**



Now behind the veil is the Ark of the Covenant. You couldn't get into the Holy of Holies because there was a very thick veil separating the Holy place from the Holy of Holies, it was so thick that two yokes of oxen couldn't pull it apart. It was fifteen feet high so you couldn't jump over it, and were not allowed to go under it, it was placed there as barrier. The only person that was allowed to go behind it was this High Priest. The High Priest had

bells around the bottom of his robe, a rope tied around his ankle, and he could only enter behind the curtain at certain times. When he entered behind the veil, he would be in the presence of the Ark of the Covenant.



3rd. Century relief of the Ark and its carriage on the wall of the synagogue at Capernaum (Sea of Galilee.)



There were three things inside that Ark. One of them was the Tablets with the Ten Commandments. These were stone tablets given to Moses by God. The Tablets represented God, the Father. The second thing there was a pot of manna, and the pot of manna represents Jesus Christ, the bread of life. The third was Aaron's rod. Someone had challenged Aaron for his ministry. Some of the people accused Aaron of taking the High Priest job on himself. They asserted we are just as holy, and we want your job. It made God angry, because when you challenge a man in his ministry that God has put him in, you are directly challenging God. You have made yourself God's enemy and he will take care of it from there on. Moses told them to bring their rods and they put their rods along with Aaron's rod in the Ark of the Covenant. The next day the rods were removed from the Ark. All but Aaron's was still old dead wood. God reached in and touched Aaron's rod. It had every stage of life on it as though it was a living tree. It had branches, leaves and fruit on it. Aaron's Rod became a symbol of the Holy Ghost who is able to quicken your mortal bodies which are dead in sin and trespass. No matter how dead you were, God can cause you to live. God doesn't need anything else but the Holy Ghost to breathe life back into you. If you repent, He will quicken your bodies that were dead in mortal sin and trespass.

Back to my goal, I need to get to the Mercy Seat, which sets a top the Ark of the Covenant, inside of the Holy of Holies. The High Priest must take me there. The High Priest has bells on his robe, do you know why? If he has sin in his life when he goes before the Mercy Seat, he will be immediately struck dead. While he is doing his work, he is behind the veil and nobody can see him. As long as the bells are heard, you know that the work of redemption is going on. If the bells stop, the temple priests would have to pull that high priest out by the rope that is tied around his ankle. They dare not enter themselves, they would be considered unholy too, and would suffer his fate. If the redeemer has failed there is no hope of salvation. Jesus Christ, our redeemer while He was doing the work of redemption was invisible to us, the moment he died he was in the heart of the earth. None of the living could see him. When he rose from the grave, he showed himself to His disciples. It wasn't long before he ascended on high to present himself before God, to make intercession for you and me. He is now invisible to us. How do I know that He got to Heaven, how do I know that redemption still goes on, how do I know he is my High Priest? I will tell you how I know he is there. Do you remember on the day of Pentecost, when the Holy Ghost was poured out on the 120? Those present began to hear people began to speak in a heavenly language. Do you know what makes a bell ring, it is the little clapper inside the bell? Another name for that clapper is a tongue. So when the genuine outpouring of the Holy Ghost happened on the day of Pentecost, and they were speaking in tongues. Those who were hearing the tongues were hearing the bells of Heaven rings. The human bells were a testimony that Christ had made it home and the work of redemption continued.



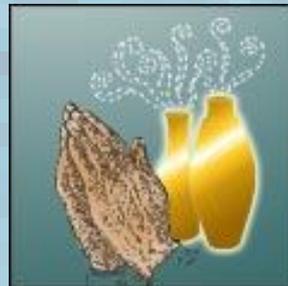


You know that redemption was working, every time someone genuinely receives the baptism of the Holy Ghost and speaks in tongues. It is a witness to World that the work of redemption still goes on.

In Daniel's prophecy God told the year that Jesus was going to come and die. If you knew Daniel's prophecy, you knew the day would coincide with Passover. Jesus couldn't have come a day earlier or later, or a year earlier or later, he came on time.

As Jesus was dying on the Cross of Calvary, as he was being lifted up for our sins, he became the Lamb of God that takes away the sins of the world.

As He gave up the ghost, the veil in the Temple was rent from top to bottom. When that veil was ripped from the top down to the bottom it signified that God the Father saw Jesus Christ's sacrifice and ripped open that veil. When He ripped that veil in two, it was because of what Jesus did, the Holy place is now open to us. We may go boldly before the throne of grace and obtain mercy. Up until Jesus did that we had to depend on priests. We don't have to go through priests anymore because you are a born again you are a priest. Priests do two things, one they offer sacrifice for sin, and secondly they offer up praise and worship. Since Jesus Christ was the sacrifice for sin, we don't need to offer that anymore. We can all join together offering praise and worship to him.



Now that brings us back to the Golden vials in the book of Revelation. I wanted you to see the relationship here, because as you look at this whole representation, you can see that the church has been Raptured. We see the prayers that represent the church's total work that has been offered before God.



Rev. 8:4 And the smoke of the incense, which came with the prayers of the saints, ascended up before God out of the angel's hand.

The prayers go up before God, they are accepted by God, and then are answered by Him.



Rev. 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.

Now the prayers are cast down to earth and there are thunderings and lightnings and an earthquake. Why is this being done now? The inhabitants left behind on the earth are going to say "Hey you weren't fair, if you had only warned us." God is throwing down two thousand years of warning purified, sanctified, holy warning to the earth to prove them wrong. By living right you may not win a lot of sinners to Christ, but you will be part of that witness that exonerates and honors God's name you will tell every angel and person that God is not guilty for what is about to happen. He warned the earth over and over, if they kept it up this is what would happen to them.



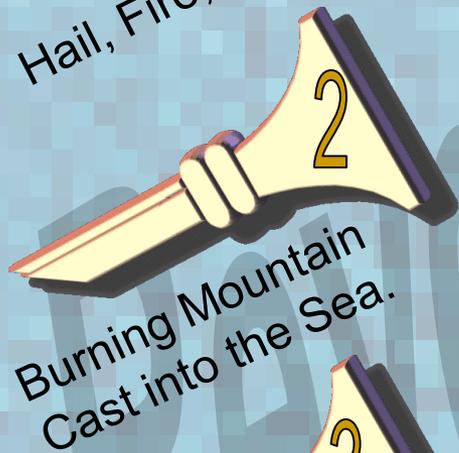
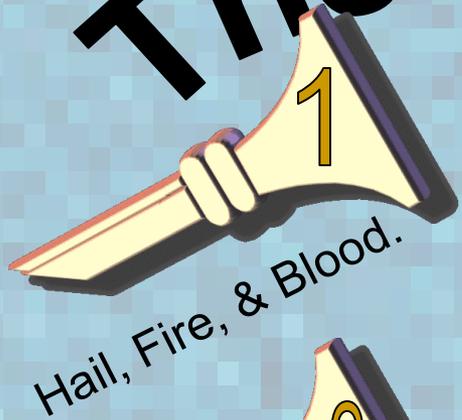
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Rev. 8:6 And the seven angels which had the seven trumpets prepared themselves to sound.

Now we are getting ready to start the Tribulation period and we have Seven angles ready to sound their trumpets. Remember that the trumpets are foreknowledge announcing what is about to happen.



The Seven Trumpets



Rev. 8:6 And the seven angels which had the seven trumpets prepared themselves to sound.



THE
FIRST
TRUMPET

HAIL, FIRE, BLOOD

$\frac{1}{3}$ Earth on Fire
 $\frac{1}{3}$ Trees Burned
All Grass Burned



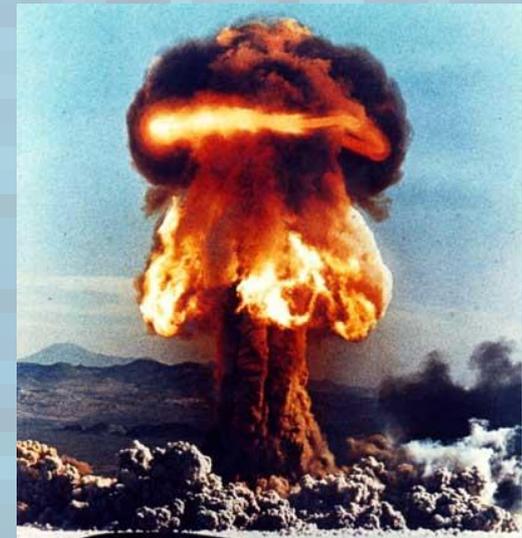
Rev. 8:7 The first angel sounded, and there followed hail and fire mingled with blood, and they were cast upon the earth: and the third part of trees was burnt up, and all green grass was burnt up.

So the first trumpet sounds hail, fire, blood falls on a third of the world, setting it on fire, a third of the trees are gone and all of the green grass gone. Now we are paralleling Chapter 6 the sixth seal. Do you remember what happened there? We had a

nuclear exchange. Remember the stars were falling as the winds were blowing them down, and the heavens were departing as a scroll. Now we are going to get a more detailed view of that war through this parallel. A third of the earth is on fire, if you factor Russia's allies and Israel's allies, you are looking at one third of the earth's surface. These bombs are landing and we have hail, mixed with fire and blood. I think what we have here first, when those nuclear bombs land they evaporate the population. Your body is mostly water, so your body just becomes vapor. Your essences are caught up in that rolling mushroom cloud. It is a fact that after a nuclear bomb explodes there it is always followed by great rains falling. The bomb takes all of the moisture out of the air around it, and casts it up as vapor and when it reaches so high it comes back down as rain. And if it goes up high enough then that moisture could turn to hail. How would John know that back then? This vision will bring Hail, blood, and fire mixed at the same time, how would he know it, God knew it and showed it to him.

A third of the trees are burned. So you tree lovers and worshipers, your not going to be happy during the Tribulation period. A third of the trees are burned up and you can't do anything about it. Do you know what this means to us? Did you know that all of us are air breathers? When we breathe air, it comes back out of our lungs unfit for anyone else to breathe it. What happens to this air that we have ruined? We took the good stuff out of the air that we need to live, and put carbon dioxide in it when we breathe out. Luckily the trees like what we do to the air, and through a process, the trees take that carbon back in, process it, and give us back good air to breathe. If you burn a third of the trees up, then the earth is not going too able to purify the air on the same level. The fact is, the more trees you have the better the atmosphere. But now we have lost a third of the trees.

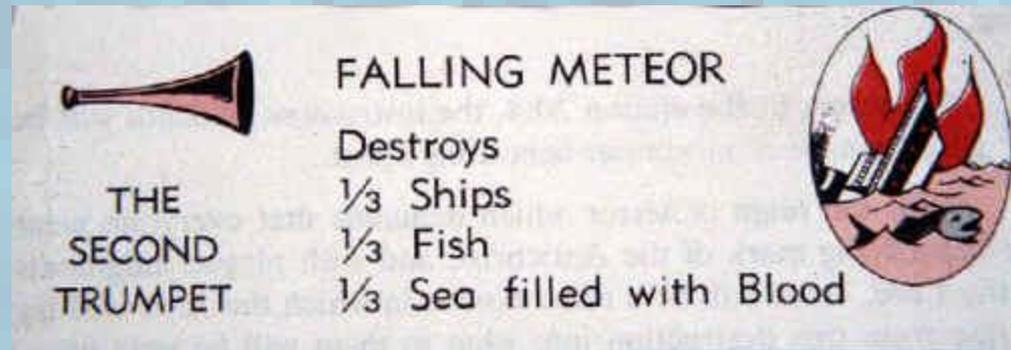
We have just lost any food that those trees would have produced. Now we don't lose all of the trees, but we lose all of the green grass. How come we didn't lose all the trees? Where the fire falls we lose everything, grass and trees. There is a lot of wind associated with nuclear bombs, and radioactivity will be blown everywhere. The tree that is exposed to radioactivity will cause the leaves and fruit to fall off but because its root system is so much deeper, a tree may be able to survive, but the grass is different.



I saw this movie once called "The Day After" it dramatized what a nuclear bomb would do if it went off in Kansas. The farmers that survived all got together to decide what they were going to do? They decided that they needed help the country back onto its feet again and supply it with food,. All of the livestock were dead, and if they wanted to plant crops they would have to take the first two inches off the top of the ground, because it was totally contaminated, nothing could grow in it. How deep do you think oats, wheat, barley and rice are? You are talking about losing the food supply, and you can see how suddenly man is in a real desperate situation. Air is gone, food is gone, and a world wide famine rages.



Rev. 8:8 And the second angel sounded, and as it were a great mountain burning with fire was cast into the sea: and the third part of the sea became blood;



Now we have this great big falling star, it is as a burning mountain was cast into the sea. What is it? Let's see what it does in the next verse and try to figure it out.

Rev. 8:9 And the third part of the creatures which were in the sea, and had life, died; and the third part of the ships were destroyed.

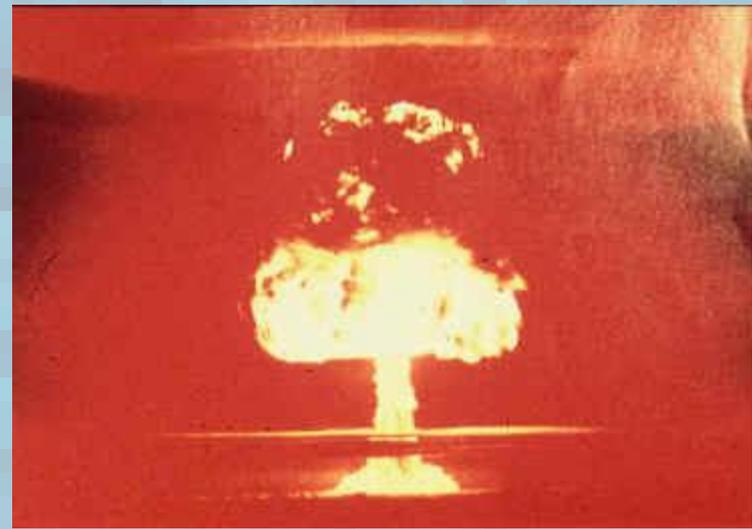


Some people want to say that it is a meteor, and it destroys a third of the fish and a third of the ships and a third of the sea is filled with blood. I want to throw this out at you, because I don't believe it is a meteor at all. A meteor would sort of be like an act of God. It appears to me that we are still at this stage, we have acts of men who are in league with the Antichrist. This is simply just another part of the war. It is not a meteor at all. What I think it is, is a second stage of the war. One thing that seems to happen in this type of war is you fired all of your land-based stuff. Then you have to go after the subs and ships. The most dangerous battle field in the next World War will be in the Atlantic Ocean. Because that is where, most subs are. They can hide under the polar caps, then pop up and shoot their missiles, go back into hiding. Each Russian sub has the ability to send 240 nuclear bombs headed for the United States.



Now what if you were the President of the United States and you realize that the Russians have made first-strike, and you know the Russians have not fired their subs yet. Do you know how you fight subs? Traditionally you used depth charges. You get somewhere close to where the subs are. You drop these devices in the water, they explode and hopefully crush the hulls of the subs, killing the crew on board. The problem is that these subs today are quite big. There are a large number of them, and they are hard to find, so what are you going to do?

Technology is far more advanced today than in World War II. Here is your problem. Your country has been damaged by first strike land based nuclear missiles. You are informed that the Russians have held in reserve their subs for a second strike.



They are simply waiting for their intelligence sources to help them target those vital areas that escaped the first strike. You have to try a counter measure. Your intelligence informs you of the general area of the enemy subs. The old fashioned way of dealing with an enemy's subs is depth charges. This takes to much time, not guaranteed to take out the enemy before he can fire. Here is a possible scenario an American President could use. The chairman of the joint chief of staff accompanied by the head of the Air-force comes to the emergency office of the President of the United States of America. "Sir, the Russians have not fired their subs yet." The President replies, "What are our options?" The chairman replies, "Mr. President, we have a bomber in the air heading toward the area our intelligence feels the Russian subs are." This plane is equipped with a 100-megaton nuclear bomb.

It is set to act like a giant depth charge. "I am quite sure the President would have no choice but to sign onto this. Here is the effect of such an action. It is going to be the biggest depth charge you have ever seen. What do you think will happen to any sub that is near the explosion? It will buckle the hull, turn that thing upside down, it would shake it to pieces. It would evaporate ocean water. It would create a tidal wave all around the explosion. It could turn that entire Atlantic Ocean into nothing but a big red coagulated mess, and everything in that sea would die. If you were to witness this event, you would think that you were looking at a great burning mountain cast into the sea. Have you ever seen the old film clips of the government exploding the first nuclear bombs? In them they had the ships setting there, it just turned those ships upside down, it buckled the hulls of the subs, I think this is the second stage of the nuclear war.

What do we have now? We have lost a third of the oceans. We have lost the Atlantic Ocean primarily and what does that mean, it is another system of purifying our air lost. How would you like to breathe the air coming out of that nuclear mess? Where do we get the water we drink? We get it from the process of the sun shining down on the ocean and evaporation, now that water is radio active, what are we going to do now? Seafood is a staple for a lot of people around the world, now Atlantic portions of that food supply are gone. Man's hand is destroying the ecology of the world. It really doesn't take too long for these events to happen, it could be a matter of days from the time the first missiles are fired.



Rev. 8:10 And the third angel sounded, burning as it were a lamp, and it fell upon the fountains of waters;

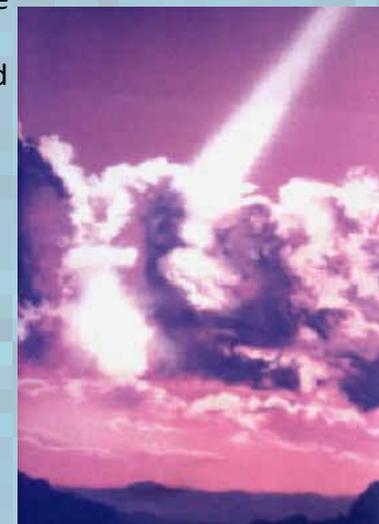


and there fell a great star from heaven, upon the third part of the rivers, and



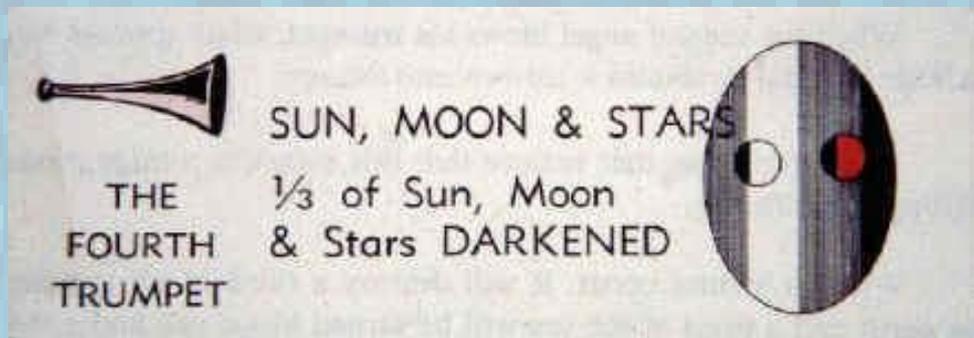
So now what do we have? A great star that poisons a third of the worlds water supply, what is this? There are those who want to say that it is a comet. I don't think it is a comet, and I will tell you why. I believe this is a Neutron Bomb. Do you know how one works? They explode it high in the air, and it leaves everything in tact, bridges, and buildings, etc. When the radioactivity from the bomb comes down it kills all of the people. I understand this radioactivity displaces a lot quicker than a regular Nuclear bomb, making it possible to occupy that place quicker. If the enemy in the coming war would like to live in Washington, D.C., instead of hitting it with an explosion killing everybody and destroying every building, they could just drop one of these and the beautiful capital building is waiting for them.

Here is the effect, if you explode this in the air, it is in our cloud system. Where do we get our water supply from? Ultimately we get our water from the ocean, the sun beats down and evaporates the water and it forms into clouds. The clouds burst and fall into our rivers and ponds, our cities gather it up, filter it, and pipe it into our houses. Now understand, you have just been through a nuclear war and you are not going to get water from a city pipe anymore. Nuclear bombs put out powerful EPM waves that destroy electronics, cars won't start, radios and TVs wont work, water pumps go out, and you can't pump the water. Water pipes are destroyed, so where are you going to get the water? You are going to have to go to the source. You will have to go to the pond, the river, the lake, the mud puddle. You have to drink the water that you can find on the ground.



Rev. 8:11 And the name of the star is called Wormwood: and the third part of the waters became wormwood; and many men died of the waters, because they were made bitter.

The scripture says the name of the star is "**Wormwood**" do you know what that name means? It means bitterness. Have you ever heard of that Russian nuclear power plant that had a melt down called Chernobyl? If you translate the word Chernobyl, it means "**wormwood.**" Do you know what happened from that terrible accident? Birth defects, cattle being born with two heads, I saw a picture of one cow born without a mouth, babies were born with extra body parts. Men are drinking this contaminated water, and as they drink this water it is bitter, people are dying from it. When you get thirsty enough, you will put your mouth down in that muddy jeep track, and drink that muddy contaminated water. Do you know what the real tragedy is? Everyone left behind could have been drinking from the river of life instead of drinking that poison.



Rev. 8:12 And the fourth angel sounded, and the third part of the sun was smitten, and the third part of the moon, and the third part of the stars; so as the third part of them was darkened, and the day shone not for a third part of it, and the night likewise.

So now what do we have here? A third part of the moon, sun and stars are darkened for a third of the day. Let us use a little common sense, do you really think that anything happens to the Sun, Moon, and the Stars? Lets talk about it, if you turned the sun off for a third of the day, do you know what would happen? The moment it goes off you would freeze to death.

As to the stars, how would one third of the billions of stars turn off for a third of the day and then turn back on again? God could do that, but that is not what happens, it is an optical illusion. Have you ever heard anyone say on a cloudy day, I wonder if the sun will come out today? Like the sun has a choice. Have you ever heard someone say, look the stars are out tonight? Where have they been? The stars are always there even in broad daylight. What we have is a cloud that is going to cover one third of the earth's surface, guess which third its going to be, the third that has been involved with this nuclear war. We have radioactive fallout, probably volcanic ash, fire, smoke, debris that has risen high in the sky forming this huge cloud setting down on the earth. It will reflect the sunlight away from the earth. It will change the climate. The plants won't know how to grow. We had the same effect in the Gulf War. The clouds caused the temperature to drop ten degrees and the crops wouldn't grow. A lot of things are affected by our delicate balance of the earth's temperature, mating, growing, spawning, are all effected.

Rev. 8:13 And I beheld, and heard an angel flying through the midst of heaven, saying with a loud voice, Woe, woe, woe, to the inhabitants of the earth by reason of the other voices of the trumpet of the three angels, which are yet to sound!

The first time I read this verse it overwhelmed my mind, I said Woe, how can you say "**Woe to the inhabitants of the earth**" man has just blown vast parts of the world up with nuclear destruction and there is more to come? But when I read Chapter nine it is Woe! It has sounded very bad up until now, but it gets far worse, just keep reading.

