

WE SEE A SECOND PORTION OF --
 JUDGEMENTS -- WITH THE OPENING OF
 THE 7TH SEAL -- WHICH WE HAVE --
 -- NOTED --

THE JUDGEMENT PROGRAM IS NOW
 REVEALED IN [CH 8:7] WITH THE BLOWING
 OF THE --
 -- ~~TRUMPETS~~ TRUMPETS --
 RECORDED IN -- [REV 8:2 - 11:15]

THE TRUMPETS -- WERE APPOINTED IN
 ISRAEL BY GOD -- FOR CALLING OF THE
 PRINCES -- AND THE CONGREGATION -- AND
 FOR THE JOURNEYING OF THE CAMPS --
 -- AS AN ALARM OR PUBLIC NOTIFICATION --
 [NUMBERS 10:1-6]

THE TRUMPETS -- WERE TO BE BLOWN
 ALSO -- IN THE DAYS OF ISRAEL'S --
 -- "GLADNESS" -- AND -- "SET FEASTS" -- AND
 OVER THEIR "SACRIFICES" -- IN THE --
 BEGINNING OF THEIR MONTHS -- FOR A
 -- "MEMORIAL BEFORE GOD" -- [NUM 10:10]

BUT

WE FIND ANO "SPECIAL" USE OF THE
 TRUMPET -- IN -- "AROUSING TO WAR" THE
 HOSTS OF JEHOVAH AGAINST THEIR ENEMIES --
 [NUM 10:9]

NOTICE .. [EZEKIEL 33:1-7] .. WHERE
THE "WATCHMAN'S TRUMPET" .. BLOWN
-- COULD DELIVER ALL WHO WOULD --
"TAKE HEED"

HERE THE 7 ANGELS -- ARE ABOUT TO
BLOW -- THE TRUMPETS OF HEAVEN --
AGAINST THE EARTH --

~~THERE IS A WIDE DIFFERENCE OF~~
OPINION AMONG THE COMMENTATORS
TO THE INTERPRETATION OF THESE
TRUMPET JUDGEMENTS --

SOME
INTERPRET THEM WITH STRICT --
LITERALNESS --

WHILE
SOME SEE THEM SYMBOLICALLY --

THE ANGEL .. (MESSENGER) IN VERSE (3)
IS PUBLICLY TO BRING BEFORE ALL
HEAVEN -- "THREE THINGS" --

① THE PRAYERS OF ALL THE SAINTS --
"ARE" -- HELD IN MEMORY -- BEFORE GOD --

-- NO SAINT'S PRAYER IS FORGOTTEN --
IT HAS ITS EFFECT IN DUE SEASON IN
BRINGING IN THE KINGDOM OF GOD --
WHICH IS OUR LORD'S RETURN --

② THE INCENSE ---

IN SCRIPTURE SETTING FORTH
THE POWER OF CHRIST'S ATONEMENT
IS SETTING FORTH (REPRESENTING) - CHRIST
OUR LORD'S - PERSON AND WORK AT
CALVARY - ADDING AT THE RIGHT TIME
THE PRAYERS OF ALL THE SAINTS -
AND THEY ARE - BEFORE GOD -
AND INSTANTLY EFFECTIVE -

③ THE PRAYERS OF ALL THE SAINTS -
IN THE POWER OF CHRIST'S ATONEMENT
IS

THAT WHICH BRINGS ABOUT JUDGEMENT
- IT IS THE ANSWER TO THE PRAYER
WHICH ALL SAINTS OF ALL AGES HAVE
PRAYED - "THY KINGDOM COME" -

WE
NEED TO SEE - "THIS INCENSE IS GIVEN TO
THIS ANGEL" - [THIS ANGEL IS NOT THE
CHRIST - THE LAMB - ~~BRACKETING~~ ~~THE~~ CHRIST
PROCESSES ^{THE} JUDGEMENT - FOR IN
THE FIRST CHAPTER - JOHN SAW CHRIST
AS - JUDGE - WARING THE ROBE OF THE
"JUDGE"

NOT THAT OF THE PRIEST - A JUDGE -
IN THE PROCESS OF JUDGEMENT

THE INCENSE IS ADD TO THE PRAYERS

OF THE SAINTS -- BECAUSE THE HOUR
HAS COME -- GOD'S HOUR -- TO FROM
HEAVEN -- TO BEGIN ANSWERING PRAY
"THY KINGDOM COME"

SINCE THE HOUR HAS BEGUN -- THE ANGEL
TAKES HIS CENSER -- AND -- FILLING IT
WITH FIRE -- FROM THE GOLDEN ALTAR
-- AND CAST IT INTO THE EARTH --

WHEN

THE CENSER IS CAST INTO THE EARTH --
THERE FOLLOWS "THUNDERS" -- AND "VOICES"
AND "LIGHTING" -- AND "EARTHQUAKE" --

NOTE

"THUNDERS" PRECEDE "THE LIGHTING" -- AND
VOICES -- [INTELLIGENT, SIGNIFICANT,
WARNING] -- COME BETWEEN THE
THUNDER AND LIGHTING --

-- AND FINALLY --

THE EARTHQUAKE -- "GOD AROUSING MEN"

NOW

THE FIRST FOUR TRUMPETS -- NOW -- WE
SHALL SEE -- DIRECT VISITATIONS -- FROM
HEAVEN -- UPON MANKIND --

NOW

AS WE TO FOLLOW EACH TRUMPET --
THINGS WILL BE CLEAR TO US -- IF WE
SIMPLY BELIEVE WHAT IS WRITTEN --

THE FIRST TRUMPET -

THE FIRST ANGEL SOUNDED, AND THERE FOLLOWED HAIL AND FIRE MINGLED WITH BLOOD - AND THEY CAST UPON THE EARTH - AND THE THIRD PART OF TREES BURNT UP, AND ALL GREEN GRASS WAS BURNT UP [8:7] -

SIMPLY TAKE WHAT IS SAID - THERE IS NOTHING IN THIS VERSE TO INDICATE SYMBOLISM.

THE PLAGUES

IN EGYPT - VERY SIMILAR TO THESE - WERE LITERAL (EX 9: 22-25)

- THERE IS ONE MAJOR DIFFERENCE HERE - THE PLAGUES OF EGYPT WERE TO SAVE ISRAEL - HERE, IN THE TRIBULATION, THEY WILL TROUBLE ISRAEL -

THERE WAS HAIL AND FIRE - MINGLED WITH JUDGEMENT - THE HAIL SMOTE EVERY HERB OF THE FIELD -
 - "HAIL" IS ALWAYS USED AS JUDGEMENT -
 - HERE IS VIOLENCE AND DEATH -

THUS

THE FIRST TRUMPET - PRESENTS A "JUDGEMENT" THAT FALLS ON THE EARTH - IN WHICH A THIRD PART OF THE INHABITANTS ARE SLAIN -

THE SECOND TRUMPET

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; 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 - (CH 8: 8-9) -

NOW

THIS IS NOT A LITERAL MOUNTAIN... BUT WHATEVER IT WAS - IT LOOKED LIKE A MOUNTAIN - [AS IT WERE A GREAT MOUNTAIN] - RESEMBLING -

A MOUNTAIN BURNING WITH FIRE - - AND THE BLOODY SEA - KILLED ~~THE~~ THE FISH, (SEA LIFE) - AS THE WATERS OF EGYPT -

A THIRD PART OF THE ^{SHIPPING} SHIPPING WAS DESTROYED - A SERIOUS EFFECT UPON THE WORLD COMMERCE -

- IT HAS BEEN SUGGESTED - THAT THE EARTH HERE MAY REPRESENT THE LAND OF PALESTINE - - AS IT OFTEN DOES IN THE BOOK OF REVELATION - AND THE SEA - THE NATIONS OF EARTH -

THE THIRD TRUMPET

AND THE THIRD ANGEL SOUNDED, AND THERE FELL A GREAT STAR FROM HEAVEN -- BURNING AS THOUGH IT WERE A LAMP, AND IT FELL UPON THE THIRD PART OF THE RIVERS AND UPON THE FOUNTAINS OF WATERS -- AND THE NAME OF THE STAR IS CALLED WORMWOOD: AND ~~THE THIRD PART~~ OF THE WATERS -- MANY MEN

— BECAUSE THEY WERE BITTER —

[8:10-11]

THE THIRD TRUMPET PRESENTS A JUDGEMENT THAT FALLS UPON THE RIVERS AND FOUNTAINS OF WATER -- RIVERS AND FOUNTAINS ARE USED IN SCRIPTURE -- AS A SOURCE OF LIFE -- EVEN SPIRITUAL LIFE --

THIS IS A METEOR PHENOMENON -- A LITERAL STAR -- OR METEOR -- SOARING THROUGH SPACE -- TOUCHES THE EARTH -- AND SWEEPING ALONG THE SURFACE -- IT TURNS ONE-THIRD -- OF THE WATER IN THE EARTH -- INTO A DEADLY LIQUID -- INCLUDING -- RIVERS -- SPRINGS -- WELLS --

NOTE
JEREMIAH'S PROPHECY -- [9:14-15: 23:15]

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(vs 14-15)

BUT THEY HAVE WALKED ACCORDING
TO THE DICTATES OF THEIR OWN HEARTS
— AND AFTER BAALS — WHICH THEIR
FATHERS TAUGHT THEM, — THEREFORE —
THUS SAYS THE LORD OF HOSTS — THE
GOD OF ISRAEL: — BEHOLD —
I WILL FEED THEM — THIS PEOPLE —
WITH WORMWOOD — AND GIVE THEM —
WATER OF GALL TO DRINK —

(23:15) — BEHOLD, I WILL FEED THEM
WITH WORMWOOD — AND MAKE THEM
DRINK OF GALL —

THE NAME OF THIS STAR: "WORMWOOD"
[MEANS: BITTERNESS]

THIS MAY DEPICT JUDGEMENT — UPON
THOSE FROM WHOM — LIVING WATER —
IS
TAKEN AWAY — BECAUSE THEY BELIEVED
A LIE — [2 THESS 2:11]

MANKIND ARE REAPING THE BITTER
"FRUITS" OF SIN — AND THEY KNOW
THAT HEAVEN IS SENDING — THESE
— TROUBLES UPON THEM —

TO
CUT OFF THEIR WATER SUPPLY — IS TO
RENDER THEM — "DESPERATE" & "HELPLESS"

THE FOURTH TRUMPET

[CH 8: 12-13]

"THE FOURTH ANGEL SOUNDED — AND A THIRD PART OF THE SUN WAS SMITTEN, AND A THIRD PART OF THE MOON, AND A THIRD PART OF THE STARS: THAT THE THIRD PART OF THEM — SHOULD BE — DARKENED — AND THE DAY SHOULD NOT SHINE FOR THE THIRD PART OF IT — AND NIGHT IN LIKE MANNER."

ALL THEIR CONFIDENCE — (MANKIND) — HAS BEEN IN "ALL THINGS CONTINUING AS THEY WERE" — FIXED — BY NATURE'S LAW — NOW ALL IS BEING SHAKEN —

NOTE

[LUKE 21: 25-26]

"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 WAVES ROARING" —

"MEN'S HEARTS" —

"FALLING THEM FOR FEAR — THE POWERS OF THE HEAVENS — WILL BE SHAKEN"

YET

THESE JUDGEMENTS ARE "PRELIMINARY" —

"THERE ARE GREATER WOES" — TO FOLLOW —

— THREE MORE "WOE" TRUMPETS — FOLLOW

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THE FIFTH TRUMPET
[CH 9:1-12] IS THE FIRST WOE -

— THE DESCRIPTION OF THE "WOE" JUDGMENT
BEGINS IN [VS 13 OF CH 8] —

AND I LOOKED "JOHN" AND I
HEARD AN ANGEL ... FLYING THROUGH THE
MIDST OF HEAVEN ... SAYING WITH A
LOUD VOICE, "WOE" "WOE" "WOE" ... TO
THE INHABITANTS OF THE EARTH —
"BECAUSE OF"

THE REMAINING BLASTS OF THE TRUMPET
OF THE THREE ANGELS WHO ARE ABOUT
TO SOUND"! —

THE WARNING
IS THAT TRUMPETS ... FIVE - SIX - SEVEN ...
WILL BRING A NEW CHARACTER AND DEGREE
OF DIVINE DISPLEASURE AND CONSEQUENT
DISASTER ...

THE FIRST WOE
IS THE LOCUSTS: [REV 9:1-11]

THE FIFTH ANGEL SOUNDED; AND I
SAW A STAR ... FALLEN FROM HEAVEN
TO THE EARTH ... TO HIM WAS GIVEN THE
KEY ... TO THE BOTTOMLESS PIT — (VS 1)

FALL ... "THAT HAD FALLEN" ... A STAR
FALLEN ... REPRESENTING A ...
— FALSE TEACHER —

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BOTTOMLESS PIT = "PIT OF ABYSS" ...
"INNER PRISON" ... "LOWEST DEEP" ...
- IN LUKE 8:31 -

"SUGGEST A VAST DEPTH" ... A PIT OR SHAFT
WHOSE TOP OR MOUTH IS COVERED -

CARPENTER SAYS: THE ABYSS IS THE LOWEST
"SPRING" "SOURCE" OF EVIL ... WHENCE
THE WORST DANGERS ARISE -

AND HE OPENED THE BOTTOMLESS PIT
AND SMOKE AROSE OUT OF THE PIT LIKE
THE SMOKE OF A GREAT FURNACE. SO THE
SUN AND THE AIR WERE DARKENED -
BECAUSE OF THE SMOKE OF THE PIT - (VS 2)
THEN OUT OF THE SMOKE "LOCUSTS"
CAME UPON THE EARTH. AND TO THEM
WAS GIVEN POWER ... AS THE SCORPIONS
OF THE EARTH HAVE POWER. (VS 3)

THESE LOCUSTS COME UP OUT OF THE
PIT ... THUS ... EVIL SPIRITS - APPEARING
LIKE LOCUSTS ... WHOSE INFLUENCE AND
WORK CAN BE REPRESENTED BY LOCUSTS
FROM

OUT OF THE BOTTOMLESS PIT ... A CLOUD
OF EVIL SPIRITS ... REPRESENTED ...
UNDER THE IMAGE AND LIKENESS OF
LOCUSTS ... DESCRIBE AS LOCUSTS
... BRILLIANT AND ACTIVE COLORS -

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"ARM WITH A STING OF A SCORPION"

THEY WERE COMMANDED NOT TO HARM THE GRASS OF THE EARTH - OR ANY GREEN THING - OR ANY TREE - BUT - ONLY THOSE WHO DID HAVE "THE SEAL" [THOSE WHOM GOD HAD SEALED FOR HIS] OF GOD ON THEIR FOREHEADS" (VS 4)

THEY ARE

- NOT TO EAT WHAT ACTUAL LOCUST EAT -

AND THEY ARE NOT GIVEN AUTHORITY TO KILL THOSE NOT SEALED IN THEIR FOREHEADS - BUT TO "TORMENT" THEM FOR FIVE MONTHS - THEIR TORMENT WAS LIKE - THE TORMENT OF A SCORPION - WHEN IT ~~STRIKES~~ STRIKES A MAN - (VS 5)

- DON'T KILL THEM -

- THESE LOCUSTS WERE TO PRODUCE A LIVING MISERY -

- THE POISON -

OF A SCORPION IS VERY ACIDIC - IT CAUSES GREAT PAIN -

IN THOSE DAYS MEN WILL SEEK DEATH AND WILL NOT FIND IT - THEY WILL DESIRE TO DIE - AND DEATH WILL FLEE FROM THEM - (VS 6) "SEEK DEATH" - AS AN END TO MISERY -

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"THE SHAPE OF THE LOCUSTS WAS LIKE HORSES PREPARED FOR BATTLE. [JOHN SAW THIS] — ON THEIR HEADS WERE CROWNS OF SOMETHING LIKE GOLD — AND THEIR FACES WERE LIKE FACES OF MEN" [JOHN SAW THIS] (VS 7)

"THEY ~~WERE~~ HAD HAIR LIKE WOMEN'S HAIR, AND TEETH WERE LIKE LIONS TEETH [VS 8]

MULTITUDE OF LOCUSTS — MALICIOUS AS SCORPIONS — RULING AS KINGS — INTELLIGENT AS MANKIND — WILY AS WOMANHOOD — BOLD AND FIERCE AS LIONS — THIS LOCUST-LIKE ARMY — [THAT JOHN — SAW] —

"AND THEY HAD BREASTPLATES LIKE BREASTPLATES OF IRON — AND THE SOUND OF THEIR WINGS WAS LIKE THE SOUND OF CHARIOTS WITH MANY HORSES — RUNNING INTO BATTLE" (VS 9)

"THEY HAD TAILS LIKE SCORPIONS AND THEIR STINGS WERE IN THEIR ~~TAILS~~ TAILS — THEIR POWER WAS TO — "HURT MEN" FIVE MONTHS" (VS 10)

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AND THEY HAD A KING OVER THEM
— THE ANGEL OF THE BOTTOMLESS ~~PIT~~
PIT — WHOSE NAME IN HEBREW IS —
— ABADDON — BUT IN GREEK HE
HAS THE NAME — APOLLYON — (US 1)

ABADDON = OR THE SAME MEANING HERE
APOLLYON — "THE DESTROYER"

- NOT AN HISTORICAL PERSON — BUT
REPRESENTATIVE OF THE — EVIL
DESTRUCTIVE SPIRIT — — THE GENIUS
OF DESTRUCTION — BOTH —
— BODY AND BODILY — AS WELL AS
— SPIRITUAL —

THE OUTCOME OF THESE READINGS IS
MANY TIMES — IS OPPRESSION AND FEAR
BUT REMEMBER

WHO IS IN CHARGE — "GOD OUR FATHER"
WHO TEACHES US — DISTINCTLY — THAT
THOSE WHO HOLD FAST — BY THE SEAL
OF GOD — ARE THOSE — — CANNOT
"BE INJURED"

NOW, WE SEE THE STAR — FALLING
TO EARTH — SOME SEE THIS STAR AS
THE ONE IN CH 8 — WHERE THE RESULT
WAS — BITTERNESS OF WORMWOOD —
BUT HERE STOP