

Revelation – A Study of the End Times

The Trumpets – Part II

Revelation 8:7-11

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- I. Rehash: Seal judgments – Trumpet judgments
 - A. The seals will wipe out a fourth of the world's population (1.5 billion).
 - B. The trumpets will wipe out a third of the world's population (3 billion).
 - C. The book of Revelation reminds us that God will punish and judge wickedness and sin.
 - D. Someone said these judgments are just symbolic and not literal. I wonder if Pharaoh believes that. (Exodus 7-12)
 - E. Many Old Testament prophets said that the miracles of Egypt would be repeated in the future. (Amos 4:10; Ezekiel 38:16-23; Isaiah 10:22-25)

- II. Trumpets – Revelation 8:7-11
 - A. The second trumpet sounds - something like a great mountain burning with fire hits into the sea. Asteroids are masses of rock racing through space.
 - 1. A third of the sea becomes blood.
 - 2. A third of the sea creatures die.
 - 3. A third of the ships in the sea are destroyed.
 - B. God's promise to us:
 - 1. He is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.
 - 2. Therefore, we will not fear, though the earth be removed and the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea. (Psalm 46:1-11)
 - 3. The impact of this enormous object will cause Tsunamis with global destruction.
 - 4. If you plan on staying for the Great Tribulation, make sure you do your cruising early.
 - 5. Think about the devastation: The first plague in Egypt made the water undrinkable and killed the fish. (Exodus 7:17-18) I'm sure the smell was terrible.

- a. A third of the sea creatures die which will affect people's food supply, as well as, affecting the world's food chains.
 - b. Not only will there be millions of marine corpses but also the many animals who live off of them will litter the land.
 - c. Our ecosystems are greatly affected. Chaos, chaos, chaos!
- C. The third trumpet sounds and a great star falls from heaven onto a third of the rivers and springs of water. Its name is Wormwood.
 - 1. Many men die from bitter waters.
 - 2. Wormwood means bitter. (Deuteronomy 29:18) It was also a bitter herb that was a symbol of judgment. (Jeremiah 9:15)
 - 3. Wormwood could be the name of a demon or the people could just be calling it Wormwood because it means bitter.

God gave the rebellious Israelites bitter water in the wilderness and then showed Moses a tree to throw into the bitter water that made it sweet again. (Exodus 15:23-27)

The revelation today is that God makes the bitter sweet. Sin brings bitterness, but God has the power to make it sweet. Maybe your life feels like it is going nowhere. The great news is that God makes bitter water sweet.

When was the last time you thanked God for all His gifts to you, His supplies, His gift of eternal life, His presence.

God we thank you for trees, grass, food, water, animals, fish and the moon, sun, stars, as well as, this planet, Earth, where we live. Thank you for the natural ecosystem and the infrastructure of all of your creation. Thank you for giving me life and life more abundantly.

The Bible teaches us that the real threat to our environment is not chemical plants and nuclear reactors, it is sin. Sin will destroy our world. Turn to God and let him give you sweet water.

Creation will not be liberated and restored until man is right with God. Neither will your life be liberated and restored until you turn to God.