

Revelation 8

Table Revelation 8:1-13

- 1 *And when he had opened the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven about the space of half an hour.*
- 2 *And I saw the seven angels which stood before God; and to them were given seven trumpets.*
- 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.*
- 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.*
- 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.*
- 6 *And the seven angels which had the seven trumpets prepared themselves to sound.*
- 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.*
- 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;*
- 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.*
- 10 *And the third angel sounded, and there fell a great star from heaven, burning as it were a lamp, and it fell upon the third part of the rivers, and upon the fountains of waters;*
- 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.*
- 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.*
- 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!*

See Dr Ruckman's commentary *The Book of Revelation* pp 181-186 and book *Mark of the Beast* pp 62, 82, 84 and the *Ruckman Reference Bible* pp 1109, 1653.

1. **Revelation 8:1-2.** Revelation 8:1 is **"the heavenly vision"** Acts 26:19 of King David's, Isaiah's and Habakkuk's exhortations that have application to all saints.

"My soul, wait thou only upon God; for my expectation is from him" Psalm 62:5.

"And therefore will the LORD wait, that he may be gracious unto you, and therefore will he be exalted, that he may have mercy upon you: for the LORD is a God of judgment: blessed are all they that wait for him" Isaiah 30:18.

"For the vision is yet for an appointed time, but at the end it shall speak, and not lie: though it tarry, wait for it; because it will surely come, it will not tarry" Habakkuk 2:3.

“seven angels...given seven trumpets” Revelation 8:2 “...all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation” Hebrews 1:14, especially in the End Times, for the *second* depiction in the Book of Revelation of the *second* half of Daniel’s 70th Week and “great tribulation” Matthew 24:21, Revelation 7:14, see [www.timefortruth.co.uk/alan-oreilly/Revelation 6 p 2](http://www.timefortruth.co.uk/alan-oreilly/Revelation%206%20p%202), herald “...the day of vengeance of our God...” Isaiah 61:2 “...the days of vengeance, that all things which are written may be fulfilled” Luke 21:22 as prophesied by Isaiah, Joel and Nahum.

“Behold, the day of the LORD cometh, cruel both with wrath and fierce anger, to lay the land desolate: and he shall destroy the sinners thereof out of it...And I will punish the world for their evil, and the wicked for their iniquity; and I will cause the arrogance of the proud to cease, and will lay low the haughtiness of the terrible” Isaiah 13:9, 11.

“Blow ye the trumpet in Zion, and sound an alarm in my holy mountain: let all the inhabitants of the land tremble: for the day of the LORD cometh, for it is nigh at hand” Joel 2:1.

“God is jealous, and the LORD revengeth; the LORD revengeth, and is furious; the LORD will take vengeance on his adversaries, and he reserveth wrath for his enemies” Nahum 1:2.

Today’s believer should therefore be prepared to testify openly that “It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God” Hebrews 10:31.

2. Revelation 8:3-4. Revelation 8:3-4 are “the heavenly vision” Acts 26:19 of the fulfilment especially concerning Revelation 6:9-11 with respect to “the saints, and...the martyrs of Jesus” Revelation 17:6 of the End Times of Luke 18:7-8 “And shall not God avenge his own elect, which cry day and night unto him, though he bear long with them? I tell you that he will avenge them speedily. Nevertheless when the Son of man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth?” according to the fulfilment of the condition that applies with the accompanying admonition to today’s believer with respect to “the prayer of faith” James 5:15 of James 1:6-7 “But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed. For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord.”
3. Revelation 8:5. Revelation 8:5 is “the heavenly vision” Acts 26:19 of God answering “the prayers of all saints...the prayers of the saints” Revelation 8:3, 4 according to these scriptures as applicable to the Second Advent and End Times events leading up to it, “voices” plural but in unison very possibly those of the Triune Godhead according to 1 John 5:7 “For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one”:

Psalm 77:18 “The voice of thy thunder was in the heaven: the lightnings lightened the world: the earth trembled and shook.”

Isaiah 63:4, 6 “For the day of vengeance is in mine heart, and the year of my redeemed is come...And I will tread down the people in mine anger, and make them drunk in my fury, and I will bring down their strength to the earth”

Micah 5:15 “And I will execute vengeance in anger and fury upon the heathen, such as they have not heard.”

Today’s believer should therefore keep to the fore Psalm 130:5 “I wait for the LORD, my soul doth wait, and in his word do I hope.”

4. **Revelation 8:6.** Revelation 8:6 is “*the heavenly vision*” Acts 2:19 of the *sevenfold* End Times fulfilment of Joel 2:1 “**Blow ye the trumpet in Zion, and sound an alarm in my holy mountain: let all the inhabitants of the land tremble: for the day of the LORD cometh, for it is nigh at hand.**” Practically speaking note that even in heaven preparation to execute the Lord’s work is essential. How much more on earth as these scriptures reveal with devotional/practical/spiritual application for today’s believer:

2 Chronicles 27:6 “**So Jotham became mighty, because he prepared his ways before the LORD his God**”

Job 11:13, 15-17 “**If thou prepare thine heart, and stretch out thine hands toward him...For then shalt thou lift up thy face without spot; yea, thou shalt be steadfast, and shalt not fear: Because thou shalt forget thy misery, and remember it as waters that pass away: And thine age shall be clearer than the noonday; thou shalt shine forth, thou shalt be as the morning**”

Luke 3:4 “**As it is written in the book of the words of Esaias the prophet, saying, The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight**”

Ephesians 6:14-15 “**Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace**”

2 Timothy 2:19, 21 “**Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are his. And, Let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity...If a man therefore purge himself from these, he shall be a vessel unto honour, sanctified, and meet for the master's use, and prepared unto every good work.**”

5. **Revelation 8:7-9.** “**hail and fire mingled with blood...cast upon the earth**” Revelation 8:7 is a reminder to this writer of 1 John 5:6 “**This is he that came by water and blood, even Jesus Christ; not by water only, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit that beareth witness, because the Spirit is truth**” and Revelation 4:5 “**And out of the throne proceeded lightnings and thunderings and voices: and there were seven lamps of fire burning before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of God**” and thereby the coming Second Advent fulfilment of Zechariah 12:10, 13:3 “**And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplications: and they shall look upon me whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for him, as one mourneth for his only son, and shall be in bitterness for him, as one that is in bitterness for his firstborn...and also I will cause...the unclean spirit to pass out of the land.**”

Note that because “**...saith the LORD. Do not I fill heaven and earth?**” Jeremiah 23:24 so does “**the blood of Christ**” 1 Corinthians 10:16, Ephesians 2:13, Hebrews 9:14 post-Calvary, Luke 23:33, as Paul reveals with respect to “**...the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood**” Acts 20:28.

“**...the third part of trees was burnt up, and all green grass was burnt up**” because as the Lord states of His End Times judgement upon men through Jeremiah “**...I will punish you according to the fruit of your doings, saith the LORD: and I will kindle a fire in the forest thereof, and it shall devour all things round about it**” Jeremiah 21:14 “**For all flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass**” 1 Peter 1:24. See

www.rt.com/news/summer-worst-natural-disaster/.



Note further that 1/3 **“the third part”** Revelation 8:7, 8, 9 twice, 10, 11, 12 four times, 9:15, 18, 12:4 is a stark reminder of Who is behind these judgements **“For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one”** 1 John 5:7.

Today’s believer can take comfort in Job 19:25-26 **“For I know that my redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth: And though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God.”**

6. Revelation 8:8-9. Noting that **“All the rivers run into the sea....”** Ecclesiastes 1:7 Revelation 8:8-9 depict the End Times global fulfilment of Exodus 7:17 **“Thus saith the LORD, In this thou shalt know that I am the LORD: behold, I will smite with the rod that is in mine hand upon the waters which are in the river, and they shall be turned to blood”** with Deuteronomy 4:11 **“...and the mountain burned with fire unto the midst of heaven, with darkness, clouds, and thick darkness”** in judgement upon **“...the wicked...like the troubled sea, when it cannot rest, whose waters cast up mire and dirt”** Isaiah 57:20 including **“...seafaring men...”** Ezekiel 26:17 according to Isaiah 23:11, 14 **“He stretched out his hand over the sea, he shook the kingdoms: the LORD hath given a commandment against the merchant city, to destroy the strong holds thereof...Howl, ye ships of Tarshish: for your strength is laid waste.”**

By contrast today’s believer has this promise that **“...the ransomed of the LORD shall return, and come to Zion with songs and everlasting joy upon their heads: they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away...Thus saith the LORD; I am returned unto Zion, and will dwell in the midst of Jerusalem: and Jerusalem shall be called a city of truth; and the mountain of the LORD of hosts the holy mountain”** Isaiah 35:10, Zechariah 8:3.

7. Revelation 8:10-11. Revelation 8:10-11 are **“the heavenly vision”** Acts 26:19 of God’s End Times judgement in the form of **“the fire of God”** 2 Kings 1:12, Job 1:16 contaminating water courses in vengeance upon *satanic* End Times environmentalists under Pharaoh, type of the devil and the final antichrist, ruler of Egypt **“the iron furnace”** Deuteronomy 4:20, Jeremiah 11:4, type of the world according to Ezekiel 29:2-3, 10 **“Son of man, set thy face against Pharaoh king of Egypt, and prophesy against him, and against all Egypt: Speak, and say, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I am against thee, Pharaoh king of Egypt, the great dragon that lieth in the midst of his rivers, which hath said, My river is mine own, and I have made it for myself...Behold, therefore I am against thee, and against thy rivers, and I will make the land of Egypt utterly waste and desolate, from the tower of Syene even unto the border of Ethiopia.”**

Ezekiel 29:2-3, 10 refer to *all* Egypt and so *all the world* in the judgements of God in the End Times.

Today’s believer should therefore always be willing to testify that **“...the earth is the Lord’s, and the fulness thereof”** 1 Corinthians 10:26.

8. Revelation 8:12. With Revelation 8:5 Revelation 8:12 is **“the heavenly vision”** Acts 26:19 of the initial fulfilment of God’s judgements of Joel 2:10, 31 **“The earth shall quake before them; the heavens shall tremble: the sun and the moon shall be dark, and the stars shall withdraw their shining...The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the great and the terrible day of the LORD come.”**

Today’s believer should therefore always be ready to testify **“...that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night. For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape”** 1 Thessalonians 5:2-3.

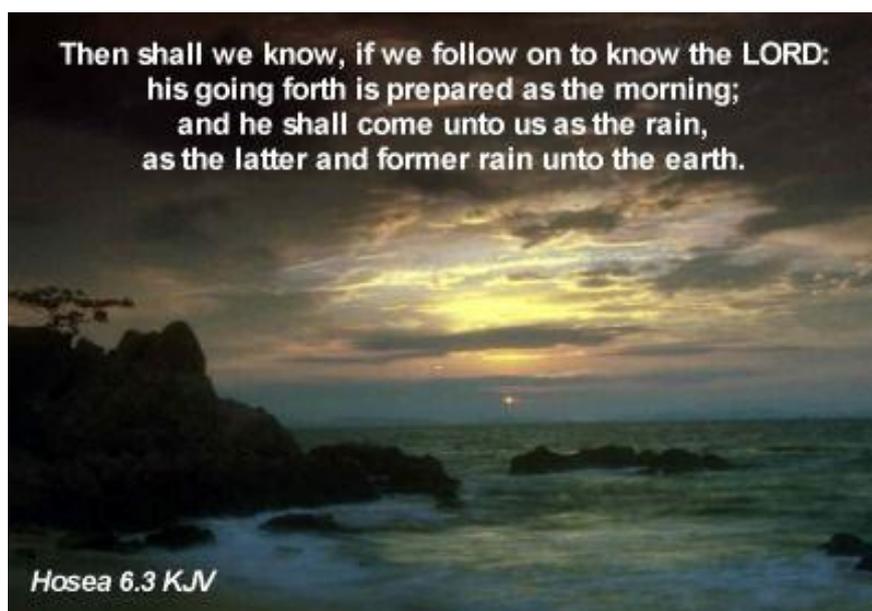
9. **Revelation 8:13.** Revelation 8:13 is the vision of John portending the End Times fulfilment of Isaiah 3:11 **“Woe unto the wicked! it shall be ill with him: for the reward of his hands shall be given him”** **“...unto them that are contentious, and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness, indignation and wrath, Tribulation and anguish, upon every soul of man that doeth evil, of the Jew first, and also of the Gentile”** Romans 2:8-9.

Thankfully for today’s believer **“...God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ”** 1 Thessalonians 5:9.

Conclusion



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Revelation 8 Study Questions and Sample Answers

Study Questions

1. *What do Revelation 8:3-4 tell us about faithful intercession?*
2. *What do Revelation 8:5-13 tell us about the character of God's judgements?*
3. *What do Revelation 8:5-13 tell us about the certainty of God's judgements?*
4. *What do Revelation 8:5-13 tell us about the severity of God's judgements?*
5. *How might the judgements of God as set out in Revelation 8 influence today's believer?*

Sample Answers

1. *Such intercession is received in heaven as in Acts 10:4 "And he said unto him, Thy prayers and thine alms are come up for a memorial before God."*
2. *"...the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether" Psalm 19:9.*
3. *"For the LORD of hosts hath purposed, and who shall disannul it? and his hand is stretched out, and who shall turn it back?" Isaiah 14:27.*
4. *"Howl ye; for the day of the LORD is at hand; it shall come as a destruction from the Almighty...Therefore I will shake the heavens, and the earth shall remove out of her place, in the wrath of the LORD of hosts, and in the day of his fierce anger" Isaiah 13:6, 13.*
5. *"**Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord, we persuade men; but we are made manifest unto God; and I trust also are made manifest in your consciences**" 2 Corinthians 5:11.*