

A. THE BLAST OF THE FIRST FOUR TRUMPETS: NATURAL DISASTERS

Rev. 8:6-12

Introduction:

1. Seven angels stand ready to blow their trumpets which will bring disasters upon the earth.
2. As trumpet sounds the judgment of God will be released upon a world that denied His Son Jesus and that has accepted the mark of the antichrist.
3. Judgment will fall upon all unbelievers but God will save any who turn to Him in repentance and belief....even in the darkest hours of mankind.

I. THE FIRST TRUMPET: A FIERCE STORM (6-7)

1. Terrifying disturbances in outer space and upon the earth will cause the laws of nature to be swaying...enormous and violent disturbances will be taking place throughout the universe.
-Rev. 6:12-14)
2. Disturbances will cause chaos in the earth's weather and storms will sweep the earth devastating one third of the earth's vegetation (grass and trees).
-crops destroyed
-a shortage of food
-land turned into deserts
3. This judgment is only a warning: repent or even worse judgments will come.
-judgment similar to the plagues of Egypt. (Ex. 9:23-24)
-judgment similar to the storm God sent upon Israel's enemies. (Jos. 10:11)
-judgment of hail stones in other places. (Ps. 18:13...Is. 28:2...Ezk. 13:11)

II. THE SECOND TRUMPET: VOLCANIC EXPLOSION (8-9)

1. A volcano will explode with atomic force throwing debris as large as a mountain into the sea.
-still ablaze when it falls back to earth
-will contaminate one third of the sea, destroying one third of the sea life
-one third of the ships in that area will be destroyed.
2. A shortage of food from the sea devastating the fishing and shipping industries.
-similar to Egypt's plagues (Ex 7:20-21...Hos. 4:1-3)
-predicted centuries ago by God (Zeph. 1:2-3...Ps. 105:29)

III. TRUMPET NUMBER THREE: A LARGE METEOR MASS (10-11)

- 1. A large meteor will explode just as it hits the earth and scatter over one third of the world contaminating all water...fresh and sea.**
 - called "wormwood" from a bitter plant.**
 - a shortage of drinking water creating panic for water to drink**
 - terror, fright, panic, and agony will drive the people insane for drink**
- 2. The judgments are falling on the ungodly and the evil of the earth..upon the antichrist, his government and his followers. Upon those who have persecuted God's people and denied His Son, Jesus.**
 - Wormwood symbolized idolatry because idolatry is a bitter taste to God. (Jere. 9:13-15)**
 - Wormwood symbolizes the bitterness that an immoral person brings into his/her life. (Prov. 5:3-5)**
 - Wormwood symbolizes the way people dismiss and treat God with disdain. (Det. 29:18...Jere. 9:13-15...Jere 23:15...Amos 5:6-7)**

IV. TRUMPET NUMBER FOUR: AN ASTRONOMICAL ECLIPSE (12)

- 1. Some kind of unusual event is going to happen in the heavens.**
 - one third of the sun, moon, and stars will be eclipsed.**
 - the eclipse will blacken out one third of the day .**
 - no light whatsoever for a third of the night.**
- 2. God intends to lead men and women to repent and if they refuse, to judge them for all the evil and ungodly acts against Him and His family.**
- 3. God has had enough! He is ready to end the world and send Jesus back to establish righteousness upon the earth forever. But He wants to reach as many as He can.**
 - Egypt was in darkness. (Ex. 10:21-23)**
 - Joel predicted the darkness. (Joel 2:10)**
 - Jesus predicted these events. (Lk. 21:25-28)**

CONCLUSION

- 1. Upon the blast of the trumpet by an appointed angel, certain destruction falls upon the earth.**
- 2. The falling destruction is meant to turn men and women to God in repentance and faith or to destroy those who continue on their evil and wicked ways.**
- 3. So far God is using natural events to get everyone's attention. What is coming upon those who refuse to turn to Him in repentance and faith is almost beyond belief. Even so, God will accept any who turn to Him in faith.**