

## **Seal 7: The Seven Trumpets of Judgment & Liberation**

<sup>8.1</sup> When the Lamb opened the seventh seal there was silence in Heaven for half an hour—as *the Creator patiently waited to bring his judgment and salvation* (Exod 14:13-14; Psa 37:7-15, 50:17-22; Ezek 18:32; Hab 2:20; Zeph 1:7-9; Zech 2:13; Rev 3:3, 3:10).

<sup>2</sup> I saw the seven angels standing before the Creator and they were given seven trumpets—to *bring forth the Creator's judgment and liberation* (Exod 19:16-19, 20:18-19; Lev 25:8-10; Num 10:1-10; Josh 6:1-5; Judg 7:19-22; 2 Chr 29:26-28; Psa 47:5, 150:3; Isa 27:13; Ezek 33:1-6; Joel 2:1; Rev 1:10, 4:1). <sup>3</sup> Another angel arrived and stood upon the altar, holding a gold bowl of incense (Rev 5:8, 6:9). He was given a large amount of incense to offer with the prayers of all the saints on the gold altar in front of the throne (Psa 50:7-15, 51:14-17).

<sup>4</sup> The smoke of the incense, along with the prayers of the saints, rose up before the Creator from the hand of the angel (Num 16:46-47; Psa 141:1-2). <sup>5</sup> The angel took the bowl and from the altar filled it with fire (Rev 1:14, 3:18) and threw it throughout the Earth. Then there were thunderclaps, voices, lightning-bolts, and quakes—as *the signs of the Creator's presence intensified* (Isa 29:5-6; Rev 4:5, 6:12). <sup>6</sup> The seven angels, holding the seven trumpets, prepared to blow their trumpets.

### **Trumpet 1: Fire of the Creator's Word on the Earth**

<sup>7</sup> The first angel blew his trumpet and thrown throughout the Earth were hailstones and fire—the *Creator's Word* (Exod 9:23-26; Psa 18:7-15; Isa 30:30, 66:15-16; Ezek 38:20-23), mingled with blood—*bringing justice on behalf of the Earth's victims* (Isa 1:15, 4:4, 26:21, 34:1-3; Ezek 22:1-7; Rev 1:5, 5:9, 6:10, 7:14). A third of the Earth, a third of the trees, and all the green grasses were burned—to *purify and refine the Earth* (Deut 29:22-28; 2 Kgs 19:25-26; Isa 28:1-4; Ezek 20:46-48; Zech 13:7-9; Rev 7:1-3).

### **Trumpet 2: Blood of Violence in the Sea**

<sup>8</sup> The second angel blew his trumpet and a great mountain, burning with fire—*Civilization*—was thrown into the Sea—the *chaotic realm* (Psa 46:1-3, 74:12-13; Isa 5:26-30, 17:12-14, 23:11, 27:1; Jer 51:24-26, 51:41-42; Ezek 26:3-5, 26:16-18, 28:2-10; Dan 7:3; Rev 6:14-16). A third of the Sea became blood—*filled with violence* (Exod 7:17-21; Psa 79:1-3, 105:29, 106:35-39; Isa 15:6-9; Ezek 32:2-6). <sup>9</sup> A third of the creatures having souls died that were in the Sea (Isa 19:2-8, 50:2; Hos 4:2-3; Zeph 1:2-3). A third of the boats—*Civilization's economy*—were completely destroyed (Psa 48:1-8; Isa 2:12-18, 43:14-15).

### **Trumpet 3: Poison of Idolatry in the Rivers**

<sup>10</sup> The third angel blew his trumpet and a great star—*Satan*—burning like a lamp, fell from Heaven—the *spiritual realm* (Isa 14:3-21; Rev 6:13)—and fell upon a third of the Rivers and upon the Water Springs—the *sources of life* (Gen 41:1-4; Psa 137:1; Isa 8:7, 32:1-2; Jer 2:13, 46:7-8; Ezek 29:3-10, 31:3-5; Zech 10:11). <sup>11</sup> The name of the star is called Wormwood and a third of the waters became wormwood—the *poison of idolatry* (Exod 15:22-25; Deut 29:17-18; Prov 5:3-6; Jer 2:17-19, 8:14, 9:12-16, 23:9-19; Amos 5:6-7, 6:12). Many humans died from the water which had been made poisonous.

### **Trumpet 4: Darkness of Lawlessness in the Heavens**

<sup>12</sup> The fourth angel blew his trumpet and a third of the sun, a third of the moon, and third of the stars—the *spiritual powers and authorities*—were struck so that a third of them were darkened—*given over to lawlessness* (Psa 69:22-28, 74:18-20; Eccl 12:1-8; Rev 6:12-13). A third of the day was not producing light and likewise the night (Isa 13:6-13; Ezek 32:7-8; Joel 2:30-32, 3:15-16).

### **Trumpet 5: The Unfaithful Are Spiritually Tormented (The First Woe)**

<sup>13</sup> I looked and I heard an eagle, flying through Heaven (Deut 28:49-53; Jer 48:40-44, 49:22; Lam 4:17-19; Hos 8:1; Hab 1:5-11; Rev 4:7). It was saying in a loud voice,

“Woe! Woe! Woe to those who dwell upon the Earth (Rev 3:10) because of the remaining three angels about to blow their trumpets!”

<sup>9.1</sup> The fifth angel blew his trumpet and I saw a star—*Satan*—having fallen from Heaven—the *spiritual realm*—to the Earth—the *material realm* (Isa 14:4-21; Rev 6:13, 8:10). The key to the pit of the Abyss—the *spiritual prison*—was given to him (Gen 1:2, 7:11; Psa 71:20-21, 106:9, 135:5-6, 148:7; Isa 44:24-28, 63:12-13; Ezek 26:19-21; Jon 2:5; Rev 1:18, 3:7-8). <sup>2</sup> He opened the pit of the Abyss and the smoke of *its evil* rose up out of the pit, like smoke from a great furnace (Psa 68:1-2; Isa 34:8-10; Rev 1:15, 8:4). The sun and atmosphere—the *spiritual powers and authorities*—were darkened—*given over to lawlessness*—by the smoke of the pit of the Abyss (Gen 19:24-29; Joel 2:30-31; Rev 8:12). <sup>3</sup> Then out of the smoke of *its evil* came locusts—*demonic forces*—into the Earth (Exod 10:1-20; Judg 7:12; Jer 51:14-29; Joel 1:4-7) and they were given authority like the Earth’s scorpions—*oppressive rulers* (Deut 8:15; 1 Kgs 12:11; Ezek 2:5-7; Rev 6:8). <sup>4</sup> The *demonic forces* were told to not hurt any grass, green plant, or tree of the Earth, but only those humans who did not have the Creator’s seal upon their foreheads—*transformed minds* (Exod 12:23; Psa 91:1-16; Ezek 9:4-6; Rev 7:1-3, 8:7). <sup>5</sup> The *demonic forces* will be allowed to torment, but not kill, for 5 months. Their torment will be like that of a scorpion stinging—a *ruler oppressing*—a human. <sup>6</sup> In those days, humans will seek death, but they will not find it. They will desire to die, but death will flee from them (Job 7:15-16; Jer 8:2-3; Rev 6:8). <sup>7</sup> The *demonic forces* are like horses prepared for war—*ready to trample their enemies* (Joel 2:1-13; Rev 6:1-8). Their heads are like gold crowns—*taking power over others*—and their faces are like a human’s—*pretending to be friendly* (Nah 3:15-19; Rev 4:4). <sup>8</sup> They have hair like a woman—*beautiful and seductive* (2 Kgs 9:30; Prov 6:23-26; Song 4:1-3; Eccl 7:26; Rev 1:14) and teeth like a lion—*to bite and hurt* (Psa 10:3-11, 22:13, 58:6; Prov 20:2; Joel 1:6; Rev 4:7, 5:5). <sup>9</sup> They have iron breastplates—*strong defenses* (Rev 2:27) and the sound of their wings is like the sound of many horse chariots running to war—*ready to swarm their enemies* (Exod 14:5-9; Jer 47:2-3; Ezek 23:22-27). <sup>10</sup> The *demonic forces* have tails and stingers like an *oppressive ruler* and the authority to hurt humans for 5 months is in their tails—their *false prophecies* (Isa 9:14-16; Rev 6:8, 9:3, 9:5). <sup>11</sup> The angel of the *spiritual prison* is the ruler over them (Rev 9:1-2). His name in Hebrew is Abaddon and in Greek is Apollyon—*meaning Destroyer* (Prov 27:20). <sup>12</sup> The first woe has passed. Look, two woes are still arriving after this (Rev 8:13)!