

Bible Course
Acts to Revelation
Lesson 78

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Read Revelation 8

The 6th seal in chapter 6 ended with people calling upon the rocks to fall on them. Chapter 7 was a section describing the gracious reward of the godly. Now the 7th seal is opened. Look what happens...

1.	"There was	11	1	a	bou
	the space of	an		" Sile	ence
	is associated with holy, sacred, awe.	Even the	angels are silent perhaps	at both	the
	magnitude of the judgment to come and a	reverence	for		
2.	"And another angel came and stood a	t the altar	, having a golden censer; a	nd there	was
	given unto him			, tha	it he
	should offer it with the			of	al
	" God h	as determ	ined from all eternity wha	t will hap	pen
	and how (by what means) everything v	vill occur	. Prayer is one of His m	eans use	d to
	accomplish His purposes. Prayer mat	ters and	pulls us in line with Go	d's purp	ose.
	However, there will come a day when	the tim	e for prayer to God has	ceased,	then
	unbelievers will 'pray' "to the mountains	s and roc	ks, fall on us, and hide us t	from the	face
	of him that sitteth on the throne, and from	n the wra	th of the Lamb" (Rev. 6:16).	

Remember Revelation is written to point to Christ, comfort the persecuted believers, and warn unbelievers. The series of seals, visions, trumpets, and bowls are meant for all people during all of time. The vision of seven trumpets is one of seven parallel visions. The trumpets bring warnings. After the trumpets comes the bowls of poured out wrath. So the trumpets are warnings of the wrath to come. The first four trumpets are judgments on

Vision #3:
The Seven
Trumpets

the realm of nature. The disasters escalate as each new trumpet is sounded. Note as you read the first four trumpets how they show God's control over all 'natural disasters' and also how they correlate with the 10 plagues (hail and fire, water to blood, sun darkened).

3.	The first angel sounded (v. 7), and there followed and					
	mingled with, and they					
	were cast upon the earth: and the third part of trees was burnt up, and all green grass was					
	burnt up.					
4.	And the second angel sounded, and as it were a great					
	with was cast into the					
	: and the third part of the sea became					
	; 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.					
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3.	heaven, as it were a lamp and it fell upon the third part of					
	the, and upon the fountains of waters; and the name of the					
	is called: and the third					
	part of the waters became; and many men died of the					
	waters, because they were made bitter.					
6	And the fourth angel sounded, and the third part of the					
0.	was smitten, and the third part of the, and the third part of					
	the, and the third part of the, and the third part of them was darkened, and the					
	day shone not for a third part of it, and the night likewise.					
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•	g the first seals 1/4 of the world was affected. During the first trumpets, 1/3 of the world fected. Chapter 8 ends with a solemn note of warning:					
7.	And I beheld, and heard an angel flying through the midst of the heaven, saying with a					
	loud voice,,,					
	to the inhabiters of the earth by reason of the other voices					
	of the trumpet of the three angels, which are yet to sound. When God repeats something,					
	he means 'pay attention' like, "Martha, Martha" or "Jerusalem, Jerusalem" or "Verily,					
	Verily". In this verse we hear the warning three times! REPENT! God's patience has an					
	end!					
	Evaluator					

Vain Amusements

God gives His mercies to be spent; Your hoard will do your soul no good. Gold is a blessing only lent, Repaid by giving others food.

The world's esteem is but a bribe, To buy their peace you sell your own; The slave of a vainglorious tribe, Who hate you while they make you known.

The joy that vain amusements give, Oh, sad conclusion that it brings! The honey of a crowded hive, Defended by a thousand stings.

'Tis thus the world rewards the fools, That live upon her treacherous smiles; She leads them blindfold by her rules, And ruins all whom she beguiles.

God knows the thousands who go down From pleasure into endless woe; And with a long despairing groan, Blaspheme their Maker as they go.

Oh, fearful thought, be timely wise; Delight but in a Saviour's charms; And God shall take you to the skies, Embraced in everlasting arms.

John Newton

Sins

MERCIFUL LORD,

Pardon all my sins of this day, week, year,

all the sins of my life,

sins of early, middle, and advanced years,

of omission and commission,

of morose, peevish and angry tempers,

of lip, life and walk,

of hardheartness, unbelief, presumption, pride,

of unfaithfulness to the souls of men,

of want of bold decision in the cause of Christ,

of deficiency in outspoken zeal for his glory,

of bringing dishonour upon thy great name,

of deception, injustice, untruthfulness

in my dealings with others,

of impurity in thought, word, and deed,

of covetousness, which is idolatry,

of substance unduly hoarded, improvidently squandered, not consecrated to the glory of thee, the great giver;

sins in private and in the family,

in study and recreation, in the busy haunts of men,

in the study of thy Word and in the neglect of it,

in prayer irreverently offered and coldly withheld,

in time misspent,

in yielding to Satan's wiles,

in opening my heart to his temptations,

in being unwatchful when I know him nigh,

in quenching the Holy Spirit;

sins against light and knowledge,

against conscience and the restraints of thy Spirit,

against the law of eternal love.

Pardon all my sins, known and unknown, felt and unfelt,

confessed and not confessed,

remembered or forgotten.

Good Lord, hear; and hearing, forgive.

Valley of Visions