

THE UNVEILING OF JESUS CHRIST

"Opening Of The Seventh Seal"

Revelation 8:1-13

REVIEW - Revelation 1:19

1. *"the things which you have seen"*

a) Chapter 1

2. *"those that are"*

a) Chapters 2 & 3

3. *"those that are to take place after this"*

a) **Chapters 4-19**

1) Chapters 4 & 5 - The Church in Heaven

a. The Church is Raptured prior to the Tribulation.

2) Chapters 6-19 - Tribulation On Earth

a. Most of the Jews and Gentiles who come to faith in Christ during the Tribulation will be Martyred for their faith in Christ.

b) **Chapter 20** - The Great White Throne Judgment

c) **Chapter 21** - The Eternal State

4. In *Genesis 1* we see where Adam and Eve were given the Title Deed to the Earth.

a) *Genesis 1:26-30*

1) Here we see where God passes the Title of the newly created Earth over to Adam.

5. In *Genesis* we see where Adam forfeits his inheritance to Satan.

a) *Genesis 3:1-7*

6. Satan's ownership confirmed.

a) *2 Corinthians 4:3-4*

b) *Luke 4:6-8*

7. **Revelation 5** Review

a) **Vs 1**

1) This "**Scroll**" is the legal "**Title Deed**" to the earth.

b) **Vs 2**

1) "**Who is worthy to open the scroll and break the seals?**"

c) **Vs 3**

1) "**no one**"

d) **Vs 4**

1) "**and I began to weep loudly**"

e) **Vs 5-6**

1) In Revelation 5 the "**Title Deed**" is opened by the only one with the credentials to do so.

2) In Chapter 19 we will see Jesus laying claim to what is His - The Earth!

f) **Vs 7-10**

8. When the Lamb opens the seventh and last seal on the scroll (The Title Deed) to the earth, the judgments of "**The Day of the Lord**" intensify and expand dramatically.

9. While the exact timetable for the Trumpet and Bowl Judgments is not revealed, their escalating devastation indicates that they all occur during the last half of the Tribulation.

a) Therefore the 7th Seal encompasses all of God's final wrath up to the return of Christ in His Second Coming.

I. **SILENCE IN HEAVEN**

1. **Vs 1**

2. When Jesus breaks the seventh seal a very disturbing response occurs!!!! SILENCE

3. If we would take the time to review what has taken place up to this point, John had heard much noise in heaven.

a) **Revelation 4:5; 8**

b) **Revelation 6:9-10; 12**

c) **Revelation 7:2-3**

4. But after all the loudness, when the judgment of the 7th seal is broken. SILENCE!!

a) All the redeemed and the angels of Heaven are reduced to SILENCE.

1) "**for about a half an hour**"

b) All of Heaven is SILENT because of the reality of FUTURE DESTRUCTION.

II. **THE SEVEN ANGELS**

1. **Vs 2**

2. The use of "**the**" appears to set these angels apart as a unique group of angels.

3. **Vs 2**

a) "**stand**" - Gk. Indicates that they were in the presence of God, and had been for some time.

4. The Bible describes for us various **ranks and orders of angels**.

a) **Genesis 3:24**

1) Cherubim

b) **Isaiah 6:2**

1) Seraphim

c) **Jude 9**

1) Archangels

d) **Colossians 1:16**

e) **Ephesians 6:12**

1) Powers

5. These seven appear to be one of such order of high-ranking angels.

a) **Gabriel** may have been one of them.

1) **Luke 1:19**

6. **Michael** appears to be the defender of Israel.

a) **Gabriel** is a messenger who was entrusted to deliver special important messages on God's behalf.

7. Each of the 7 trumpets unleashes a specific judgment of greater intensity than the first six seals...yet not as destructive as the seven bowls.

a) The **first 4 trumpets** destroy the earth's ecology.

1) **Revelation 8:6-12**

b) The **next 2 produce** demonic destruction of humanity.

1) **Revelation 9:1-11, 13-19**

III. SUPPLICATION OF THE SAINTS

1. **Revelation 8:3-4**

2. John says that this angel came and stood before the altar.

a) This altar is the heavenly counterpart to the altar of incense in the temple which also was made of gold.

1) **Exodus 30:1-3**

b) The altar of incense was the nearest thing to the Holy of Holies where God's glory dwelt.

1) **Exodus 30:6-8**

3. The angel took the incense symbolizing the multiplied prayers of God's people that was given to Him.

a) **Revelation 8:3**

1) "*given to him*" - by God.

b) **Revelation 6:9-11**

c) **Revelation 8:4**

1) These were the cries of believers in the Great Tribulation against their persecutors and all who blaspheme God and Christ.

IV. THE SEVERITY OF THE STORM

1. These Trumpet judgments all take place just prior to the Lord's Second Coming.

a) **Revelation 11:15**

A. FIRST TRUMPET JUDGMENT - *1/3rd of Earth, Trees and Grass burned up*

1. Vs 7

2. Hail is frequently associated in Scripture with divine judgment.

a) **Exodus 9:13-25**

3. And so is Fire.

a) **Genesis 19:24**

b) **Psalms 11:6**

4. **Joel 2:30-32**

B. THE SECOND TRUMPET JUDGMENT - *1/3rd of Sea Creatures and Ships Gone*

1. Vs 8

a) "*something like*" - "*a great mountain*"

2. Many things will happen upon the earth during the Great Tribulation which have never happened before in the history of THE WORLD.

3. As of January 2016 there were 51,400 ocean going merchant ships registered.

a) Imagine the shock waves that will hit the shipping industry when 12,850 of these valuable ships are suddenly destroyed with all their cargo.

4. Vs 9

C. THE THIRD TRUMPET JUDGMENT - $1/3^{\text{rd}}$ of Fresh Water Poisoned

1. **Vs 10-11**

2. Now think of our drinking water cut off.

3. It has been said that human beings can go without food for 21 days, but only 3 days without water.

a) Therefore many will die as a result of poisoned water.

4. "***Wormwood***" grew in Bible lands and had a strong and bitter taste.

5. Something similar is going to happen again.

a) **Vs 11**

6. National Geographic lists about 100 principle rivers in the world.

a) The Amazon River is 4000 miles long.

b) The Rio de la Plata, which is 150 miles long.

c) The Mighty Mississippi is 3710 miles long.

D. THE FOURTH TRUMPET JUDGMENT - $1/3^{\text{rd}}$ of the Sun, Moon, Stars Darkened

1. **Vs 12**

2. These heavenly bodies will be affected in such a way that a third of them will have their normal functions, and apparently even their orbits, will change.

a) ***Luke 21:25***

3. **Vs 12**

4. **Vs 13**

5. John saw an "eagle" flying through the heavens warning the inhabitants of earth about the **NEXT THREE TRUMPETS**.