

The Breaking of the 7th Seal

~ Revelation 8:1-10 ~

Introduces the angels with the seven trumpets and will eventually reveal the angels with the seven bowls of wrath)

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Pattern: 4/3 2/1

I. One half hour of silence -

God gives John a moment to catch his breath.
The upcoming seal - severity!

II. The Angels of God's Presence!

Seven (7) trumpets to be blown!

Trumpet - the most popular instrument in scripture. (1) Declares war; (2) Gathering for festivals; (3) crowning a king

III. The Angel - Priest (Some think Jesus)

In the Revelation, Jesus is distinctly identified -
(chapter 1) Son of Man; (chapter 5) Lion of the Tribe of Judah; (chapter 5) A Lamb as it had been slain;
(chapter 19) The Word of God

Two altars: Brazen Altar - Judgement - Outer Court
Gold Altar of Incense - Holy Place

* Takes the fire from the brazen altar and goes to the altar of incense -
Offers up a sweet aroma/combined with the prayers of all the saints
Prayers throughout the ages "Thy will be done"
Prayers of the martyrs (6:9-11)
Our prayers are acceptable through Jesus!

Then the angel returns to the brazen altar and takes the fire and throws it to earth
(followed by the sights, sound, and "feel" of judgment.

IV. The First Four Trumpets of Judgment

A. Hail and Fire / Blood

1/3 was burned up / 1/3 trees / all the green grass

(Exodus 9:23-24)

B. Like a great mountain burning with fire thrown into the sea.

1/3 sea turns to blood / 1/3 creatures died / 1/3 of the ships were destroyed.



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C. A great star fell from heaven like a torch - fell on the rivers and springs of water Wormwood - bitter
Poisonous water - men died.

D. Luminaries darkened -

1/3 Sun / 1/3 Moon / 1/3 Stars

Two words: Paroikeo - sojourner katoikeo - to settle down

VI. The Announcement of the Eagle -


Woe, Woe, Woe

The Increased Severity!

First focused on the world and creation

These trumpets focus on me. *

They are pilgrims no more!


They do not have God in their hearts any more.


Those who have built every hope and dream down here in this world.

No longer traveling through this world to the world yet to come.