Series "Jesus Unveiled" "Silence In Heaven" Revelation 8:1-6 Part-17

7th Seal – Ushers In The Great Tribulation – The 7th Seal is the 7 Trumpet Judgments, and 7 Bowl Judgments!

Ezekiel 18:32

Key Verse Of Revelation: Revelation 1:19

Revelation 4-5 – Heavenly Scenes

Rev 6-19 – The Tribulation – Consists Of 3 Sets Of Judgments.

Thought Of Our Passage: The Seventh Seal Transitions From Grace To Judgment, Because The Seventh Seal Is The Trumpet And Bowl Judgments.

<u>1. Verse 1 – Silence</u> <u>2. Verse 2 – Signaling</u> <u>3. Verses 3-4 – Supplication</u> <u>4. Verses 5-6 – Storm</u>

1. Verse 1 – Silence:

Revelation 8:1

"When the Lamb broke the seventh seal," – Jesus Christ has just suspended His wrath, Revelation 7:1-8; The results, Revelation 7:9-17 – A multitude.

Revelation 7:17

"When the Lamb" – Jesus is referred to as a "Lamb", Revelation 5:6.

Jesus being both God/Redeemer has absolute right to both suspend and judge. God can also be merciful.

"broke the seventh seal," – Revelation 5:1

The 1st Seal – False Peace, 2nd Seal – War, 3rd Seal – Famine, 4th Seal – Death, 5th Seal – Persecution, with the cry for God to avenge His saints.

 6^{th} Seal – Devastation – on earth and even the heavens. Revelation 6:16-17

Psalm 76:8-9; Habakkuk 2:20; Zephaniah 1:7; Zephaniah 1:14-18; Zechariah 2:13

The 7th Seal Is The 7 Trumpets, And The 7 Bowls: The Seventh Seal Brings A Change From <u>Grace</u> To <u>Judgment</u>. 1 John 5:12

2. Verse 2 – Signaling:

Revelation 8:2

"And I saw the seven angels" – powerful creatures of God's creation – Genesis 2:1; Job 38:7.

Revelation 10:7

"seven trumpets" - Seven "completeness, perfection".

Trumpets – The first time the trumpet is used it is to announce the giving of the Law. Exodus 19:16

Call To Assemble, For The Journeying Of The Camps – Numbers 10:2.

Call To War – Numbers 10:9

Announced Special Times As Feasts, And Offerings – Numbers 10:10.

The Trumpet Is Associated With The Day Of The Lord – 1 Corinthians 15:52.

1 Thessalonians 4:16

Revelation 8:7-12 – Trumpets 1-4 Destroy The Earths Ecology.

Revelation 8:13; 9:1-11, 13-19 – Trumpets 5-6 Trumpets Unleash Demonic Destruction On Humanity.

These Seven Angels With The Seven Trumpets Announce 7 Torments About To Fall.

3. Verses 3-4 – Supplication:

Revelation 8:3

"Another angel came and stood" – this angel performing the service of the priest.

"at the <u>altar</u>" – (7X in Book) The Altar of Incense.

"holding a golden censer" – word "censer" derived from "frankincense", one of the main ingredients of the incense. Exodus 30:34

"incense" – OT was worship and prayer, it was a sweet smell. Prayers of the saints, Revelation 5:8; Jesus presented Frankincense as a gift – Matthew 2:11.

Revelation 5:8

"a golden censer; and much incense was given to him" – Exodus 30:7-8.

Psalm 141:2

"and much incense was given to him," – Revelation 6:9-11 – The righteous unanswered prayers of God's suffering saints offered throughout all ages.

"on golden altar which was before the throne." – Exodus 30:1-10.

Revelation 8:4

"And the smoke (Worthiness Of Jesus) of the incense, with the prayers of the saints," – Exodus 30:7-8.

Zacharias, the father of John the Baptist – Luke 1:8-9

"saints" – encompasses all true believers in Christ...

"prayers" – for God's Justice, Upholding Holiness, Vindicating His People.

Psalm 56:8

"Imprecatory Psalms", Psalms 7, 26, 35, 52, 55, 58.

Romans 12:19

Revelation 8:5

The Prayers That Ascend Now Descend In Judgment: "the angel took the censer and he filled it with the fire of the altar and threw it to the earth;"

James 5:16

Proverbs 15:8

The Very Altar That Brought Salvation Now Brings Judgment.

Jesus Or Judgment? Luke 12:49-51

2 Thessalonians 1:6-8

Hebrews 10:26-27

"and there followed peals of thunder and sounds and flashes of lightning and an earthquake." – Thunder, flashes of lightning and earthquake – <u>Repeated 4X</u>, Revelation 4:5; 8:5; 11:19; 16:18; Judgment – this is the opposite of silence, Revelation 8:1.

John 3:19-20

Revelation 8:6

7 years – 70th Week of Daniel; Daniel 9:27 – The Trumpets are the last part of the first 3 1/2 years; Before Revelation 10-14 – worldwide kingdom of the anti-Christ, Mid-point.

Application:

- 1. Like The Angels, We To Need To Stand In His Presence To Receive His Orders, With Hearts Ready To Obey.
- 2. Trumpets Were Used To Get People's Attention, And To Get Right With God. Have The Events Of Our Times Gotten Our Attention?
- 3. Sometimes It Appears That Our Prayers Go Unanswered. But Our Prayers Always Reach God, And Some Prayers Will Be Answered During The Tribulation.
- 4. Every Person Is Faced With The Decision Of Whether They Will Choose Jesus Or Judgment. Hebrews 10:26-27