

Series "Jesus Unveiled"
"The Four Trumpets"
Revelation 8:7-13
Part-18

"A curse on nature is a curse on mankind and on the earth."

In Revelation 8:7-13 We See God's Judgment on Man Coming Through Nature.

Key Verse Of Revelation: Revelation 1:19 – the book has 3 parts:

- 1. "Things which you have seen"** – Rev. 1 – Vision of the coming of Jesus.
- 2. "The things which are"** – Rev. 2-3 – 7 Churches.
- 3. "The Things which shall take place after these things"** – Rev. 4-22.

Revelation 4-5 – Heavenly Scenes

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

Thought Of Our Passage: First Four Trumpets Wreak Havoc On Nature, But A Curse On Nature Is A Curse On Mankind.

- 1. Verse 7 – 1st Trumpet – Destruction of Vegetation**
- 2. Verses 8-9 – 2nd Trumpet – Destruction of Seas**
- 3. Verses 10-11 – 3rd Trumpet – Destruction of Rivers**
- 4. Verses 12-13 – 4th Trumpet – Destruction of Luminaries**

1. Verse 7 – 1st Trumpet – Destruction of Vegetation:

Revelation 8:7

"The first sounded," – Silence has now been broken, Revelation 8:1.

The Seventh Seal Transitions From Grace To Judgment, Because The Seventh Seal Is The Trumpet And Bowl Judgments. Revelation 8:6

"And the first sounded," – The sound of the trumpet is to give warning!

Trumpets 1-4 are on Natural Objects – earth, trees, grass, sea, rivers, and lights of heaven. Trumpets 5-6 are inflicted on Men, not natural objects.

"and there came hail" – Exodus 9: 18-26 – 7th Plague of Egypt.

Joshua 10:11

Revelation 16:21

"and fire" – a form of lightning? Is this like Sodom and Gomorrah revisited?

Genesis 19:24-25

"mixed with blood" – (blood, 90% water) It could mean that both man and animals die (bloodshed) as a result of the hail and fire, Exodus 9:19.

Exodus 9:25

"third" – 12X in the Trumpet Judgments; it is literal.

The 10 Plagues of Egypt were directed at Pharaoh and the people of Egypt but also the gods of Egypt. Egyptians worshiped nature, so today, persons worship the Creation but not the Creator!

"third of the trees were burned up," trees – literally "fruit trees".

"all the green grass was burned up." – Man is dependent upon nature.

Lesson: We should not take for granted the trees and plants God has given to us.

2. Verses 8-9 – 2nd Trumpet – Destruction of Seas:

Revelation 8:8

"something like a like a great mountain" – not that it is a great mountain, but something like a great mountain (fireball).

Psalm 46:1-2

"a third of the sea became blood" – polluted, from the dead animals?
Exodus 7:19-21, in Egypt – Nile.

Revelation 8:9

Ecological Disaster: "and a third of the creatures, which were in the sea and had life, died;"

Economic Disaster: "and a third of the ships were destroyed."

Lesson: We take for granted the blessings of the oceans and seas; Ships that supply materials.

3. Verses 10-11 – 3rd Trumpet – Destruction of Rivers:

Revelation 8:10

“and a great star fell from heaven, burning like a torch” – meteor,
Revelation 6:13.

“springs” – “wells, fountains”; the very source of water.

Revelation 8:11 – “star is called Wormwood” – sorrow – bitter – calamity,
Exodus 15:23-25.

“and a third of the waters became wormwood;” – God directed the stars.

Joshua 10:11

“and many men died from the waters, because they were made bitter.” –
Lethal water that will kill people.

**Lesson: We take for granted the blessings of fresh water, rivers and
springs. (Water will be precious)**

4. Verses 12-13 – 4th Trumpet – Destruction of Luminaries:

Revelation 8:12

“The fourth angel sounded, and a third of the sun and a third of the moon
and a third of the stars were struck,” – 1/3 – blacked out.

Luke 21:25-26

God brought 3 days of darkness in Egypt – Exodus 10:21-23.

Food growth

Temperature change

Human lifestyles

**Food is destroyed; distribution is crippled; water supply is limited;
production is hampered.**

Matthew 24:22

Reverse Order – Revelation 16:8-9 – Sun will scorch men.

The light of the sun, moon, and the stars; This is recorded in Scripture to remind us of God's power, sovereignty and wisdom. Psalm 19:1-6

Romans 1:20

Revelation 8:13 – "Then I looked, and I heard an eagle" – some translations say "angel"; Revelation 4:7 – "eagle"

"to those who dwell on the earth" – "earth dwellers"; those who live for the things of this world.

2 Peter 3:9

"Woe, woe, woe" – next three trumpets – Heightened in their degree of Judgments.

1st Woe – Demonic – Revelation 9:1-11

2nd Woe – Euphrates, Horseman and Hosts – Revelation 9:13-21

3rd Woe – The handing over of the earth to Beast-worship – Revelation 13

Lesson: We take for granted the creation of the stars, the sun and moon.

Application:

1. Let Us Thank God For The Trees, Plants, Food, And Air That God Has Graciously Blessed Us With.
2. Let Us Thank God For The Blessings Of The Oceans And Seas; God's Provision Of Transportation By The Ships Of Needed Materials.
3. Let Us Thank God For Fresh Water, Rivers And Springs Which Are Necessary To Sustain Life.
4. Let Us Thank God For The Light Of The Sun, Moon And Stars. These are Recorded In Scripture To Remind Us Of God's Power, Sovereignty And Wisdom.