

Revelation 8

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The Seventh Seal and Golden Censer

1 And when he had opened the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven about the space of half an hour.

2 And I saw the seven angels which stood before God; and to them were given seven trumpets.

3 And another angel came and stood at the altar, having a golden censer; and there was given unto him much incense, that he should offer it with the prayers of all saints upon the golden altar which was before the throne.

4 And the smoke of the incense, which came with the prayers of the saints, ascended up before God out of the angel's hand.

5 And the angel took the censer, and filled it with fire of the altar, and cast it into the earth: and there were voices, and thunderings, and lightnings, and an earthquake.

The First Four Trumpets

6 And the seven angels which had the seven trumpets prepared themselves to sound.

7 The first angel sounded, and there followed hail and fire mingled with blood, and they were cast upon the earth: and the third part of trees was burnt up, and all green grass was burnt up.

8 And the second angel sounded, and as it were a great mountain burning with fire was cast into the sea: and the third part of the sea became blood;

9 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.

10 And the third angel sounded, and there fell a great star from heaven, burning as it were a lamp, and it fell upon the third part of the rivers, and upon the fountains of waters;

11 And the name of the star is called Wormwood: and the third part of the waters became wormwood; and many men died of the waters, because they were made bitter.

12 And the fourth angel sounded, and the third part of the sun was smitten, and the third part of the moon, and the third part of the stars; so as the third part of them was darkened, and the day shone not for a third part of it, and the night likewise.

13 And I beheld, and heard an angel flying through the midst of heaven, saying with a loud voice, Woe, woe, woe, to the inhabitants of the earth by reason of the other voices of the trumpet of the three angels, which are yet to sound!

HEBREW & GREEK WORD STUDIES

Altar — θυσιαστήριον (Thusiastērion)

Altar

The Greek **thusiastērion** (θυσιαστήριον) denotes an altar for sacrifice. Hebrews 13:10 declares 'We have an altar' from which temple priests cannot eat—referring to Christ's sacrifice outside the camp.

Angel — ἄγγελος (Angelos)

Angel, messenger

The Greek **angelos** (ἄγγελος) means angel or messenger. Angels announced Christ's birth (Luke 2:9-14), ministered to Him (Matthew 4:11), and will accompany His return (Matthew 25:31).

Blood — αἷμα (Haima)

Blood

The Greek **haima** (αἷμα) denotes blood. Christ's blood 'cleanseth us from all sin' (1 John 1:7), securing 'eternal redemption' (Hebrews 9:12) through His once-for-all sacrifice. Believers have been 'purchased with his own blood' (Acts 20:28).

God — Θεός (Theos)

God

The Greek **Theos** (Θεός) refers to deity, used both for the one true God and false gods. Context determines whether it denotes the Father specifically or the Godhead generally.

Heaven — οὐρανός (Ouranos)

Heaven, sky

The Greek **ouranos** (οὐρανός) denotes heaven—God's throne and the believer's eternal home. Jesus taught His disciples to pray 'Our Father which art in heaven' (Matthew 6:9) and promised to prepare a place there (John 14:2).

CROSS REFERENCES

Revelation 8:1

Parallel theme: Revelation 5:1; 6:1; 6:3; 6:5; 6:9; 6:12; Job 4:16; Psalms 62:1; Habakkuk 2:20; Zechariah 2:13

Revelation 8:2 **Parallel theme:** Revelation 11:15; Matthew 18:10. **References God:**

Revelation 15:1; 16:1; Luke 1:19

Revelation 8:3 **Holy:** Revelation 5:8; 8:4. **Sacrifice:** Revelation 9:13; Exodus 40:26; Malachi 1:11. **Prayer:** Psalms 141:2; Luke 1:10. **Parallel theme:** Romans 8:34; Hebrews 7:25; 9:4

Revelation 8:4 **Prayer:** Psalms 141:2; Luke 1:10. **Holy:** Revelation 8:3. **References God:** Revelation 15:8

Revelation 8:5 **Light:** Revelation 4:5; 11:19; Isaiah 30:30. **Parallel theme:** Revelation 6:12; 11:13; Psalms 18:13; Isaiah 29:6; 66:6; Acts 16:26. **Sacrifice:** Leviticus 16:12

Revelation 8:6 **Parallel theme:** Revelation 8:2

Revelation 8:7

Parallel theme: Revelation 9:4; 9:15; 9:18; 16:21; Psalms 105:32; Isaiah 28:2; 29:6; 30:30; 32:19. **Blood:** Ezekiel 38:22

Revelation 8:8 **Parallel theme:** Jeremiah 51:25; Mark 11:23. **Blood:** Revelation 8:7

Revelation 8:9 **Parallel theme:** Revelation 8:7; 8:10; 8:12; 16:3; Isaiah 2:16

Revelation 8:10 **Parallel theme:** Revelation 6:13; 9:1; 12:4; 14:7; 16:4; Isaiah 14:12

Revelation 8:11 **Parallel theme:** Deuteronomy 29:18; Proverbs 5:4; Jeremiah 9:15; 23:15; Lamentations 3:19; Amos 5:7; 6:12

Revelation 8:12 **Darkness:** Isaiah 13:10; Joel 2:10; 2:31; 3:15; Matthew 24:29; Mark 13:24. **Parallel theme:** Revelation 6:12; 9:15; 9:18; 12:4

Revelation 8:13 **Parallel theme:** Revelation 9:1; 9:12; 11:14; 14:6; 19:17; Ezekiel 2:10; Hebrews 1:14

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