

“Revelation #13”

Revelation 8: 1 – 13 and 9: 1 - 21 (7th Seal and 1st Six trumpets)

Review: Chapters 7

- The sealing of two groups... 144,000 Jews and multitudes of believers from all nations, tribe, and tongue.
- Also, we see a vision of heaven and the character and desire of God.
- Promise of God... in eternity, *“the Lamb will lead us to living waters and God will wipe away every tear from our eyes.”*

Revelation 21: 3-4

“I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them; and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them and be their God. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away.”

- Eph 1: 13 *“In Him you also trusted, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the H.S. of promise...”*

Tonight, before we read chapters 8 and 9... I want to look at what I consider the chronological order of history from Jesus to the last days. (According to Revelation)

[I know not everyone will agree totally with me, and I’m open to other interpretations]

1. The first coming of Jesus... Rev. 1:4 – 7
2. The struggle of the first century churches and throughout history... Rev. 2 and 3
 - Then Rev. 4 and 5 we are given a glimpse into heaven and the Lamb of God.
 - Before the Judgements of God are revealed.
3. Present age from Jesus’ first coming until His second coming... Rev. 6: 1 – 9
 - First four seals... judgements throughout history. (beginning of sorrows) **Jesus said when you see things happening know the end is near!**
 - Fifth seal... Cry of the Martyrs thru history and even today.
4. Final Judgement, beginning of the great tribulation... Rev. 6: 12 - 17

- Then in Rev. 7: 1 – 8, we have another pause, for God to seal His servants!
- Then in Rev. 7:9 – 17, we get a glimpse into the new creation, we will get more details later in the book.

5. Continuation of the tribulation... **Rev. 8:2 – 11:19** (Six trumpet judgments)

Text 8: 1 Read...

- Silence in heaven for 30 minutes... why?
- Preparation for the outpouring of God's judgment!

Text 8: 2... 6 Read...

- V's 3 – 4 **I believe this is the answer to the prayers of Rev. 6:9.**
- V5...
- V6...

Text 8: 7... *First trumpet vegetation struck...*

- V's 8 – 9... *Second trumpet the seas struck...*
- V's 10 – 11... *Third trumpet The waters struck...*
- V's 12 – 13... *Fourth trumpet The heavens struck...*

Text 9: 1 – 6... *Fifth trumpet locust from the bottomless pit*

- V1 *"I saw a star falling from heaven to the earth, to him was given the key to the bottomless pit."* **(Who is this star from heaven)**
- Most scholars believe this is Satan... who is presently in heaven before God's throne accusing the brethren.
- And these locust are demonic... **Rev. 9: 7 – 12...**
- V 11 *"They had a king over them the angel of the bottomless pit..."*

Text 9: 1 – 19... *Sixth trumpet the angels from the Euphrates... Rev. 7:1a*

- V18 *“By these three... a third of mankind was killed.”*
- What three... Fire, smoke, and brimstone.

Text 9: 20 – 21... *This is amazing, the hardness of man’s heart...*

Rev. 10: 1 – 3...

J. I. Packer:

“in Revelation, there are seven seals, seven trumpets, and seven bowls. There are also seven thunders, though most people don’t know about them. There’s a reason for that: when the angel called out, the seven thunders sounded. And when the seven thunders had sounded. (John says) “I was about to write, but I heard a voice from heaven saying, seal up what the seven thunders have said, and do not write it down...” John is to keep the message of the seven thunders secret by not writing what they reveal. This is an important reminder for all readers of Revelation. God reveals some things to us, but not all things... Realizing this should humble us before His sovereign wisdom, but also strengthen us in hope, as we realize that God has purposes and plans, we do not know, for events and circumstances we do not understand.”