

The 7 Judgment Trumpets of Revelation, II

The Blowing of the First 6 Trumpets of Revelation:

1. **Num 10:9.** The blowing of the trumpet is the signal that God will remember His people when they are at war and inflict punishments on their enemies;
2. **Rev 8-11.** The blowing of the 7 trumpets in Revelation then is symbolic of the judgments or punishments that God inflicts on the enemies of God's people in New Testament times
3. **The blowing of the first 6 trumpets**---blown to inflict punishment on Rome causing its total collapse
 - a. **The first 4 trumpets**---judgments on western Rome through the barbarians causing its final collapse
 - b. **The last 2 trumpets**---judgments on eastern Rome (Byzantine empire) through the Moslem hordes causing its total collapse; fall of Mohammedanism in 1840;
 - c. **The 6th trumpet**---Loosing the four angels bound by the great river Euphrates---divine restraint removed and trouble ensues resulting in the fall of eastern Rome in the hands of the Moslems, repression and persecution of Christians and Jews by the Moslems for 315 years and 15 days ("hour, day, month and year"), until the fall of the Islam in the hands of the Christian powers of Europe in August 11, 1840;
4. Note: During the time of the blowing of the first 6 trumpets, intercession is going on in the first apartment of the heavenly sanctuary and probation is still open;
 - i. **Rev 8:3**---the blowing of the first trumpet is prefaced by a sanctuary service scenario in the first apartment of the heavenly sanctuary where much incense is being offered out of the angel's hand before the throne;
 - ii. **Rev 9:13**---the blowing of the sixth trumpet is prefaced by a sanctuary service scenario in the first apartment of the heavenly sanctuary involving the altar of incense

The Blowing of the Seventh Trumpet

5. **The 7th Trumpet**---causing the final collapse of the kingdoms of this world (**Rev 11:15**); no more intercession going on in the heavenly sanctuary; the text shows that events associated with the blowing of the 7th trumpet are those that occur after the close of probation leading up to the second coming of Jesus; the events described in the 7th trumpet are separate from one another and are fulfilled sequentially (**EW 36**)

"... Then I saw that Jesus would not leave the most holy place until every case was decided either for salvation or destruction, and that the wrath of God could not come until Jesus had finished His work in the most holy place, laid off His priestly attire, and clothed Himself with the garments of vengeance. Then Jesus will step out from between the Father and man, and God will keep silence no longer, but pour out His wrath on those who have rejected His truth. I saw that the anger of the nations, the wrath of God, and the time to judge the dead were separate and distinct, one following the other, also that

Michael had not stood up, and that the time of trouble, such as never was, had not yet commenced. The nations are now getting angry, but when our High Priest has finished His work in the sanctuary, He will stand up, put on the garments of vengeance, and then the seven last plagues will be poured out. **EW 36.**

a. **The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord**

- i. Occurs after the investigative judgment is finished (**Dan 7:25-27**)
- ii. Jesus receives the kingdom at the close of His work as Mediator, in other words, after the work of intercession is finished:

"And, behold, one like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven, and came to the Ancient of Days, and they brought Him near before Him. And there was given Him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages, should serve Him: His dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away." Daniel 7:13, 14. The coming of Christ here described is not His second coming to the earth. He comes to the Ancient of Days in heaven to receive dominion and glory and a kingdom, which will be given Him at the close of His work as a mediator. (**GC 479-480**)

- iii. The Father gives Jesus the throne of His father David when His work as Mediator is ended (**GC 416**)

6. Not until His work as a mediator shall be ended will God "give unto Him the throne of His father David," a kingdom of which "there shall be no end." **GC 416.**

- i. The receiving of the kingdoms of this world therefore signals the end (not the beginning) of Christ's high priestly ministration in the heavenly sanctuary

b. **The 24 elders worship God. . .**

- i. No longer described here as being in the first apartment of the heavenly sanctuary (**Rev 4:4-5**) and
- ii. No longer having in their hands vials full of odours which are the prayers of the saints (**Rev 5:8**)
- iii. The prayer of the 24 elders in **Rev 5:8** is realized or fulfilled in the blowing of the 7th trumpet---"Thou hast taken unto thee great power and hast reigned"

c. **The nations are angry**

- i. General time of trouble among nations when restraint is finally removed (**Dan 12:1**); world war III (?);

d. **Thy wrath is come-**

- i. Descriptive of the 7 last plagues which are poured out after the close of human probation (**Rev 15:1, 7**);

e. **Time of the dead that they should be judged---**a reference to the general judgment at the second coming of Jesus (**John 5:28-29**)

f. **Thou shouldest give reward unto thy servants**—saints receive their rewards at the second coming of Jesus (**Rev 22:12; Matt 25:31-40**)

g. **Shouldest destroy them that "destroy" (or "corrupt", same root word in the Greek) the earth**—general slaughter of the wicked at the second coming of Jesus (**Rev 19:2**);

“A Moment of Respite”

7. The daily service work of Jesus in the first apartment of the heavenly sanctuary clearly runs parallel with the events associated with the blowing of the trumpets, but not His work in the second apartment of the heavenly sanctuary; there is no reference to it whatsoever in the blowing of the 7 trumpets;
 - a. **Blowing of first 6 trumpets**---runs parallel with the Daily service work of Jesus in the first apartment of the heavenly sanctuary (**Rev 8:3-5** and **Rev 9:13**)
 - b. **Blowing of the 7th trumpet**—final close of probation;
 - c. **HENCE, THE WORK OF JESUS IS THE SECOND APARTMENT OF THE HEAVENLY SANCTUARY—corresponding to the making of a final atonement on the Day of Atonement is not associated with the blowing of any trumpet!!**

While the work of salvation is closing, trouble will be coming on the earth, and the nations will be angry, yet held in check so as not to prevent the work of the third angel. At that time the "latter rain," or refreshing from the presence of the Lord, will come, to give power to the loud voice of the third angel, and prepare the saints to stand in the period when the seven last plagues shall be poured out.

I was shown the inhabitants of the earth in the utmost confusion. War, bloodshed, privation, want, famine, and pestilence were abroad in the land. As these things surrounded God's people, they began to press together, and to cast aside their little difficulties. Self-dignity no longer controlled them; deep humility took its place. Suffering, perplexity, and privation caused reason to resume its throne, and the passionate and unreasonable man became sane, and acted with discretion and wisdom.

My attention was then called from the scene. There seemed to be a little time of peace. Once more the inhabitants of the earth were presented before me; and again everything was in the utmost confusion. Strife, war, and bloodshed, with famine and pestilence, raged everywhere. Other nations were engaged in this war and confusion. War caused famine. Want and bloodshed caused pestilence. And then men's hearts failed them for fear, "and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth."

Angels are now restraining the winds of strife, until the world shall be warned of its coming doom; but a storm is gathering, ready to burst upon the earth, and when God shall bid His angels loose the winds, there will be such a scene of strife as no pen can picture. . . .

A moment of respite has been graciously given us of God. Every power lent us of heaven is to be used in doing the work assigned us by the Lord for those who are perishing in ignorance. **Mar 259.**

8. In reality, the final ministration of Jesus in the second apartment of the heavenly sanctuary runs parallels with the events happening on earth during a short time interval located between the blowing of the 6th trumpet and the 7th trumpet;
 - a. This period of time between the 6th and 7th trumpet is described in **Revelation 10** and **11**;
 - b. This time period is short (**Rev 11:14**)
 - c. Again, during this brief interval, there is no trumpet blowing;
 - d. During this short period of time, God is going to accomplish two very amazing things:
 - i. **Finish the mystery of God (Rev 10:7)**

ii. Cause the temple, altar and worshippers to be measured (Rev 11:1-2)