

# SALVATION IN SYMBOLS & SIGNS

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Corresponds to Program 30

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## INTRO TO THE TRUMPETS, PART 1 STUDY GUIDE

### THE SEVENTH SEAL

#### Revelation 8:1-6

To remind us of where we are, the sixth seal was found at the end of Revelation chapter 6. A question was asked, “who will be able to stand?” Chapter seven is inserted to answer that question. It describes the 144,000 or the great multitude which no man can number and declares that they shall “stand” before the “throne” and before the “Lamb” (Revelation 7:4, 9). Now we continue on to the seventh seal.

“When He opened the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven for about half an hour” Revelation 8:1.

We get a picture of Jesus opening the last seal, and there was silence in heaven for a short time. Why is there silence?

The sixth seal introduced the events connected with the second coming of Christ. The seventh seal most naturally, therefore, would refer to that event, since Revelation chapter 7 is an insert and does not belong to the succession of the prophecy. Here is a Biblical picture of the silence that takes place at the second coming:

“Be silent in the presence of the Lord GOD; for the day of the LORD is at hand” Zephaniah 1:7.

“Be silent, all flesh, before the LORD, for He is aroused from His holy habitation!” Zechariah 2:13.

Again we see that Revelation is borrowing language from the rest of the Bible to help us understand the events that are taking place here. When Christ leaves the Holy

habitation of heaven and returns to take us to Him in the air, all flesh will be silent at His presence. The question will be asked, “who shall be able to stand?” (Revelation 6:17). And no one will answer, “Oh I can stand, I’m worthy.” Then there will be a time of awful silence about the literal space of half an hour broken only by the voice of Jesus Christ our Savior who will say, “My grace is sufficient for thee.” 2 Corinthians 12:9. Then the redeemed sealed saints will feel their feet do something they have never done before, rise up above Terra Firma as we meet the Lord in the air to be with Him forever (1 Thessalonians 4:17).

Now we have ended the seven seals and we begin our journey into the seven trumpets in Revelation 8:2.

### THE SEVEN TRUMPETS

“And I saw the seven angels which stood before God; and to them were given seven trumpets” Revelation 8:2.

**Seven = Finished, Complete or Perfect**

“Thus the heavens and the earth, and all the host of them, were finished [completed, Hebrew]. And on the seventh day God ended His work which He had done, and He rested on the seventh day from all His work which He had done” Genesis 2:1-2.

**Trumpets = Messages of Alarm, Battle, Warning of Coming Judgment/Day of Atonement, Voice of Jesus**

“Blow the trumpet in Zion, and sound an alarm in My holy mountain” Joel 2:1. (See also Zephaniah 1:16; Jeremiah 4:5-8; Joshua 6:1-23; Revelation 1:10).

“For if the trumpet makes an uncertain sound, who will prepare for battle?” 1 Corinthians 14:8.



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**REVELATION 8:2**

### KEY SCRIPTURES

**Rev. 8:2** SEVEN ANGELS STAND BEFORE GOD

**Rev. 8:6** SEVEN ANGELS PREPARE TO SOUND

**Zephaniah 1:7** DAY OF THE LORD IS AT HAND

**Leviticus 23:24** MEMORIAL OF BLOWING OF TRUMPETS

“Speak to the children of Israel, saying: ‘In the seventh month, on the first day of the month, you shall have a sabbath-rest, a memorial of blowing of trumpets, a holy convocation’” Leviticus 23:24. (The Day of Atonement followed on the 10th day of this month.)

“Then another angel, having a golden censer, came and stood at the altar. He was given much incense that he should offer it with the prayers of all the saints upon the golden altar which was before the throne. And the smoke of the incense, with the prayers of the saints, ascended before God from the angel’s hand” Revelation 8:3-4.

#### **Altar = Cross**

“We have an altar from which those who serve the tabernacle have no right to eat. For the bodies of those animals, whose blood is brought into the sanctuary by the high priest for sin, are burned outside the camp. Therefore Jesus also, that He might sanctify the people with His own blood, suffered outside the gate” Hebrews 13:10-12.

#### **Incense = Merits of Christ’s Sacrifice**

“And walk in love, as Christ also has loved us and given Himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling aroma” Ephesians 5:2.

**Golden Altar = Holy Place** (Hebrews 9:1-2; Exodus 40:26)

**Golden Censer = Most Holy Place** (Hebrews 9:3-5)

“Then the angel took the censer, filled it with fire from the altar, and threw *it* to the earth. And there were noises, thunderings, lightnings, and an earthquake” Revelation 8:5.

#### **Fire of the Altar = Holy Spirit**

“When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and *one* sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance” Acts 2:1-4 (see also Isaiah 6:6-8).

“I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance, but He who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire” Matthew 3:11.

#### **Voices = Languages**

“And there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men, from every nation under heaven. And when this sound occurred, the multitude came together, and were confused, because everyone heard them speak in his own language.” Acts 2:5-6 (see also Acts 10:46, 19:6; Mark 16:17).

“And when they had prayed, the place where they were assembled together was shaken; and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and they spoke the word of God with boldness” Acts 4:31.

#### **Thunderings = Voice of God/Power**

“Father, glorify Your name. Then a voice came from heaven, saying, ‘I have both glorified it, and will glorify it again.’ Therefore the people who stood by and heard it said that it had thundered. Others said, ‘An angel has spoken to Him’” John 12:28-29.

“Indeed these *are* the mere edges of His ways, and how small a whisper we hear of Him! But the thunder of His power who can understand?” Job 26:14.

“Then he fell to the ground, and heard a voice saying to him, ‘Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me?’” Acts 9:4.

“And **a voice came to him**, ‘Rise, Peter; kill, and eat’...And a voice *spoke* to him again the second time, ‘What God has cleansed you must not call common.’” Acts 10:13, 15.

#### **Lightnings = Angels**

“And the living creatures ran back and forth, in appearance like **a flash of lightning**” Ezekiel 1:14.

“His [angel’s] countenance was **like lightning**, and his clothing as white as snow” Matthew 28:3.

“But at night an **angel of the Lord** opened the prison doors and brought them out, and said, ‘Go, stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this life’” Acts 5:19-20.

“And all who sat in the council, looking steadfastly at him, saw his face as **the face of an angel**” Acts 6:15.

“Now **an angel of the Lord** spoke to Philip, saying, ‘Arise and go toward the south along the road which goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.’ This is desert” Acts 8:26.

“About the ninth hour of the day he saw clearly in a vision **an angel of God** coming in and saying to him, ‘Cornelius!’” Acts 10:3.

“Now behold, an **angel of the Lord** stood by *him*, and a light shone in the prison; and he struck Peter on the side and raised him up, saying, ‘Arise quickly!’ And his chains fell off *his hands*” Acts 12:7.

“Then immediately **an angel of the Lord** struck him, because he did not give glory to God. And he was eaten by worms and died” Acts 12:23.

“For there stood by me this night **an angel of the God** to whom I belong and whom I serve, saying, ‘Do not be afraid, Paul; you must be brought before Caesar; and indeed God has granted you all those who sail with you.’” Acts 27:23-24.

#### **SYMBOLS IDENTIFIED:**

- Seven = Complete or Perfect
- Trumpets = Messages of Alarm, Warning of Coming Judgment/Day of Atonement, Voice of Jesus
- Altar = Cross
- Incense = Merits of Christ’s Sacrifice

- Golden Altar = Holy Place
- Golden Censer = Most Holy Place
- Fire = Holy Spirit
- Voices = Languages
- Thunderings = Voice of God/power
- Lightenings = Angels
- Earthquake = God's Presence and Power

“So the seven angels who had the seven trumpets prepared themselves to sound” Revelation 8:6.

**Summary**—After His resurrection Christ began His mediation in the heavenly sanctuary combining His merits (incense) with believer's prayers. And in answer to the prayers of His disciples for forgiveness and power, the Holy Spirit (fire) was poured out on the earth. Under His influence the disciples spoke in various

languages, preached the cross boldly, (voices) were visited by angels, (lightening) experienced God's voice, power and presence (thunder) and witnessed mighty earthquakes (literal and spiritual) and the gospel shook the world. This prepared the way for the judgments of God on nations continuing to reject the gospel.

**Present Truth (History Repeated)**—Before Jesus returns, the Holy Spirit will be poured out without measure (fire off the altar cast to the earth). God's people go forth with the Holy Spirit's power that surrounds the throne of God (lightning, thunder, voices, and an earthquake (Revelation 11:19; 16:17-18). ★

