

## The Trumpet Judgments (Part 1)

When examining these next series of judgments, each one commences with an \_\_\_\_\_ sounding a trumpet. In some ways, they are similar to the opening of the first four \_\_\_\_\_ judgments. To a greater extent, they do remind of the plagues \_\_\_\_\_ in the book of Exodus (Ex. 7-12). However, these judgments are much more *severe* and their extent is universal. One remarkable thing that is present in each of these judgments is the breadth of devastation. The expression “the \_\_\_\_\_ part” occurs for the first of several times in this section of verses:

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| * the _____ (v. 7)            | * _____ (v. 12)          |
| * the sea (v. 8)              | * stars (v.12)           |
| * creatures of the sea (v. 9) | * _____ (v. 12)          |
| * the _____ (v. 9)            | * night (v. 12)          |
| * the rivers (v. 10)          | * the _____ (9.15)       |
| * the _____ (v. 11)           | * the men again (9.18)   |
| * the _____ (v. 12)           | * the stars again (12.4) |

There will be a drastic amount of destruction that will occur to the global ecological system as well as the vital resources that are needed to sustain life. Just as in the plagues of Egypt where God delivered judgments against her pagan deities, a here He does so against the global \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ and wealth (Rom. 1.25). Yet, even in judgment, God remembers \_\_\_\_\_ (Hab. 3.2)! He could have justly destroyed 100% of His creation, but He did not (Matt. 24.22).

Many commentators (preterist and futurist) of Scripture have attempted to \_\_\_\_\_ these events. Yet, we believe that God used the \_\_\_\_\_ words that he intended. It is better to err in the simplicity of faith in the Word of God, than to \_\_\_\_\_ the most plausible scheme based upon the opinions of man.

**Trumpet Judgment #1** (v. 7)— This judgment commences with two seeming contradictive meteorological events. \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ (mingled with blood) descend to the earth. The result is the damage to a third of the \_\_\_\_\_ and all the green \_\_\_\_\_ is burnt. The 7th plague upon Egypt was “hail and fire mingled with the hail” (Ex. 9.24). It is interesting to note that lightning and hail are derived from the

\_\_\_\_\_ cause: heated air saturated with rising levels of water vapor crashing into a cold current. Additionally, historical accounts have claims of climates in which blood-red precipitation fell— Cicero recorded such to the \_\_\_\_\_ Senate, Captain Ross documented it upon the mountains of the \_\_\_\_\_ Bay (8 miles wide, many feet deep). Other places have noted it as well— \_\_\_\_\_ (Mt. Saint Benard), upon the Pyrenees and in \_\_\_\_\_ ! With this judgment underway, God’s previous prohibition has been \_\_\_\_\_ (7.3).

**Trumpet Judgement #2** (v. 8-9)— The second trumpet sounds and something, *as it were a great mountain*, is cast into the sea. The result is the destruction of the \_\_\_\_\_ part of the sea and the creatures in the sea, and the ships. The 1st plague of Egypt was the turning of the river into blood (Ex. 7.20). This judgment brings about a terrible devastation of the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ in this sea. It is interesting that currently, 30% of all global shipping occurs in just one sea—the \_\_\_\_\_ Sea.

**Trumpet Judgement #3** (v. 10-11)— As the third trumpet sounds, a great \_\_\_\_\_ falls from heaven and brings destructive results to the third part of the \_\_\_\_\_. This star is called “wormwood” which means bitterness. This is one of the punishments \_\_\_\_\_ by Jeremiah that God would send upon His people (Jer. 8.14, 9.15, 23.15, Lam. 3.15). The ultimate result of this judgment is that many men will \_\_\_\_\_. The wormwood of the OT was connected with “\_\_\_\_\_” (Duet. 29.18). It was \_\_\_\_\_ (Prov. 5.4) and \_\_\_\_\_ (Lam. 3.15), and led to \_\_\_\_\_ (Job 20.14).

**Trumpet Judgement #4** (v. 12-13)— The final trumpet judgment of this chapter sounds and a third part of the \_\_\_\_\_ was smitten, along with the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ as well as the reduction of the day and night. The Lord foretold of these wonders and commanded that they be \_\_\_\_\_ for (Luke 21.25, Matt. 24.29). Equally, we read the cries of the \_\_\_\_\_ foretelling of these coming events (Isa. 5.30, Amos 8.9, Ezek. 32.7-8, Joel 2.10, Zeph. 1.14-16).

As this chapter concludes, we have an \_\_\_\_\_ (not eagle—14.6) flying through the midst of the heaven warning the inhabitants of earth of the coming trumpet judgments. The 5th and 6th judgments are introduced as coming “\_\_\_\_\_” judgments. This word is used \_\_\_\_\_ times in scripture and is an expression that is used when there are no words to adequately describe trouble, grief, or \_\_\_\_\_. Though terror comes, God would have them come to \_\_\_\_\_ (II Pet. 3.19)