

“The Second Trumpet”
Revelation 8:8-9

Introduction:

1. Last Week - We Started Looking At:
 - The Seven Trumpet Judgments:
 - That We Find In Revelation 8!
 - So - Let's Turn Back There:
 - In Our Bibles - And Read About:
 - The First Four Trumpets:
 - Once Again!
2. Revelation 8:7-12:
 - “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. / 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; / 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. / 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; / 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. / 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!”
3. Now - There Are A Few Things:
 - That We Need To Keep In Mind:
 - As We Look At:
 - These First Four Trumpet Judgments:
 - Which Are All Connected:
 - Because Of Their Effect On The:
 - The World Of Nature!
 - The Cause Of All These Judgments:
 - Is Ultimately God:
 - Since The Trumpets Are All Sounded:
 - By The Angels Who “Stood Before God” In Heaven! (8:2)
 - The Context Of All These Judgments:
 - Is How God Will Be Bringing His People:
 - Out Of This World:
 - Into A New Jerusalem:
 - Through A New Exodus!
 - And - To Do So:
 - He Will Use New Plagues:
 - That Are Related To:
 - The Old Wonders & Plagues Of Egypt!
 - The Trumpets Are Also All Summarized:
 - When The Angel That We Meet Earlier:
 - In 8:3-5 - Takes A Golden Censer:
 - Filled With Fire - And Throws It:
 - “Into The Earth!”
 - And So - The Fire Of Heaven:
 - Is A Significant Source:
 - Of The Devastation On Earth:
 - That We Just Read About!
 - And - Once Again - God's Concern:
 - In All Of These Judgments:
 - Is The Idolatry Of Man:
 - Just Like It Was When He Dealt With Pharaoh & The Egyptians:
 - In The Old Testament!
4. Well - I Believe That:
 - The Trumpet Judgments:

- Will All Take Place:
 - Sometime Between:
 - What Goes On In The Fifth & Sixth Seals:
 - Of The Scroll That Is In:
 - The Hand Of Jesus!
- And So - To Get The World's Attention:
 - We Already Looked At:
 - The First Trumpet Judgment:
 - Found In 8:7!
 - But - After Some Indefinite Period Of Time:
 - Jesus Then Reveals To John:

2. *The Second Trumpet Judgment:*

- In 8:8-9 - Where Again We Read:
 - "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; / 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!"
- Now - Just Like We Saw:
 - From The First Trumpet Judgment:
 - Here We Find:
 - The Components:
 - Of God's Judgment! And:
 - The Consequence:
 - Of God's Judgment! All On The Basis Of:
 - The Call:
 - Of God's Judgment!
 - So - As We Did With The First Trumpet:
 - Let's Look First At:

A. *The Components Of The Judgment:*

- Which - This Time Is Described:
 - 8:8 - "As It Were A Great Mountain Burning With Fire!"
 - So - Here We Find:
 - Two Components / Elements Of Judgment!
- The Element Of Fire:
 - Is Something That We Saw Already:
 - In The First Trumpet Judgment!
 - And So - Much Of What We Said About The Fire There:
 - Applies Here!
 - Fire Is Something That God Has Used:
 - Time & Again To Bring:
 - Judgment On The Ungodly!
 - Not Only Because Of:
 - Its Devastating Effects!
 - But Also Because Of:
 - The Ties It Has With The Eternal Judgment Of Hell - And:
 - The "Lake Of Fire!" (19:20)
 - But - Once Again:
 - Because Of Its Connection With:
 - The Fire Of God's Heavenly Altar:
 - We Know That It Is Completely Under God's Control!
 - But - Here - John Sees:
 - Something "Burning With Fire!"
 - **IE:** Just Like We Might See Something On Fire & Completely Engulfed By That Fire!
 - And What Does He See?
- The Second Element Of This Judgment:
 - Which Is - "As It Were A Great Mountain!"
 - Now - Notice - John Does Not Simply Say:

- "A Great Mountain!"
- But Something:
 - As - Or - Like "A Great Mountain!"
- So - From His Perspective:
 - Whatever Was On Fire - And:
 - Was Hurlled Down From Heaven To Earth - Resembled:
 - "A Great Mountain!"
- Now - Whenever You Come To:
 - Words Of Comparison In The Book Of Revelation:
 - Such As - "Like" - Or Here - "As!"
 - It Usually Means That:
 - There Is Something More Going On:
 - In The Text Then Just A Literal Description Of Something!
 - And So - Whenever You Find These Words:
 - Its Worth Taking A Pause In Your Reading To Think About:
 - Not Just What Is Said, But What May Be Meant By What Is Described!
 - These Words Of Comparison:
 - Usually Indicate That There Is Some:
 - Symbolic Understanding:
 - To What Is Being Seen & Explained By John!
- And That Is The Case Here!
 - Because - Back In The Old Testament Book:
 - Of Jeremiah - Which Was Written:
 - Around The Time Of The Fall Of Judah & Jerusalem To:
 - The Babylonian Empire!
 - God Often Gives Him:
 - Visions Of Hope:
 - As To What He Will Eventually Do To Babylon Itself!
 - And So - In Jeremiah 51:
 - Which Is Referred To Other Times In Revelation As Well:
 - When Babylon Is Finally Destroyed - God Describes It In Terms Of A Mountain!
 - In 51:25 - God Calls Babylon:
 - A "Destroying Mountain!"
 - "Behold, I am against thee, O destroying mountain, saith the LORD, which destroyest all the earth!"
 - But - What Will God Do To Babylon?
 - In The Same Verse - He Says:
 - "I will stretch out mine hand upon thee, and roll thee down from the rocks, and will make thee a burnt mountain!"
 - Of Course - What God Says About:
 - Babylon - He Says In A Very Vivid & Symbolic Way!
 - All To Describe Babylon's Fall!
- So - There Are Some Who Will:
 - Apply Here In Revelation:
 - What We Find In Jeremiah!
 - So That - This "Great Mountain" Refers To:
 - The Fall Of Some Great Power As Well!
 - Whether It Stands For:
 - A King Or His Kingdom!
 - One Interpreter Suggests That: (Beale)
 - What John Saw Was Not So Much:
 - A Judgment On The World - But:
 - A Judgment Of An Evil Kingdom:
 - In This World!
- And - Though There May Still Be Some Truth To This:
 - Under This Trumpet Judgment:
 - John Still Says That He Saw Something:

- “As A Great Mountain Burning With Fire!”
- So - It Only Resembled:
 - A Great Mountain!
 - It Was Not A Great Mountain!
 - As If It Was Something:
 - Plucked Off The Earth:
 - And Then Cast Back Down To Earth!
- So - Once Again - I Wonder If:
 - Along With Some Real Symbolism & Significance:
 - God Also Intended For There:
 - To Be Some Kind Of Natural Disaster:
 - Related To What John Saw?
 - After All - There Certainly Have Been:
 - Burning Objects Flying:
 - From Space - Into Our Atmosphere:
 - And Even - On Occasion - Landing On The Earth!
 - Every Single Day - There Are Meteors:
 - That Enter The Earth’s Atmosphere!
 - Most Of Them Are Small:
 - And Burn Up Fairly Quickly!
 - According To Scientists:
 - Many Of Them Are Even:
 - The Size Of A Grain Of Sand!
 - And - When A Bunch Of Them Can Be Seen:
 - At One Time - They Are Called:
 - Meteor Showers!
 - But - We Also Know From Astronomy:
 - That There Are Much Larger Meteors:
 - And Asteroids That Are Part Of Our Solar System!
 - And - Every Once In A While:
 - We Are Alerted To Some “Close Calls” When They Travel:
 - Closer To The Earth Than Before!
 - But - Up Until Now - They Have All Still:
 - Been A Comfortable Distance Away!
 - Could This Be A Natural Counterpart:
 - To The Supernatural Vision Of Judgment:
 - That John Saw Here?
 - Though We Can’t Be Certain:
 - It May Be That This:
 - Is What God Might Use To:
 - Effect The Judgment Of The Second Trumpet!
 - But - At The Same Time:
 - It Can Also Be A Symbolic Warning Of:
 - What God Is Going To Do:
 - To The Entire World:
 - If They Don’t Repent!
 - After All - The World Against God:
 - Possesses The Same Spirit Of:
 - The Old Sodom & Egypt & Babylon - As We Have Seen!
 - And Even Though:
 - The Evil Spirit Of The World System:
 - Can Manifest Itself In Different Cities & Civilizations Over Time
 - Yet - When It Will Be Finally Declared:
 - In Revelation - That:
 - “Babylon Is Fallen!”
 - The Whole World:
 - Will Fall With It!
 - But - This Then Leads Us To:

B. *The Consequences Of The Judgment:*

- Of The Second Trumpet:
 - Even After It Is:
 - “Cast Into The Sea!”
 - So - Just Like We Learned About “The Earth” In 8:7:
 - This Probably Refers To:
 - One Vast But Single Area:
 - In The Oceans Of The World!
 - However - There Are Some:
 - Who Think That This Might Refer To:
 - A Particular “Sea” - Since It Has The Article With It:
 - “The Sea!”
 - So - For Them - It Would Be:
 - The Mediterranean Sea:
 - Which John & His Audience Would Have Been Most Familiar!
 - But - Because Of The Global & Universal Nature:
 - Of So Much Of What We Have Already Seen:
 - In Revelation - I Think Its Better:
 - To See It As Referring To:
 - “The Sea” Of God’s Created World!
 - All Of The Oceans:
 - Cover A Surface Area Of About:
 - 140 Million Square Miles!
 - Which Is About:
 - 71% Of The Entire Globe:
 - Covered By Water!
 - But - When This Fiery Object:
 - Is Cast - Powerfully & Violently:
 - Into The Sea - What Happens?
- 8:8 - “The Third Part Of The Sea Became Blood!”
 - So - Once Again - We Find This Fraction:
 - That Is Associated With The Trumpet Judgments!
 - This Time - It Probably Indicates That:
 - The Fiery Object - Though Large Like A Mountain:
 - Affects 1/3 Part Of The Ocean Waters!
 - This Does Not Mean That:
 - The Object Is The Size Of:
 - A Third Part Of The Sea!
 - But That - It Is Large Enough:
 - To Affect A Third Part Of The Sea!
 - But - When It Comes To Our Oceans:
 - 1/3 Part Of Them Would Be Close To 47 Million Square Miles!
 - Of The Five Oceans - The Three Largest:
 - Are The Pacific, Atlantic & Indian!
 - The Pacific Covers Around:
 - 60 Million Square Miles!
 - The Atlantic Covers Around:
 - 30 Million Square Miles! And:
 - The Indian Covers Around:
 - 27 Square Miles!
 - So - When It Comes To The Devastation:
 - Of This Judgment - We Need To Think In Terms Of:
 - Something Between The Sizes Of The Atlantic & Pacific Oceans!
 - And - That Part Of The Sea:
 - In John’s Vision:
 - “Became Blood!”
 - Which - Again Represents:
 - Blood-Shed & Significant:
 - Loss Of Life!

- Now - There Are Some Who Think:
 - This Just Refers To:
 - The Color Of Blood!
- While - Others Think:
 - It Refers To:
 - The Entire Content Of The Oceans Turning Into Blood!
 - As In The Plague That God Brought Upon Egypt In The First Plague!
 - And - Though God Can Certainly Do This Again!
- It May Also Refer To:
 - An Extreme Amount Of Blood:
 - Saturating The Waters - Because Of All The Life That Is Lost!
 - Which Is Then Mentioned In:
- 8:9 - “And the Third Part Of The Creatures Which Were In The Sea, And Had Life, Died!”
 - So - All The Sea-Life That Lived In:
 - The “Impact Zone” Of The Fiery Object:
 - Are Killed - And Their Blood:
 - Permeates The Waters Of That Part Of The Oceans!
 - Now - This Is Significant:
 - Because How Much Of Our Food:
 - Comes From The Oceans?
 - And - If A Third Is Wiped Out:
 - What Kind Of Affect Would This Have:
 - On Mankind?
 - Very Significant!
 - But - Even Though We Know:
 - That Everything That We Have Read So Far:
 - Would Certainly Affect People!
 - We Only Read About:
 - Their Direct Impact:
 - In The Rest Of:
- 8:9 - “And The Third Part Of The Ships Were Destroyed!”
 - Which Were Likely Also:
 - In & Around The “Impact Zone” Of:
 - The Fiery Object That Falls From The Sky & Into The Sea!
 - Now - If These Judgments Describe:
 - Future Events - Which I Think They Do:
 - Even Though We Don’t Know When:
 - They Will Happen:
 - We Can Still Look At Them Through Our Lenses!
 - So - Even Today:
 - There Are Around 58,000 Ocean-Going Ships:
 - That Make Up The “World Merchant Fleet!”
 - With Cargo Ships Making Up About 1/3 Of Those Vessels!
 - So - If A Third Part Of Today’s Ships:
 - Were To Be Destroyed:
 - That Would Be Over 19,000 Ships, Along With Their Captains & Crews!
 - So - There Would Be A Significant Loss:
 - Not Only Of Life - But Also:
 - Of Cargo!
 - But - I Wonder What The World:
 - Would Miss More?
 - Actually - We Don’t Have To Wonder!
 - Because Later - When Babylon Falls:
 - All People Care About Is:
 - Their “Stuff!”
 - Starting In 18:11 - “And the merchants of the earth shall weep and mourn over her; for no man buyeth their merchandise any more: / The merchandise of gold, and silver, and precious stones, and of pearls, and fine linen, and purple, and silk, and scarlet, and all thyine wood, and all manner vessels of ivory, and all manner vessels of most precious wood, and of brass, and iron, and marble,

- / And cinnamon, and odours, and ointments, and frankincense, and wine, and oil, and fine flour, and wheat, and beasts, and sheep, and horses, and chariots, and slaves, and souls of men!”
- So - If Just A Single Ship:
 - Can Affect World Commerce & Shipping:
 - When It Gets Stuck In:
 - The Suez Canal!
 - Like In 2023!
 - Imagine What This Will Do:
 - To The World!
- Now - Just Like The First Trumpet:
 - Some See In These Verses:
 - That The Sea & The Sea-Creatures:
 - As Well As The Ships:
 - As Just Symbolic Descriptions Of Those Who Will Be Impacted:
 - When The “Great Mountain” Kingdom Of The World Is Defeated By God!
 - So - For Some:
 - The Sea Would Represent:
 - The Nations Of The World!
 - The Sea-Creatures Would Represent:
 - The People Of The World! And:
 - The Ships Would Represent:
 - The Commerce Of The World!
 - And So - They Would See:
 - In This Judgment:
 - God Progressively Taking Away:
 - The Order Of A Significant Part Of The World:
 - To Leave Them With Noone & Nothing Else:
 - To Rely On!
 - But They Will Still:
 - Refuse To Repent & Return:
 - To The Lord!
 - But - Even If This Judgment Refers To:
 - A Literal & Natural Event:
 - It Can Still Teach The Same Lesson:
 - As The Plagues Did To Egypt!
 - Even The Plague:
 - Of Turning Their Water:
 - Into Blood!
- And So - As One Pastor Suggests (Dr. Jim Hamilton):
 - When You Read About This Second Trumpet Judgment:
 - Imagine The Smoke & Steam:
 - Rising Up From The Waters:
 - Of The Impact Zone!
 - And The Waves & Tsunamis:
 - That Will Be Felt Hundreds & Thousands Of Miles Away!
 - And All The Stench & Filth:
 - That Will Cause Even More Disease & Death:
 - From The Rotting Corpses Of Both Men & Animals:
 - Floating In An Ocean-Sized Cesspool Of Their Own Blood!
 - What A Complete & Devastating Impact:
 - This Will Have On This World!
 - But - What Will Their Response Be?
 - By And Large - It Will Be The Same Response When:
 - God Plagued Egypt By Turning Their Water Into Blood & Killing All Of The Creatures Of Their Sea, The Nile!
 - Their Hearts Were Hardened!
 - And Yet - We Still Find Here In These Two Verses:

C. *The Call Of The Judgment:*

- When “The Second Angel Sounded” - Or:
 - Trumpeted His Trumpet!
 - Its Still A Call Of Mercy & Warning:
 - To Those Who Live In:
 - The Rest Of The Earth!
- To Give Them Even:
 - More Time & Space:
 - To Repent!

Conclusion:

1. So - Once Again - Even Though:
 - The Object “Like A Great Mountain Burning With Fire” Came:
 - Directly From Heaven:
 - In John’s Vision!
 - There Still May Be:
 - A Natural Counterpart:
 - To It - Which Will Lead To:
 - Even More Devastation In The Sea!
2. But - We Can Also Find In This:
 - An Act Of Mercy!
 - Still - Only One-Third!
 - And Even Then:
 - Its Possible - With The Influx:
 - Of Fresh-Water - As Well As:
 - The Currents Of The Ocean:
 - The Waters May Start To Recover From Their Bloody Condition!
3. But - If This Is The Case:
 - It Will Just Give The World Another Reason:
 - To Explain God’s Judgment:
 - As Just Another Natural Disaster:
 - That They Will Be Able To Get Over:
 - Given Enough Time!
 - But - God Will Continue:
 - To Have His Trumpets Sound!
 - And - We Will Look At
 - The Third One Next Time!

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