

THE SECOND, THIRD AND FOURTH TRUMPETS
REV. 8:8-13

Introduction:

- A. The seventh seal of judgment consists of seven trumpets.
 - 1. They are further judgments on the earth.
 - 2. They fulfill some N.T. and some O.T. prophecy.

- B. This is the time of God's judgment.
 - 1. God has sent many messages and messengers.
 - 2. Last of all He sent His Son, to Israel.
 - 3. The church is His witnessing agent now.

- C. We have read of the first trumpet.
 - 1. Hail, Fire, Mingled with Blood.
 - 2. 1/3 of the trees and, "all green grass."

I. THE SECOND TRUMPET SOUNDS. V8-9

- A. "And the second angel sounded, and as it were a great mountain burning with fire was cast into the sea."
 - 1. mountain = honoros = anything rising, a mountain, hill, height, chain of hills.
 - 2. burning = kaio - to be lighted, to burn.
 - 3. cast = ballo - to throw or hit.

- B. "and the third part of the sea became blood."
 - 1. sea = thalassa - a sea, the sea.
 - 2. blood = haima = blood.
 - 3. This probably means one sea, "the sea," turns as red as blood because of the huge missile from above being hurled into it.

- C. "and the third part of the creatures which were in the sea, and had life, died;"
 - 1. creatures = ktisea - the thing created.
 - 2. life = zoe = to breathe the breathe of life.

3. died = apothnesko - to die out, expire.

D. "and the third part of ships were destroyed."

1. ships = ploion = a floating vessel, a ship for merchandise or transport.

2. destroyed = diaphtheiro = to corrupt completely, to decay wholly, to decay and perish.

II. THE THIRD TRUMPET SOUNDS. V10-11

A. "And the third angel sounded, and there fell a great star from heaven, burning as it were a lamp."

1. star = aster = a star, a single star, spoken of fixed stars, planets, or meteors.

2. burning = to be lighted, to burn.

3. lamp = lampas - a torch fed from a little vessel constructed for the purpose.

a. Matt. 25:4, "But the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps." lampas.

b. This star fell and burned for a period of time, longer than a "falling" star, as though it was fed by a source outside of itself.

B. "and it fell upon the third part of the rivers, and upon the fountains of water."

1. fell = pipto - to fall, as from a higher to lower.

2. The mountain was "cast," this star "fell!"

3. rivers = potamos = a river, a stream.

4. fountains = pege = a spring, a well.

C. "And the name of the star is called wormwood; and the third part of the waters became wormwood."

1. name = onoma = the name by which a person or thing is called.

2. wormwood = apsinthos - It is called wormwood after the strong bitter taste of the plant of that name, specie = artemisia absinthium.

3. The star comes to be called wormwood because a third of all the fresh water on earth becomes noxious and bitter because of its fall.
- D. "and many men died of the waters; because they were made bitter."
1. men = anthropon.
 2. many = polus = much.
 3. died = apothnesko - to die out, to expire.
 4. bitter = pikraino = to make sharp, keen, or bitter to the taste.
 5. We have no reason to believe this is Haley's Comet.

III. THE FOURTH TRUMPET SOUNDS. V12

- A. "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."
1. third part = to triton = the triton.
 2. sun = helios = the sun.
 3. smitten = plesso = to strike, especially of a direct blow.
 4. moon = selne = the moon.
 5. stars = aster = stars.
- B. "so as the third part of them was darkened, and the day shone not for a third part of it, and the night likewise"
1. darkened = skotizo - to make dark, to deprive of light.
 2. A third of the stars went out or shined with only a part two thirds of their strength.
 3. The sun was darkened by one third.
 4. And of course the moon's brightness would be diminished by one third.
 5. The earth would begin to grow colder!
 6. The irony of Rev. 16:8-9.
 7. Isaiah 13:6-11.

IV. THE WARNING OF GOD. V13

A. "And I beheld, and heard an angel flying through the midst of heaven."

1. beheld = eidon = to see, is used of bodily sight
2. heard = akouo - to perceive with the ears.
3. angel = aetos = eagle, or vulture.
4. flying = petomai = to spread the wings to fly.
5. midst = mesouranema - the midst of the heaven.

B. "saying with a loud voice, Woe, Woe, Woe, to the inhabitants of the earth by reason of the other voices of the trumpet of the angels, which are yet to sound."

1. Woe = ouai = a cry expressing grief.
2. inhabitants = katoikeo = to dwell in.
3. reason = ek = out of = the source or occasion.
4. There are three more trumpets to sound.