

Bereans Bible Institute

Module XI – Revelation

Lesson 22 – Revelation 8:2-13

I. The Seven Seals

- A. Seals 1-4 cover first half of WEEK (cf. Olivet Discourse, wars, famines, etc)
- B. Seal 5 – intense persecution after “Abomination of Desolation” (Matt. 24:15), which is mid-point (Dan. 12:1-3,9-13).
- C. Seal 6 – Second Coming (Armageddon)
 - 1. Recap Interlude – sealing the 144,000
- D. Seal 7 – Kingdom arrived

II. Rev. 8:1 the silence in heaven for ½ hour symbolizes that the non-stop, day and night, worship described in Rev. 4-5 has ceased in heaven.

- A. Battle of Armageddon occurs at 6th seal because:
 - 1. Cosmic signs are the same (Isa. 11; Joel. 3 & Matt. 24:29-31)

III. The Seven Trumpets follow same pattern

- A. Trumpets 1-4 cover the first half of the Week (before AoD) (Chapter 8)
- B. Trumpet 5-6 (Chapter 9)
 - 1. Recap Interlude – 7 thunders & 2 Witnesses (Chapters 10-11:13)
- C. Trumpet 7 – The Kingdom arrives (Chapter 11:14-18)

IV. The SEVEN Trumpets

- A. Intro: Vss. 2-6
 - 1. Seven Messengers
 - 2. An 8th messenger
 - a. offers incense on the golden altar, the “prayers of all the saints” on earth in tribulation (Luke 21:36). Cf. Rev. 15 7 Bowls & saints
 - b. v. 5 threw coals of fire onto the Land – judgment
- B. Trumpet #1 (v. 7) hail, fire, blood (Exodus 9:23-26; Psalm 18:12-13) – 1/3 vegetation burned.
- C. Trumpet #2 (v. 8-9) asteroid/comet strikes Med. Sea & 1/3 becomes blood (Exodus 7:17-21), 1/3 of sea-creatures killed & 1/3 of ships destroyed
- D. Trumpet #3 (v. 10-11) another asteroid/comet strikes fresh water supply. “Wormwood” was a highly toxic plant from which the ancients made insecticides. It derives its name from the practice of brewing the leaves in a tea, for people and animals as a worming medicine.
- E. Trumpet #4 (v. 12) darkness (Ex. 10:21-23)
- F. The THREE WOES remaining (Trumpets 5,6,7), Great Tribulation. (The first 4 Trumpets cover first half, affect man’s environment, but the last 3 Trumpets (woes) affect God’s enemies directly.