
REVELATION, CHAPTER 8

1. What happened in heaven when the 7th seal was opened? _____

2. How long did it last? _____ * This reveals more about the soberness of what is about to happen on earth in the end of the last days than any other verse in Scripture. Jesus, the Beginning - the Alpha - who formed Adam from the dust of the ground and placed him in his beautiful new home, is now the Ending - the Omega - who has opened the seal that will culminate in the end of this present earth.

God did all He could do for His creation. He gave them laws that would give them peace. He gave them redemption through blood sacrifices so they could be forgiven their trespasses. He sent prophets, judgments, and finally His own Son to salvage a few from man's mad path to self-destruction. Out of the multitudes who chose the broad path of rebellion and sin, He saved all who followed Him by His own precious blood.

Jesus calls to people to follow Him.

The Holy Spirit woos people to God's precious Lamb.

The Father has called people to Himself over and over again through apostles, prophets, evangelists, teachers, and pastors.

He has inspired and preserved His Word to make the way of salvation plain. We have seen that a remnant of Israelites are saved. We have viewed a great multitude who have been clothed in robes made white in the blood of the Lamb.

Now it is all coming to a final close and heaven itself, the place of unceasing praise and worship, becomes instantly silent. Its silence speaks volumes to us. Earth continues its noisy revelry of rebellion, blasphemy, and pleasure, but heaven knows what is about to take place.

When the last trumpet sounds, there will be time no longer (Revelation 10:5-7).

The day of salvation and the offer of God's amazing grace will be ended.

Heaven knows the wails that will soon be echoing from the earth.

Man's cries are found in Jeremiah 8:20 and Revelation 1:7-8 + 6:14-17.

Man often has "a moment of silence". Heaven has a half hour of silence before the trumpets blow that bring earth to its end. Every other Scripture shows us heaven ringing with a beautiful blend of multitudes of God's creatures joining the redeemed in singing, worship, the playing of harps, and praise. Revelation 8:1 stands alone. This verse is the only one that describes heaven as silent.

3. Who were standing before God? _____

4. What were they given? _____

5. Where did another angel come and stand? _____

6. What did he have? _____ * This is a vase or pan in which incense is burned; a kind of chafing-dish that is covered by a dome.

7. What was given to him? _____

8. What was he to do with it? _____

9. What was with this offering? _____

* See Psalms 141:2. Your prayers, Saint of God, may not be taken seriously by others, but each one is special to God! Are you praying? Your prayers are included in this beautiful offering to God! See II Chronicles 30:27.

10. Describe the altar where this offering is presented. _____