

Revelation: The Time is Near

Silence in Heaven

Revelation 8

Just to give you an idea of the times we live in, the path we're on, here's a bit of news I read this morning while eating breakfast:

YouTube Censored conservative commentator's year and half old interview with an author Michael Knowles for "HATE SPEECH" because they discussed how transgenderism impacts the children who transition. That men are not women and women are not men.

*YouTube removed an entire episode of the Candace Owens show because we said that men are not women, and women are not men. I honestly cannot even believe how absolutely **** woke you have to be to believe basic truth to be "hate speech," said Owens on Twitter.*

Do you think this is going to stop? Do you realize that what they are censoring as hate is basic biology? Do you realize that the Bible is at odds for this and it's only going to take a quick lane change from twitter to maybe the podcast that this is on?

Facial recognition, electronic payments, your online records, voice transcription - all amazing technology, is and will be used even more to silence anyone speaking the truth. Either directly, or by ostracizing anyone who doesn't fall in line. Wait until the whole world is aligned to one man being god as their cause, not just their political ideology or sexual leaning...

Revelation:

- John on Patmos, revealed Jesus in glory
- The end of the world (as we know it) - The Great Tribulation
- Judgment on the nations and those who follow satan
- It's clear who they're following
- A last ditch effort to get the world to repent
- As bad as this is, hell is worse. This is 7 years, hell is forever.
- Hell on earth - literally. Satan's kingdom in full force and God's wrath released on earth.

Previously:

- 1st four seals broken
- Four horsemen:
 - 1 - white horse, rider bow and crown
 - 2 - fiery red horse, rider large sword
 - 3 - black horse, pair of scales
 - 4 - pale green, corpse color
- Fifth seal: martyrs slain for the word of God and their testimony - white robe, wait a little while longer until the number is complete

Sixth seal: signs in heaven: great earthquake, sun like sackcloth, moon like blood, stars of heaven fall, sky recedes like scroll

- Everyone hides but doesn't repent...they want the mountains to fall on them instead. Death won't save them.

8:1-6

The Seventh Seal

Silence in heaven for about ½ an hour

Do you think there's ever silence in heaven? The place where worship of God goes on continually?

And yet there's something very significant heavenly about this seal that the whole place would go silent. In awe. In reverence. **War is about to break out.**

The first set unleashed was in a sense God allowing man and Satan to have their will. Indirect spiritual battle, so to speak. Consequences to a fully unleashed evil will taking over.

Now, God is directly firing a salvo from heaven.

The seals are off, the scroll that "no one in heaven, on the earth or under the earth could open" can now be opened by the One who is worthy.

Again, there is only one who is worthy to unleash the wrath of God on anyone...and that is the one who received the wrath of God on him for the sin of the world.

Guzik Commentary:

According to Jewish tradition, there are seven angels who stand in God's presence. Apparently, based on this verse, that traditional idea was accurate.

The very angels who stand before God. Right there in front of him, are given the trumpets.

As this is going on, another angel comes with incense

[Eph 5:2 NKJV] 2 And walk in love, as Christ also has loved us and given Himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling aroma.

[Phi 4:18 NKJV] 18 Indeed I have all and abound. I am full, having received from Epaphroditus the things [sent] from you, a sweet-smelling aroma, an acceptable sacrifice, well pleasing to God.

[2Co 2:15-16 NKJV] 15 For we are to God the fragrance of Christ among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing. 16 To the one [we are] the aroma of death [leading] to death, and to the other the aroma of life [leading] to life. And who [is] sufficient for these things?

That our prayers and suffering for Jesus smell good to God. As we're on the altar, what sort of smell are we giving off?

(burning trash? Cinnamon buns in the oven around Christmastime?)

Interesting that the prayers of the saints are mixed in here. From all time? From the martyrs?

If you think your prayers aren't being answered now, know that they will be in God's time. They may just come to fruition in the final battle. Take part in prayer now.

Old WW2 victory garden posters

The angel threw it to the earth. The walls between the spiritual realm and the physical realm are being eroded. Literal connection between heaven and earth. Reality being revealed.

Earthly actions have eternal consequences. Heavenly decrees directly impacting earth.

"Your will be done...on earth as it is in heaven."

Noises, thunderings, lightning and an earthquake.

What are those noises?

Noise from earthquakes at time. People have noticed (and videod) strange sounds in clear skies.

These aren't necessarily them, but the world is getting weirder the closer we get to the final battle.

:6 the seven angels who had seven trumpets prepared themselves to sound

Can you imagine these angelic beings preparing themselves in heaven? Lining up, stretching out, bringing the trumpets up to their mouths. The look of this. Heaven silent in awe. The world is literally being rocked by God kicking off his wrath with a bowl of what's most precious to him being hurled at the earth.

8:7

The First Trumpet

Hail and fire mingled with blood.

Literally hail (large ice stones) and fire coming down from heaven. Not lightning, because we just saw that. And blood.

Very reminiscent of the picture of the 10 plagues on Egypt.

A world dictator ruling and enslaving God's people, his will against God's thinking himself to be god.

I mean, what do you think when hail and fire and blood come down? This isn't natural phenomena. It's clearly spiritually induced.

[Rom 1:20-21 NKJV] 20 For since the creation of the world His invisible [attributes] are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, [even] His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse, 21 because, although they knew God, they did not glorify [Him] as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened.

What happens?

- 1/3 of the trees burned up. Wildfires. Of course, fire raining down. Not to mention the blood everywhere. You know that means smoke everywhere. People panicking this past year or so with Australia and our western fires.
- All the green grass. This isn't just localized. Maybe the trees were too wet in some parts of the world, but all the grass. Every lawn. Every prairie. Worldwide. Can you imagine?

It's not over yet, not even close.

As a guy, I just love this. Finally seeing justice being meted out on the earth. Seeing God unleash his full wrath against evil (although really the cross was that). It's this deep satisfaction on one hand, like seeing the good guys finally win or get the bad guy in a movie, or in a war...but heavenly and pure and holy and awe inspiring.

But then there's a grief mixed in...like with the flood...God was grieved. There is a pleasure in seeing enemies defeated, but there is a grief in knowing that it didn't have to be this way.

8:8-9

The second angel sounded

Something LIKE a great mountain burning with fire thrown into the sea
Asteroid

But, I have a feeling this is more than an asteroid...because a 1/3 of the sea turns to blood.

There's got to be something with the 1/3 thing going on. Maybe to do with the trinity? I don't know.

Guzik Commentary

The sea may be a specific reference to the Mediterranean and not a reference to all oceans. In the world of the Apostle John, the Mediterranean Sea was the sea and they really had little knowledge of other oceans.

Either the blood is from this phenomena directly or from the blood of all the creatures that died. I feel that it's from the phenomena directly. This isn't just any asteroid. This is a flaming heavenly mountain. God's kingdom destroying the earthly kingdom. And God did that with blood.

There are certainly practical effects from it (creatures dying, ships destroyed).

I think however, that is is more worldwide. I don't think it's a limited event, just like the flood wasn't a limited event.

8:10-11

Third Angel Sounds

A great star fell from heaven, burning like a torch
 Asteroid, comet
 Meteor showers with green plumes in the summer
 Videos of meteorites crashing on earth, very brite. Night turns to day. Based on the materials inside burning up from the intense friction in the atmosphere.

Third of the rivers and springs of water.
 Seas were struck before, now the fresh water SOURCES.
 Springs come from WITHIN the earth.
 Underground water sources, the water table, the ground leeching in...polluted.

The name of the star is Wormwood - apsinthion, bitterness

Now I don't know how true it is, but many years ago before coming to the Lord, there was this weird techno song I listened to that had some sound sample in it talking about this verse and Chernobyl meaning Wormwood. I can't vouche for it.

But the connection here is intriguing. Something turning the fresh water bitter (pools at Meribah, had to throw a tree in to make good to drink, was bitter)

Radiation, pollution from an extraterrestrial source.

Many died from the water. Directly from drinking it and from not having fresh water. Now could they tell it was bitter? Was the only proof them dying from it? Was there a test? Could you use a geiger counter or ph strip or something? I don't know. But having $\frac{1}{3}$ less fresh water on earth when

However, of all the water on Earth, more than 99 percent of Earth's water is unusable by humans and many other living things - only about 0.3 percent of our fresh water is found in the surface water of lakes, rivers and swamps.

<https://www.nationalgeographic.org/media/earths-fresh-water/>

Now the earth is down to .1 percent usable water.

No grass left.

Smoke in the skies (less clean air)

66% trees left (less oxygen)

66% ocean life (less oxygen)

Polluted water from the star.

Also, as a comparison...Satan described as a star falling from heaven in scripture. Has he not polluted the drinking of the Water of the WOrd, distorting it for Eve and anyone else who doesn't listen to the Holy Spirit? God is I'm sure using this final event as a spiritual picture in earthly events. Wrath for their actions and drinking from polluted spiritual wells.

8:12-13

Fourth Angel sounds, 4:7 trumpets

Third of the sun

Third of the moon

Third of the stars

Does the sun lose $\frac{1}{3}$ of it's power? Possibly

The moon reflects what the sun gives, so that's related

Third of the stars

Well, we do know that a $\frac{1}{3}$ of the angels fell from heaven with Satan when he rebelled.

Again, similar to what's going on the third trumpet.

Again, eternity and time linking up.

Could it be an effect of the earlier trumpets? The smoke in the sky blotting out $\frac{1}{3}$ of the light? Sure. But I also wouldn't discount them actually losing power, turning off so-to-speak.

Remember, God put the sun, moon and stars in the sky to be for times and seasons. And God is shutting them off to let them know the times and seasons are coming to an end.

The eclipse a few years back

Very eerie, the day just got dimmer.

Here's probably the most interesting part of this trumpet

The angel flying through the skies. Heaven directly, earth's atmosphere?

I think God is heralding and warning the earth. The church and holy spirit aren't there to warn people, God is actually warning them if this is happening on earth.

Otherwise, the angel is making sure all know things are about to get far worse.

Guzik

The ancient Greek words for angel and eagle are very close in spelling. Some ancient versions say that it is an eagle flying through the midst of heaven, making this cry.

A tough time to stop. Things are ramping up. But I think, just as there was a pause in heaven, silence for ½ an hour. We too should take a pause and consider this.

Like the psalmist who says "Selah"

To stop and consider this judgment. The amount of it. To silently think about it this week ourselves.

What it means for earth.

For the future.

For us.

For now.

The seriousness of sin, judgment, the cross, and rebellion.

That God is ABSOLUTELY holy. And there is none worthy, none like Him, in Heaven, on the earth or under the earth.