

Revelation 8

7 Trumpets (First Four)

Becoming Closer

The Golden Censer

(Rev 8:1-6 NIV) When he opened the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven for about half an hour. (2) And I saw the seven angels who stand before God, and to them were given seven trumpets. (3) Another angel, who had a golden censer, came and stood at the altar. He was given much incense to offer, with the prayers of all the saints, on the golden altar before the throne. (4) The smoke of the incense, together with the prayers of the saints, went up before God from the angel's hand. (5) Then the angel took the censer, filled it with fire from the altar, and hurled it on the earth; and there came peals of thunder, rumblings, flashes of lightning and an earthquake. (6) Then the seven angels who had the seven trumpets prepared to sound them.

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The Golden Censer



- "Another angel"
- Incense
- Fire
- "thunder, rumblings..."
- Silence

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The First Trumpet

(Rev 8:7 NIV) The first angel sounded his trumpet, and there came hail and fire mixed with blood, and it was hurled down upon the earth. A third of the earth was burned up, a third of the trees were burned up, and all the green grass was burned up.

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Hail and Fire, mixed with Blood

- Trumpet - call to war
- Symbols of divine wrath
 - Plagues of Egypt
 - Isaiah 10:17
- Trees: great men?
- Lindsey: ICBMs
- Alaric the Goth



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Gothic Invasion



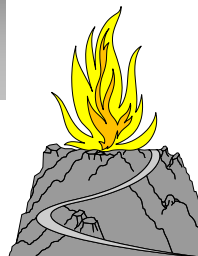
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The Second Trumpet

(Rev 8:8-9 NIV) *The second angel sounded his trumpet, and something like a huge mountain, all ablaze, was thrown into the sea. A third of the sea turned into blood, {9} a third of the living creatures in the sea died, and a third of the ships were destroyed.*

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huge mountain, all ablaze



- Mountain
 - Symbolic (Zech 4:7)
 - Literal
- Ablaze
 - Deu. 4:11-12
 - Jer. 51:25-26
- The Thirds
- Vandals

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The Vandals



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Third Trumpet

(Rev 8:10-11 NIV) *The third angel sounded his trumpet, and a great star, blazing like a torch, fell from the sky on a third of the rivers and on the springs of water-- {11} the name of the star is Wormwood. A third of the waters turned bitter, and many people died from the waters that had become bitter.*

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great star...

- Great Star
- Rivers and Springs
- Wormwood
- Attila the Hun



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Attila the Hun



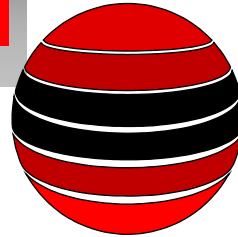
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Fourth Trumpet

(Rev 8:12 NIV) *The fourth angel sounded his trumpet, and a third of the sun was struck, a third of the moon, and a third of the stars, so that a third of them turned dark. A third of the day was without light, and also a third of the night.*

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a third....



- A third?
- Without light?
- The Dark Ages

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Woe

(Rev 8:13 NIV) *As I watched, I heard an eagle that was flying in midair call out in a loud voice: "Woe! Woe! Woe to the inhabitants of the earth, because of the trumpet blasts about to be sounded by the other three angels!"*

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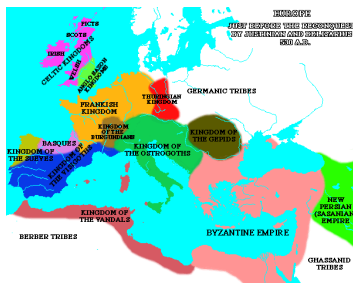
eagle flying in midair...

- Lindsey - exactly literal
- Hosea 8:1 - sign of God's wrath
- A short pause
- Justinian



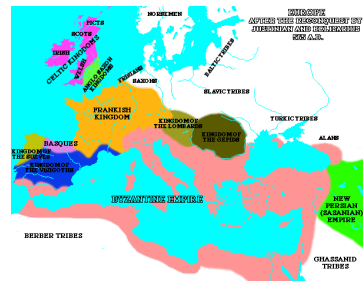
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Before Justinian



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After Justinian



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