## MARANATHA GLOBAL BIBLE STUDY THE BOOK OF REVELATION // DALTON THOMAS

# DAY 23: THE JUDGEMENTS ON THE ANTICHRIST'S COALITION

Some may say that the events in Revelation 7 are parenthetical; however, the terminology used in Revelation 7-8 suggests that these are chronological events that then lead into Revelation 10-14, which are more parenthetical chapters. In Revelation 8, the first half is a prelude, before the first four trumpets are blown. The second half features the sounding of the first four trumpets. Revelation 9 continues with the next two trumpet events, and the 7th trumpet is a standalone event covered Revelation 10-11. This event, to be covered in a later session, will be one of the most consequential events in all of human history.

#### I. INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

- A. The judgement events are targeted attacks against the Antichrist
  - 1. Revelation 8:1-6 are the preliminary events
  - 2. Revelation 8:7-13 the unfolding of the first four trumpets
- B. The judgement events are released by the global church, through the saints
  - 1. Example: Moses and Aaron in Exodus
  - 2. God is, of course, the one pouring out the judgement event
  - 3. Moses' leadership brings it forth
- C. The context of the Book of Revelation and history allow us to understand that these events are directed at the Antichrist
  - 1. Like the plagues in Egypt
- D. Suffering within the global body will take place alongside miracles (Daniel 11)
  - 1. Micah 7
- E. These judgement events, triggered by the saints, on the Antichrist's empire are limited in their scope
  - 1. 12 times we will read "one-third" as a limit to what can be touched
  - 2. This is not the end, this is the building up to the Bowls of Wrath
- F. The escalation in severity of the events also suggests that these events are chronological

### II. THE PRELUDE

- A. Opens with 30 minutes of silence in heaven (Revelation 8:1)
- B. The saints are filling up bowls of incense with prayer and these bowls are being mixed with the power of God and thrown back to the Earth (v. 3-4)
- C. Then the judgement events begin (v. 5)

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#### III. THE FIRST FOUR TRUMPETS

- A. The 7 angels are preparing to sound the trumpets and know its weightiness (v. 6)
- B. Primarily environmental impact
  - 1. Targeting the supplies and resources of the Antichrist and his coalition
- C. FIRST TRUMPET: targets food supplies and Earth's vegetation (v. 7)
  - 1. Blood, fire, smoke, and hail thrown at the earth
  - 2. 1/3 of the earth catches fire, 1/3 of trees of earth burn
- D. SECOND TRUMPET: targets food supply via trade, ships (v. 8)
  - 1. 1/3 of earth's ships gone
  - 2. 1/3 of ocean's resources to die
  - 3. Corresponds to the first plague in Egypt (Exodus)
- E. THIRD TRUMPET: targets drinking water, rivers, springs, streams (v. 10)
  - 1. Poisonous meteor contaminates 1/3 of water sources
- F. FOURTH TRUMPET: targets light sources (v. 12)
  - 1. Impacts agriculture, mental health, etc.
- G. Earth knocked off its axis (Isaiah) during these judgement events
- H. We have the Book of Exodus as a historical reference

### IV. THE THREE WOES

- A. The next three trumpets are the three "woes"
- B. Wrapped in parenthetical sections
- C. Set the stage for the Bowls of Wrath

### V. WHY THE TRUMPET JUDGEMENT EVENTS?

- A. To cripple the Antichrist's advances; allow the nations to come against him
- B. To confirm the witness of the church in these days
- C. To set the context for the coming escalation of the Bowls of Wrath

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