

## [4000] “TRUMPETS & GREAT TRIBULATION”

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### I. The Trumpets & the Great Tribulation

The 144,000 are waiting the **Seal of God**.

The 4 Angels are waiting the **commission of God**.

The Earth is about to receive the **Judgments of God**.

The Great Multitude is about to receive the **final call of God**.

**Revelation 7** lays the foundation for the work of God that will begin to unfold in **Revelation 8**.

The events **prevented** in **Rev. 7** are a forecast of **Rev. 8's**, 4 trumpets.

[4001] (Rev 7:1 NKJV) “After these things I saw four angels standing at the four corners of the earth, holding the four winds of the earth, that the wind should not blow on the earth, on the sea, or on any tree.”

[4002] (Rev 7:2-3 NKJV) “Then I saw another angel ascending from the east, having the seal of the living God. And he cried with a loud voice to the four angels to whom it was granted to harm the earth and the sea, [4003] (3) saying, “Do not harm the earth, the sea, or the trees till we have sealed the servants of our God on their foreheads.””

[4004] (Rev 7:4 NKJV) “And I heard the number of those who were sealed. One hundred and forty-four thousand of all the tribes of the children of Israel were sealed:”

The scene changes; the attention of the elders is drawn to this great multitude in Revelation. One of the most repeated words in the book is the word “**Great**.” It appears 66 times from beginning to end. In **Revelation 7** it only appears twice.

[4005] (Rev 7:9 NKJV) “After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could number, of all nations, tribes, peoples, and tongues, [4006]

**standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, with palm branches in their hands,”**

John the revelator tells us exactly where this multitude comes from:

**[4007]** (Rev 7:13-14 NKJV) **“Then one of the elders answered, saying to me, “Who are these arrayed in white robes, and where did they come from?” [4008] (14) And I said to him, “Sir, you know.” So he said to me, “These are the ones who come out of the great tribulation, [4009] and washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.”**

**EMP:** John makes it clear that they before they gained the privilege to stand before they throne of God they had a difficult road behind them. They came **out of great tribulation.**

**[4010]** (Mat 24:21 NKJV) **“For then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been since the beginning of the world until this time, no, nor ever shall be.”**

**EMP:** The great tribulation that Matthew is referring to is the same great tribulation that John is referring to. It is not possible that this **“Great Tribulation”** could be referring any event in the past. If that were the case the worse would be behind us.

**MOD:** To the contrary the worse is ahead of us:

**[4011]** Maranatha, p. 200.1 – **“Just as soon as the people of God are sealed in their foreheads—it is not any seal or mark that can be seen, but a settling into the truth, both intellectually and spiritually, so they cannot be moved— [4012] just as soon as God’s people are sealed and prepared for the shaking, it will come. Indeed, it has begun already; the judgments of God are now upon the land, to give us warning, that we may know what is coming.”**

**QUEST:** Why would the four angels be told to wait until the people of God are sealed, before they hurt the earth, sea, and trees? The reason is clear; **after the 144,000 are sealed, the earth, sea, and trees will feel the impact of the 4 angels of Revelation 7:2, 3.**

**QUEST:** If the 4 angels of rev. were “granted to harm the earth and the sea” whom do you think is behind giving these angels power to harm the earth?

**EMP:** The “Time of Trouble” that will break upon the world when the angels let the winds loose is not the “Time of Trouble” spoken of by Daniel in **Daniel 12:1**.

The time of trouble that will break upon the world when the angels let loose the winds is a time when there will still be opportunity to be saved. It is a time when the power of God will come upon the 144,000 and the true issue will be revealed.

**[4013]** Prophets and Kings, p. 278. – “We are standing on the threshold of the crisis of the ages. In quick succession the judgments of God will follow one another,—fire, and flood, and earthquake, with war and bloodshed. **[4013]** We are not to be surprised at this time by events both great and decisive; for the angel of mercy cannot remain much longer to shelter the impenitent.”

**MOD:** In The book Last Day Events, this time is spoken of under the heading “The little time of Trouble.”

**[4015]** E.W., 33 – “I saw that God had children who do not see and keep the Sabbath. They have not rejected the light upon it. And at the commencement of the time of trouble, we were filled with the Holy Ghost as we went forth and proclaimed the Sabbath more fully. **[4016]** This enraged the churches and nominal Adventists, as they could not refute the Sabbath truth. And at this time God’s chosen all saw clearly that we had the truth, and they came out and endured the persecution with us.”

**[4017]** EW 85 – “The commencement of that time of trouble,” here mentioned, does not refer to the time when the plagues shall begin to be poured out, but to a short period just before they are poured out, while Christ is in the sanctuary. **[4018]** At that time, while the work of salvation is closing, trouble will be coming on the earth, and the nations will be angry, yet held in check so as not to prevent the work of the third angel.”

**[4019]** (Luke 21:25-26 NKJV) “”And there will be signs in the sun, in the moon, and in the stars; and on the earth distress of nations, with perplexity, the sea and the waves roaring; (26) **[4020]** “men’s hearts failing them from fear and the expectation of those things which are coming on the earth, for the powers of heaven will be shaken.”

**EMP:** Jesus is speaking of a condition that *brings the world to its knees*; a condition so unimaginable that it creates an atmosphere of distress, anguish, sorrow, and grief. **Revelation Chapter 8** unfolds these great judgments.

**[4021]** (Rev 8:1-2 NKJV) “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.”

Heaven stands still as they behold the scenes that is about to break upon the earth.

**[4022]** Testimonies, vol. 8, p. 28. – “Transgression has almost reached its limit. Confusion fills the world, and a great terror is soon to come upon human beings. **[4023]** The end is very near. We who know the truth should be preparing for what is soon to break upon the world as an overwhelming surprise.”

**[4024]** (Rev 8:7 NKJV) “The first angel sounded: And hail and fire followed, mingled with blood, and they were thrown to the earth. And a third of the trees were burned up, and all green grass was burned up.”

**EMP:** The first judgment of God comes not because of an arbitrary cataclysmic event but because the hand of **God ordained it to set His people free**.

The objects that John describes as **hail mingled with fire** closely resembles what scientist call **comets, asteroids, and meteorites**. The effect of something bursting into earth’s atmosphere as it is “**Thrown to the earth**” produces the same results described by John in **Revelation 8:7**. (Do the research)

**EMP:** The difference between **N.E.O’s** (near earth objects) that **scientist have been watching with great concern** and the **judgments of God here described is, scientist say that it is just a matter of time before our planet is hit by a life threatening asteroid or meteorite**.

**POINT:** Scientists are right, **but they are basing their conclusion on probability while John is describing it as sent by God in God’s timing**.

**MOD:** 6 times in Exodus the Lord said to a ruthless Egyptian king that held God's people in bondage, **“Let His People God that they may serve me”** What did God do to move the hand of pharaoh when he refused to listen to God?

**[4025] (Exo 9:18 NKJV)** **“Behold, tomorrow about this time I will cause very heavy hail to rain down, such as has not been in Egypt since its founding until now.”**

**[4026] (Exo 9:23-24 NKJV)** **“And Moses stretched out his rod toward heaven; and the LORD sent thunder and hail, and fire darted to the ground. And the LORD rained hail on the land of Egypt. [4027] (24) So there was hail, and fire mingled with the hail, so very heavy that there was none like it in all the land of Egypt since it became a nation.”**

**Were the judgments that God rained on Egypt literal or symbolic?** God sent those judgments because Pharaoh prevented God's people from serving God.

**MOD:** Today God's people are prevented from serving Him because ministers are not telling the truth. **Today God's people are in every walk of life and every vocation and God is about to step in and claim His own.**

**[4028]** Testimonies, vol. 1, p. 269 – **“In the time of distress and perplexity of nations there will be many who have not given themselves wholly to the corrupting influences of the world and the service of Satan, [4029] who will humble themselves before God, and turn to Him with their whole heart and find acceptance and pardon.”**

**EMP:** The judgments of God will begin on a small scale and will build to a magnificent crescendo. They will intensify as the reluctance of the leaders that resist the truth, tighten their grip on those that they have held in darkness.

**[4030] (Rev 8:8-9 NKJV)** **“Then the second angel sounded: And something like a great mountain burning with fire was thrown into the sea, and a third of the sea became blood. [4031] (9) And a third of the living creatures in the sea died, and a third of the ships were destroyed.”**

**QUEST:** John gives the description that parallels what scientist now say threaten the very existence of humanity. **What single word can you possibly give to describe something that is as big as a mountain and it is burning with fire and it hits the sea?”**

