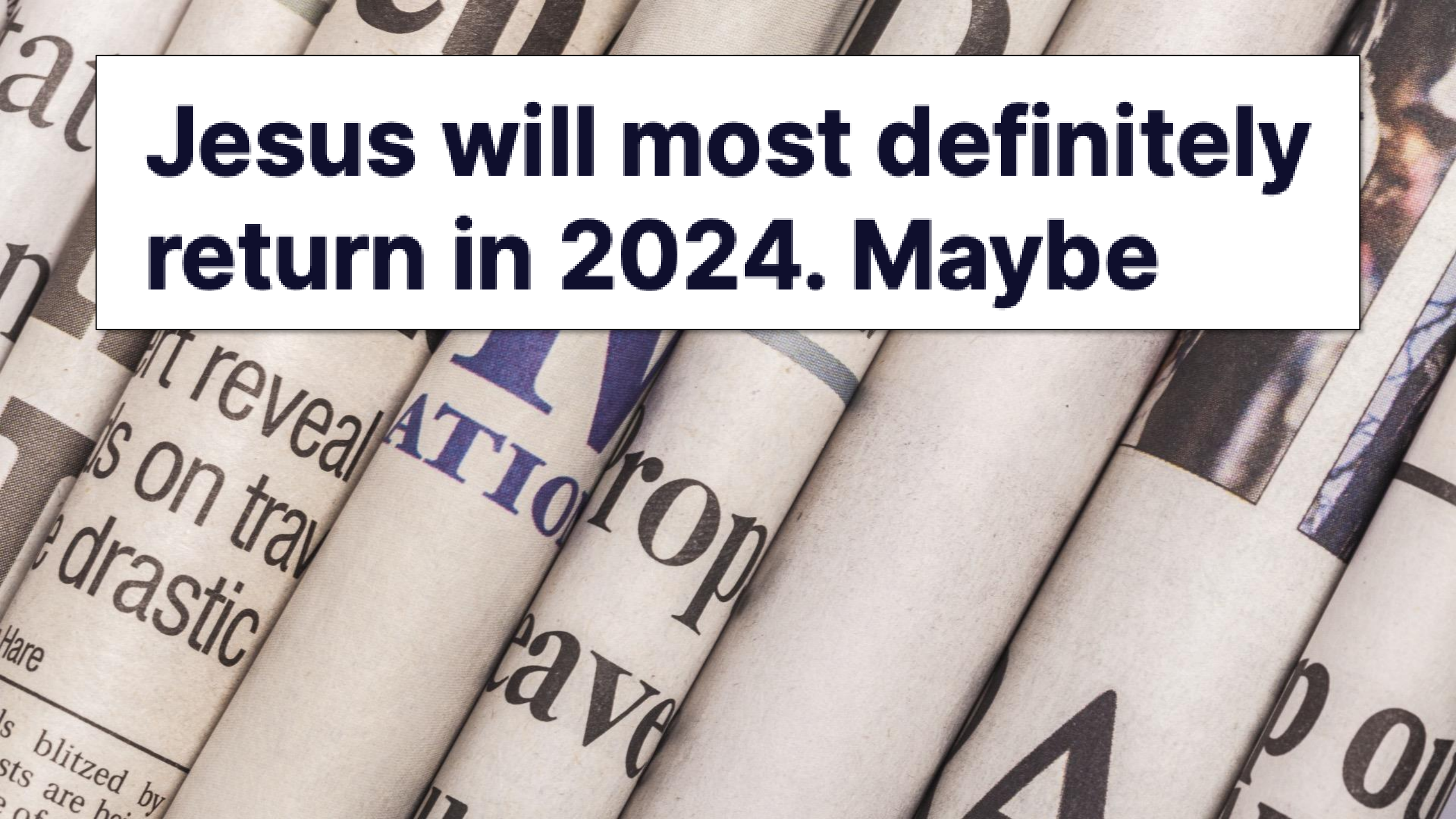




# Q A Study in Revelation

**Jesus will most definitely  
return in 2024. Maybe**





# Today's Agenda

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# PHARAOH'S DREAMS





of Joseph, and  
gate of Dan.  
and at the south side four thou-  
and five hundred measures: and  
gates; one gate of Simeon, one  
of Issachar, one gate of Zebulun.  
At the west side four thousand

35 It was four  
sand measures: and  
city from that day shall be, The  
is there.

# THE BOOK OF DANIEL.

## CHAPTER 1.

1 In the third year of the reign of Je-  
hoiakim king of Judah came Nebu-  
adnezzar king of Babylon unto Je-  
rusalem, and besieged it.

2 And the Lord gave Jehoiakim king  
of Judah into his hand, with part of the  
vessels of the house of God: which he  
brought into the land of Shinar to the  
king of his

8 ¶ But Daniel purposed in his heart  
that he would not defile himself with  
the portion of the king's meat,  
with the wine which he drank: there-  
fore he requested of the prince of the  
eunuchs that he might not defile  
himself.

9 Now God had brought Daniel  
favour and tender love with the  
prince of the eunuchs.

10 And the prince of the eunuchs  
said unto Daniel, I fear my lord  
the king, for why should I



# TIMELINE Reading

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Time of  
writing

End of  
days

## Vignette Reading like Daniel

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Vision

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# Vignette Reading like 1 Enoch

1 En. 6 the fall of angels; then the flood

1 En. 12 Before the fall of angels; then their fall

1 En. 15 the fall of angels yet again

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Age of the church

2<sup>nd</sup> Coming

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# Revelation

8-11



The seven  
trumpets speak  
to much of the  
same as the  
seven seals

7 SEALS

CIRCUS

7 TRUMPETS

VISION

7 SEALS

VISION

7 TRUMPETS





Rev. 8:1

When the Lamb opened the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven for about half an hour.

Rev. 8:1

Καὶ ὅταν ἤνοιξεν τὴν  
σφραγίδα τὴν ἑβδόμην,  
ἐγένετο σιγὴ ἐν τῷ  
οὐρανῷ ὡς ἡμιώριον.

Symbolism

Peculiar  
use of  
numbers

Visions  
and  
Dreams

# Traits of apocalyptic literature

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Cataclysm

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Come

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Demons



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Next vision!



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Ezekiel 33:3

Joel 2:1



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# Incense as Prayer

Ps 141:2

Incense as a  
pleasing and  
pure sacrifice  
to God

Ex 30:27-37



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Incense as  
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Christ as  
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Romans 8:34  
1 John 2:1  
Heb 7:25

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The power of praying  
in Jesus' name!





Rev. 8:4

and the smoke of the incense, with the prayers of the saints, rose before God from the hand of the angel.

Rev. 8:4

καὶ ἀνέβη ὁ καπνὸς τῶν  
θυμιαμάτων ταῖς  
προσευχαῖς τῶν ἁγίων ἐκ  
χειρὸς τοῦ ἀγγέλου  
ἐνώπιον τοῦ θεοῦ.

## Rev. 8:5

Then the angel took the censer and filled it with fire from the altar and threw it on the earth, and there were peals of thunder, rumblings, flashes of lightning, and an earthquake.

## Rev. 8:5

καὶ εἴληφεν ὁ ἄγγελος τὸν  
λιβανωτὸν καὶ ἐγένισεν  
αὐτὸν ἐκ τοῦ πυρὸς τοῦ  
θυσιαστηρίου καὶ ἔβαλεν  
εἰς τὴν γῆν, καὶ ἐγένοντο  
βρονταὶ καὶ φωναὶ καὶ  
ἀστραπαὶ καὶ σεισμός.



## Psalm 77:16-18

When the waters saw you, O God,  
when the waters saw you, they  
were afraid; indeed, the deep  
trembled. The clouds poured out  
water; the skies gave forth thunder;  
your arrows flashed on every side.  
The crash of your thunder was in  
the whirlwind; your lightnings  
lighted up the world; the earth  
trembled and shook.

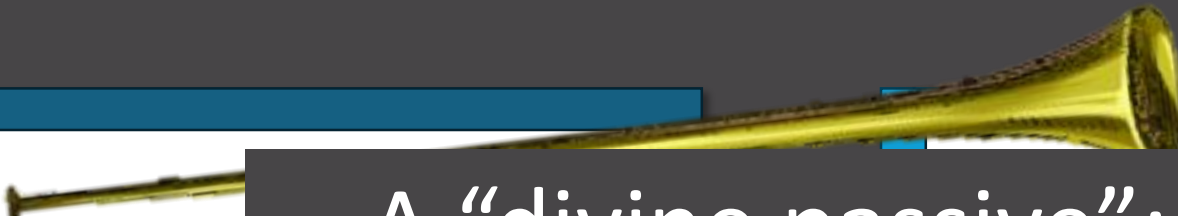
Rev. 8:6

Now the seven angels who  
had the seven trumpets  
prepared to blow them.

Rev. 8:6

Καὶ οἱ ἑπτὰ ἄγγελοι οἱ  
ἔχοντες τὰς ἑπτὰ  
σάλπιγγας ἠτοίμασαν  
αὐτοὺς ἵνα σαλπίσωσιν.





Rev. 8:7

The first angel blew his trumpet, and there came hail and fire, mixed with blood, and these were thrown upon the earth. And a third of the earth was burned up, and a third of the trees were burned up, and all green grass was burned up.

A “divine passive”:  
God is at work!  
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ὁ ἄγγελος ἐσάλπισεν·  
καὶ ἦν χάλαζα καὶ  
πῦρ, καὶ αἷμα ἐν αἵματι  
καὶ ἐβλήθη εἰς τὴν γῆν,  
καὶ τὸ τρίτον τῆς γῆς  
κατεκάη καὶ τὸ τρίτον τῶν  
δένδρων κατεκάη καὶ πᾶς  
χόρτος χλωρὸς κατεκάη.



This beautiful world is not what it should be





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## Ex. 9:23-25

Then Moses stretched out his staff toward heaven, and the LORD sent thunder and hail, and fire ran down to the earth. And the LORD rained hail upon the land of Egypt... And the hail struck down every plant of the field and broke every tree of the field.



## Rev. 8:8-9

The second angel blew his trumpet, and something like a great mountain, burning with fire, was thrown into the sea, and a third of the sea became blood. A third of the living creatures in the sea died, and a third of the ships were destroyed.

## Rev. 8:8-9

Καὶ ὁ δεύτερος ἄγγελος ἐσάλπισεν· καὶ ὡς ὄρος μέγα πυρὶ καίομενον ἐβλήθη εἰς τὴν θάλασσαν, καὶ ἐγένετο τὸ τρίτον τῆς θαλάσσης αἷμα καὶ ἀπέθανεν τὸ τρίτον τῶν κτισμάτων τῶν ἐν τῇ θαλάσῃ τὰ ἔχοντα ψυχὰς καὶ τὸ τρίτον τῶν πλοίων διεφθάρησαν.







Pliny the  
Younger

You asked me to send you an account of my uncle's death... My uncle was stationed at Misenum, where he was in active command of the fleet, with full powers. On the 24th of August \*, about the seventh hour, my mother drew his attention to the fact that a cloud of unusual size and shape had made its appearance. He had been out in the sun, followed by a cold bath, and after a light meal he was lying down and reading. Yet he called for his sandals, and climbed up to a spot from which he could command a good view of the curious phenomenon. Those who were looking at the





Pliny the  
Younger

climbed up to a spot from which he could command a good view of the curious phenomenon. Those who were looking at the cloud from some distance could not make out from which mountain it was rising - it was afterwards discovered to have been Mount Vesuvius - but in likeness and form it more closely resembled a pine-tree than anything else, for what corresponded to the trunk was of great length and height, and then spread out into a number of branches, the reason being, I imagine, that while the vapour was fresh, the cloud was borne upwards, but when the vapour became wasted, it lost its motion, or even became





Pliny the  
Younger

borne upwards, but when the vapour became wasted, it lost its motion, or even became dissipated by its own weight, and spread out laterally. At times it looked white, and at other times dirty and spotted, according to the quantity of earth and cinders that were shot up.... He had the galleys launched and went on board himself, in the hope of succouring, not only Rectina, but many others, for there were a number of people living along the shore owing to its delightful situation. He hastened, therefore, towards the place whence others were fleeing, and steering a direct course, kept the helm straight for the point of danger, so utterly devoid of fear that every





Pliny the  
Younger

place whence others were fleeing, and steering a direct course, kept the helm straight for the point of danger, so utterly devoid of fear that every movement of the looming portent and every change in its appearance he described and had noted down by his secretary, as soon as his eyes detected it. Already ashes were beginning to fall upon the ships, hotter and in thicker showers as they approached more nearly, with pumice-stones and black flints, charred and cracked by the heat of the flames, while their way was barred by the sudden shoaling of the sea bottom and the litter of the mountain on the shore. He hesitated for a moment whether to turn back,





Pliny the  
Younger

and the litter of the mountain on the shore. He hesitated for a moment whether to turn back, and then, when the helmsman warned him to do so, he exclaimed, "Fortune favours the bold ; try to reach Pomponianus." The latter was at Stabiae, separated by the whole width of the bay, for the sea there pours in upon a gently rounded and curving shore. Although the danger was not yet close upon him, it was none the less clearly seen, and it travelled quickly as it came nearer, so Pomponianus had got his baggage together on shipboard, and had determined upon flight, and was waiting for the wind which was blowing on shore to fall. My uncle sailed in with the wind fair





Pliny the  
Younger

was waiting for the wind which was blowing on shore to fall. My uncle sailed in with the wind fair behind him, and embraced Pomponianus, who was in a state of fright, comforting and cheering him at the same time. Then in order to calm his friend's fears by showing how composed he was himself, he ordered the servants to carry him to the bath, and, after his ablutions, he sat down and had dinner in the best of spirits, or with that assumption of good spirits which is quite as remarkable as the reality.

In the meantime broad sheets of flame, which rose high in the air, were breaking out in a number of places on Mount Vesuvius and lighting





Pliny the  
Younger

In the meantime broad sheets of flame, which rose high in the air, were breaking out in a number of places on Mount Vesuvius and lighting up the sky, and the glare and brightness seemed all the more striking owing to the darkness of the night. My uncle, in order to allay the fear of his companions, kept declaring that the country people in their terror had left their fires burning, and that the conflagration they saw arose from the blazing and empty villas. Then he betook himself to rest and enjoyed a very deep sleep, for his ... They held a consultation whether they should remain indoors or wander forth in the open; for the buildings were beginning to shake





Pliny the  
Younger

his ...They held a consultation whether they should remain indoors or wander forth in the open; for the buildings were beginning to shake with the repeated and intensely severe shocks of earthquake, and seemed to be rocking to and fro as though they had been torn from their foundations. Outside again there was danger to be apprehended from the pumice-stones, though these were light and nearly burnt through, and thus, after weighing the two perils, the latter course was determined upon. With my uncle it was a choice of reasons which prevailed, with the rest a choice of fears.



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Rev. 8:8-9

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Ex. 7:17-21

I will strike the water that is in the Nile, and it shall turn into blood. The fish in the Nile shall die, and the Nile will stink, and the Egyptians will grow weary...






Rev. 8:10

The third angel blew his trumpet, and a great star fell from heaven, blazing like a torch, and it fell on a third of the rivers and on the springs of water.

Rev. 8:10

Καὶ ὁ τρίτος ἄγγελος ἐσάλπισεν· καὶ ἔπεσεν ἐκ τοῦ οὐρανοῦ ἀστήρ μέγας καιόμενος ὡς λαμπὰς καὶ ἔπεσεν ἐπὶ τὸ τρίτον τῶν ποταμῶν καὶ ἐπὶ τὰς πηγὰς τῶν ὑδάτων,





Rev. 8:11

The name of the star is **Wormwood**. A third of the waters became wormwood, and many people died from the water, because it had been made bitter.

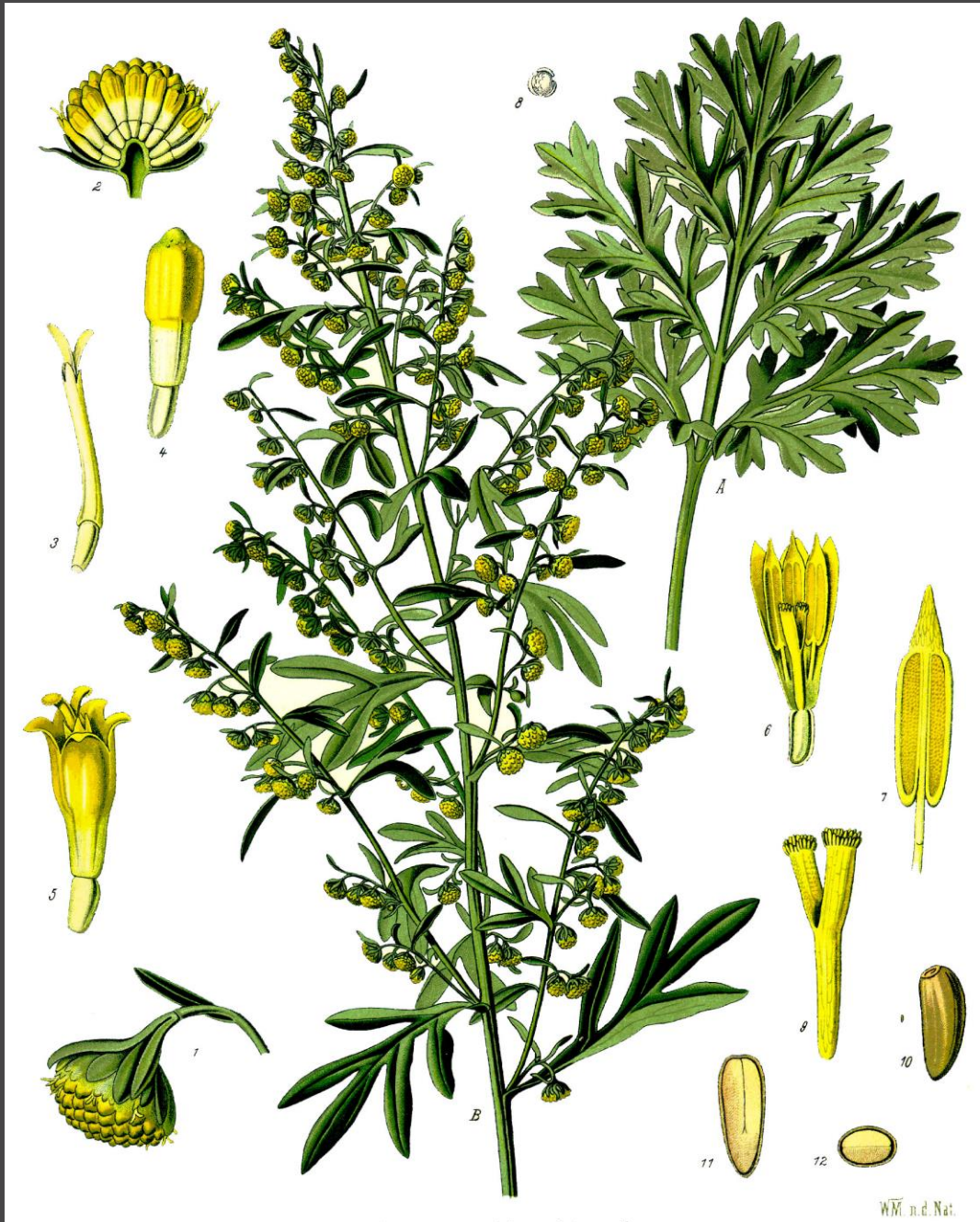
Rev. 8:11

καὶ τὸ ὄνομα τοῦ ἀστέρος  
λέγεται ὁ Ἄψινθος, καὶ  
ἐγένετο τὸ τρίτον τῶν  
ὕδάτων εἰς ἄψινθον καὶ  
πολλοὶ τῶν ἀνθρώπων  
ἀπέθανον ἐκ τῶν ὑδάτων  
ὅτι ἐπικράνθησαν.

# *Artemisia absinthium*

A punishment  
for idolatry

Jeremiah  
9:15 and 23:15







Dr. Brian K. Blount

The angelic “poisoning” of the waters is a deliciously ironic way of punishing a people who have so poisoned their faith.

Rev. 8:12

The fourth angel blew his trumpet, and a third of the sun was struck, and a third of the moon, and a third of the stars, so that a third of their light might be darkened, and a third of the day might be kept from shining, and likewise a third of the night.

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καὶ ὁ τέταρτος ἄγγελος  
ἐβλήθη τὴν τράμπαν· καὶ ἐπλήγη τὸ  
τρίτον τοῦ ἡλίου καὶ τὸ  
τρίτον τῆς σελήνης καὶ τὸ  
τρίτον τῶν ἀστέρων, ἵνα  
σκοτισθῇ τὸ τρίτον αὐτῶν  
καὶ ἡ ἡμέρα μὴ φάνη τὸ  
τρίτον αὐτῆς καὶ ἡ νύξ  
ὁμοίως.





Remember  
Isaiah 13:10

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## Exodus 10:21-22

Then the LORD said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand toward heaven, that there may be darkness over the land of Egypt, a darkness to be felt."... and there was pitch darkness in all the land of Egypt three days

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Arranged as four and  
three  
(4 horsemen and three  
more seals)

## Revelation

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Arranged as four and  
three (separated by an  
intermission)

7 SEALS

7 TRUMPETS

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“seven trumpets were  
given to them”  
(Rev. 8:2)





Jesus is our  
prayer partner

“he was given much  
incense to offer with  
the prayers”  
(Rev. 8:3)



Heed the warning

“And a third of the earth  
was burned up” (Rev.  
8:7)







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