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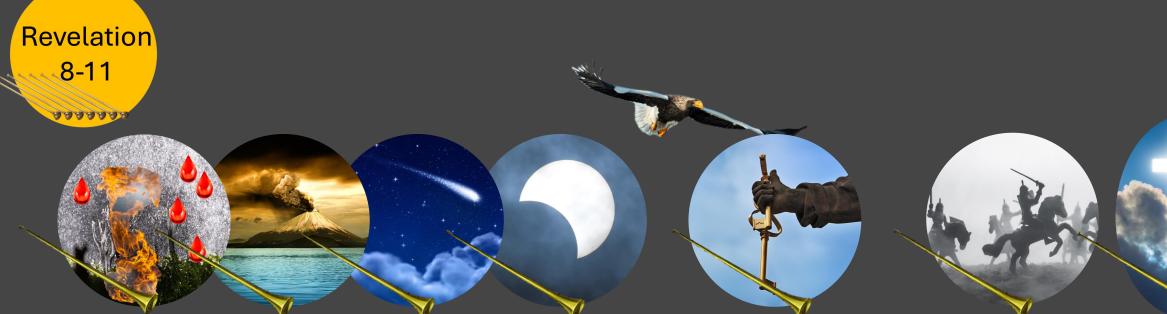
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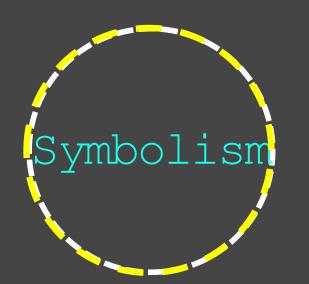


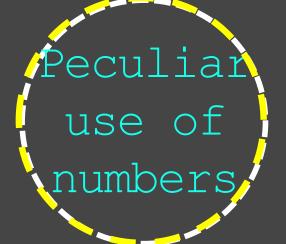


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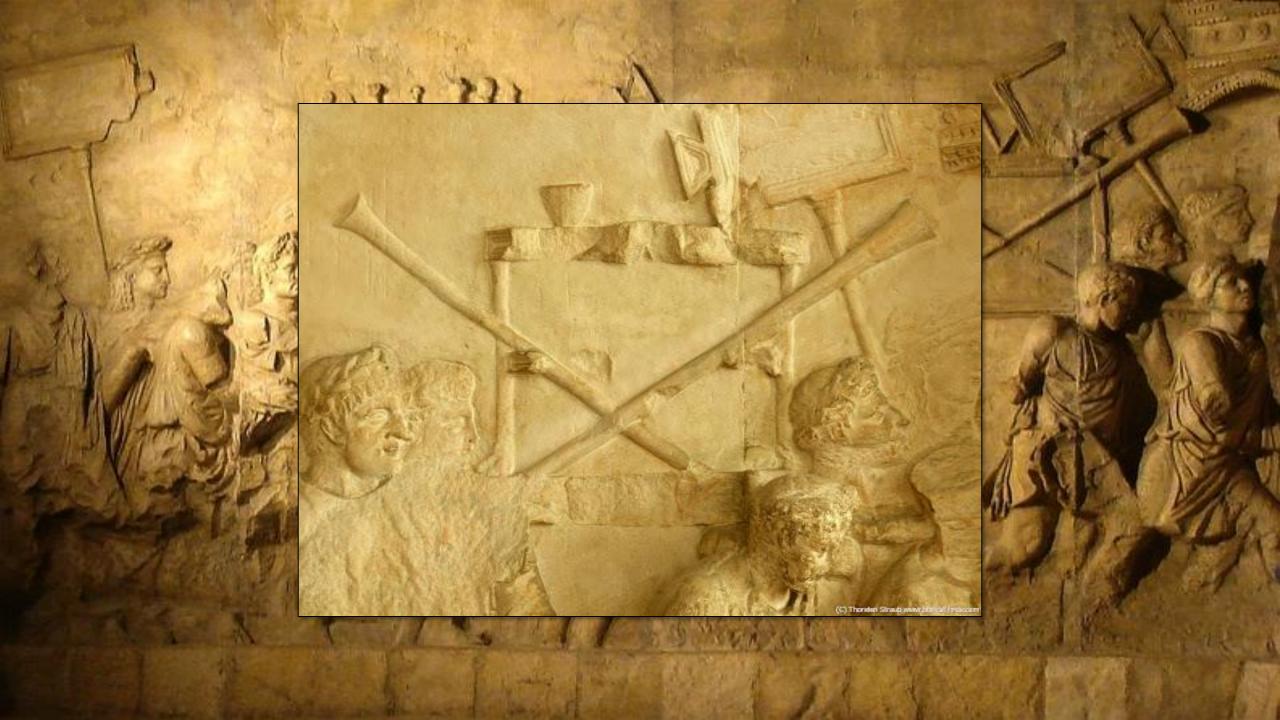
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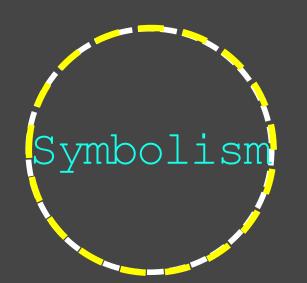
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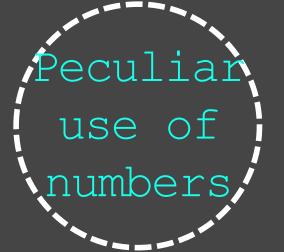
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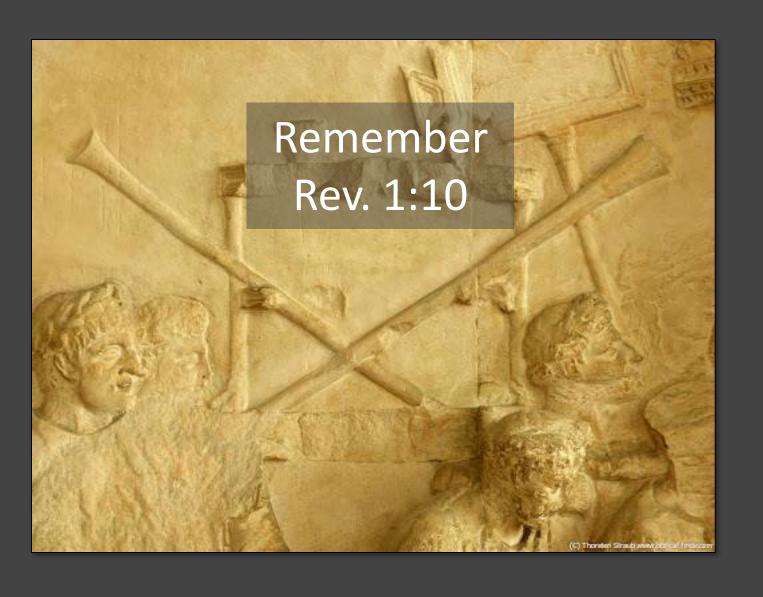
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A "divine passive":
God is at work!
God is in control!

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

Rev. 8:6

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Disasters on land







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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.

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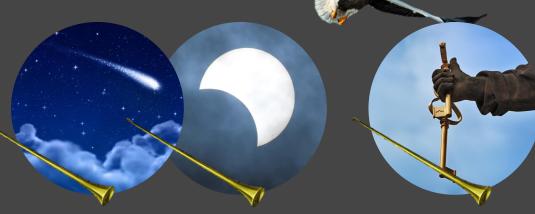
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Disasters on land and sea







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 creature sea died, and a thi ships were destroy

Rev. 8:8-9

Καὶ ὁ δεύτερος ἄγγελος ἐσάλπισεν καὶ ὡς ὅρος μέγα πυρὶ καιόμενον ἐβλήθη εἰς τὴν θάλασσαν, καὶ ἐγένετο τὸ τρίτον τῆς θαλάσσης αἷμα καὶ ἀπέθανεν τὸ τρίτον

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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... 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...



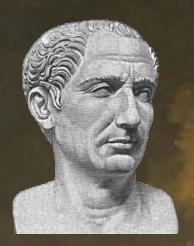
Pliny the Younger

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... He hastened towards the place whence others were fleeing, and steering a direct course, kept the helm straight for the point of danger... 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



Pliny the Younger

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 favors the bold"... 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... 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.



Cassius Dio

Mt. Vesuvius stands over against Neapolis near the sea... This was what befell... suddenly a portentous crash was heard, as if the mountains were tumbling in ruins; and first huge stones were hurled aloft, rising as high as the very summits, then came a great quantity of fire and endless smoke, so that the whole atmosphere was obscured and the sun was entirely hidden, as if eclipsed. Thus day was turned into night and light into darkness. Some thought that the Giants were rising again in revolt (for at this time also many of their forms could be discerned in the



Cassius Dio

smoke and, moreover, a sound as of trumpets was heard), while others believed that the whole universe was being resolved into chaos or fire... While this was going on, an inconceivable quantity of ashes was blown out, which covered/ both sea and land and filled all the air. It wrought much injury of various kinds, as chance befell, to men and farms and cattle, and in particular it destroyed all fish and birds. Furthermore, it buried two entire cities, Herculaneum and Pompeii, the latter place while its populace was seated in the theatre. Indeed, the amount of





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...

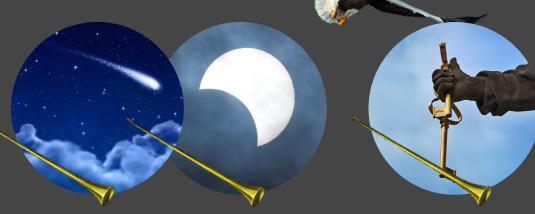
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Disasters on land and sea







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Disasters on inland waters







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 ἀστὴρ 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

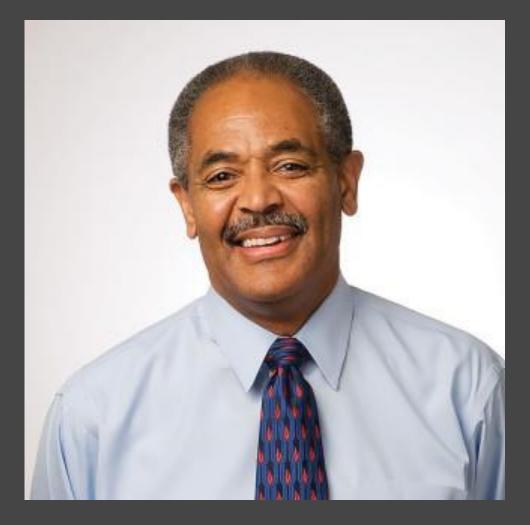
καὶ τὸ ὄνομα τοῦ ἀστέρος λέγεται ὁ Ἅψινθος, καὶ ἐγένετο τὸ τρίτον τῶν ὑδάτων εἰς ἄψινθον καὶ πολλοὶ τῶν ἀνθρώπων ἀπέθανον ἐκ τῶν ὑδάτων ὅτι ἐπικράνθησαν.



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.

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The signs of the skies







Rev. 8:12

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σκοτισθη τὸ τρίτον αὐτῶν καὶ ἡ ἡμέρα μὴ φάνη τὸ τρίτον αὐτῆς καὶ ἡ νὺξ ὁμοίως.



Darkness and light are associated with the evil and good

Matthew 8:12

Colossians 1:13

2 Corinthians 6:14-15

Colossians 2:13-15



Bible Trumpets





Joshua 6

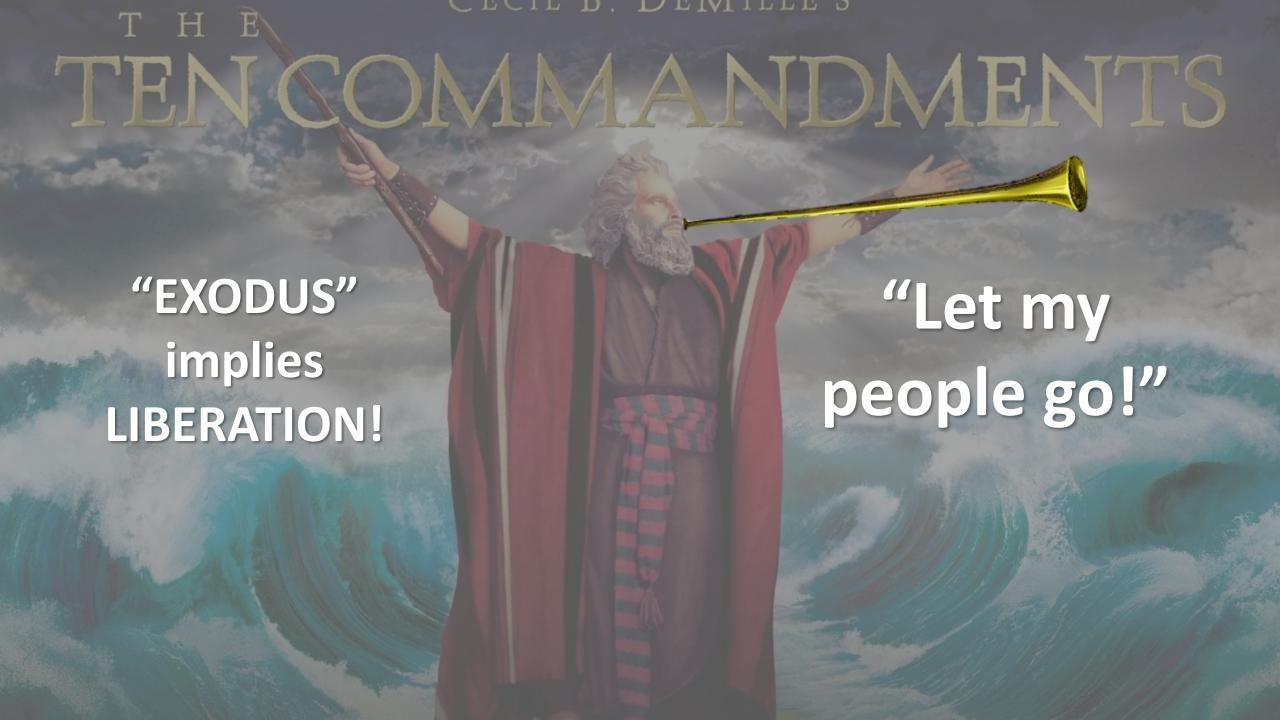


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Exodus 10:21-22

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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The interlude







Rev. 8:13

Then I looked, and I heard an eagle crying with a loud voice as it flew directly overhead, "Woe, woe, woe to those who dwell on the earth, at the blasts of the other trumpets that the three angels are about to blow!"

Rev. 8:13

Καὶ εἶδον, καὶ ἤκουσα ένὸς ἀετου πετομένου ἐν μεσουρανήματι λέγοντος φωνη μεγάλη οὐαι οὐαι οὐαὶ τοὺς κατοικοῦντας έπι τῆς γῆς ἐκ τῶν λοιπῶν φωνῶν τῆς σάλπιγγος τῶν τριῶν ἀγγέλων τῶν μελλόντων σαλπίζειν.

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And the fifth angel blew his trumpet, and I saw a star fallen from heaven to earth, and he was given the key to the shaft of the bottomless pit.

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Isaiah 14:12

Luke 10:18-19

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A word about keys...





Jesus holds the keys of salvation (Rev. 3:7)

Jesus holds
the keys of
judgment (Rev.
1:18)

He opened the shaft of the bottomless pit, and from the shaft rose smoke like the smoke of a great furnace, and the sun and the air were darkened with the smoke from the shaft.

Rev. 9:2

καὶ ἤνοιξεν τὸ φρέαρ τῆς ἀβύσσου, καὶ ἀνέβη καπνὸς ἐκ τοῦ φρέατος ὡς καπνὸς καμίνου μεγάλης, καὶ ἐσκοτώθη ὁ ἥλιος καὶ ὁ ἀὴρ ἐκ τοῦ καπνοῦ τοῦ φρέατος.

Genesis 19:28

Then from the smoke came locusts on the earth, and they were given power like the power of scorpions of the earth.

Rev. 9:3

καὶ ἐκ τοῦ καπνοῦ ἐξῆλθον ἀκρίδες εἰς τὴν γῆν, καὶ ἐδόθη αὐταῖς ἐξουσία ὡς ἔχουσιν ἐξουσίαν οἱ σκορπίοι τῆς γῆς.

Joel 2:1-15

They were told not to harm the grass of the earth or any green plant or any tree, but only those people who do not have the seal of God on their foreheads. Rev. 9:4

καὶ ἐρρέθη αὐταῖς ἵνα μὴ άδικήσουσιν τὸν χόρτον τῆς γῆς οὐδὲ πᾶν χλωρὸν οὐδε πᾶν δένδρον, εἰ μὴ τοὺς ἀνθρώπους οἵτινες οὐκ ἔχουσι τὴν σφραγίδα τοῦ θεου ἐπὶ τῶν μετώπων.

They were allowed to torment them for five months, but not to kill them, and their torment was like the torment of a scorpion when it stings someone.

Rev. 9:5 καὶ ἐδόθη αὐτοῖς ἵνα μὴ ἀποκτείνωσιν αὐτούς, άλλ' ἵνα βασανισθήσονται μῆνας πέντε, καὶ ὁ βασανισμός αὐτῶν ὡς βασανισμός σκορπίου όταν παίση ἄνθρωπον.

Job 2:1-15

And in those days people will seek death and will not find it. They will long to die, but death will flee from them.

Rev. 9:6

καὶ ἐν ταῖς ἡμέραις ἐκείναις ζητήσουσιν οἱ ἄνθρωποι τὸν θάνατον καὶ οὐ μὴ εὑρήσουσιν αὐτόν, καὶ ἐπιθυμήσουσιν ἀποθανεῖν καὶ φεύγει ὁ θάνατος ἀπ' αὐτῶν.

Rev. 9:7-10

In appearance the locusts were like horses prepared for battle: on their heads were what looked like crowns of gold; their faces were like human faces, their hair like women's hair, and their teeth like lions' teeth; they had breastplates like breastplates of iron, and the noise of their wings was like the noise of many chariots with horses rushing into battle. They have tails and stings like scorpions, and their power to hurt people for five months is in their tails.



They have as king over them the angel of the bottomless pit. His name in Hebrew is Abaddon, and in Greek he is called Apollyon.

Rev. 9:11

ἔχουσιν ἐπ' αὐτῶν βασιλέα τὸν ἄγγελον τῆς ἀβύσσου, ὄνομα αὐτῷ Ἑβραϊστὶ Άβαδδών, καὶ ἐν τῆ Ἑλληνικῆ ὄνομα ἔχει Ἀπολλύων.

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Fearsome warnings to repent





Rev. 9:12-13

The first woe has passed; behold, two woes are still to come. Then the sixth angel blew his trumpet, and I heard a voice from the four horns of the golden altar before God,

Rev. 9:12-13

Ήοὐαὶ ἡ μία ἀπῆλθεν: ίδου ἔρχεται ἔτι δύο οὐαὶ μετα ταῦτα. Καὶ ὁ ἕκτος άγγελος ἐσάλπισεν καὶ ήκουσα φωνήν μίαν έκ τῶν [τεσσάρων] κεράτων τοῦ θυσιαστηρίου τοῦ χρυσού τοῦ ἐνώπιον τοῦ θεου,

saying to the sixth angel who had the trumpet, "Release the four angels who are bound at the great river Euphrates."

Rev. 9:14

λέγοντα τῷ ἕκτῷ ἀγγέλῳ, ὁ ἔχων τὴν σάλπιγγα· λῦσον τοὺς τέσσαρας ἀγγέλους τοὺς δεδεμένους ἐπὶ τῷ ποταμῷ τῷ μεγάλῳ Εὐφράτῃ.

So the four angels, who had been prepared for the hour, the day, the month, and the year, were released to kill a third of mankind. Rev. 9:15

καὶ ἐλύθησαν οἱ τέσσαρες ἄγγελοι οἱ ἡτοιμασμένοι εἰς τὴν ὥραν καὶ ἡμέραν καὶ μῆνα καὶ ἐνιαυτόν, ἵνα ἀποκτείνωσιν τὸ τρίτον τῶν ἀνθρώπων.

The number of mounted troops was twice ten thousand times ten thousand; I heard their number.

Rev. 9:16 καὶ ὁ ἀριθμὸς τῶν στρατευμάτων τοῦ ἱππικοῦ δισμυριάδες μυριάδων, ἤκουσα τὸν ἀριθμὸν αὐτῶν.

The rest of mankind, who were not killed by these plagues, did not repent of the works of their hands nor give up worshiping demons and idols of gold and silver and bronze and stone and wood, which cannot see or hear or walk,

Rev. 9:20

Καὶ οἱ λοιποὶ τῶν ἀνθρώπων, οῦ οὐκ ἀπεκτάνθησαν ἐν ταῖς πληγαῖς ταύταις, οὐδε μετενόησαν έκ τῶν ἔργων τῶν χειρῶν αὐτῶν, ἵνα μὴ προσκυνήσουσιν τὰ δαιμόνια καὶ τὰ εἴδωλα τὰ χρυσα καὶ τὰ άργυρα καὶ τὰ χαλκα καὶ τὰ λίθινα καὶ τὰ ξύλινα, ἃ οὔτε βλέπειν δύνανται οὔτε άκούειν οὔτε περιπατεῖν,

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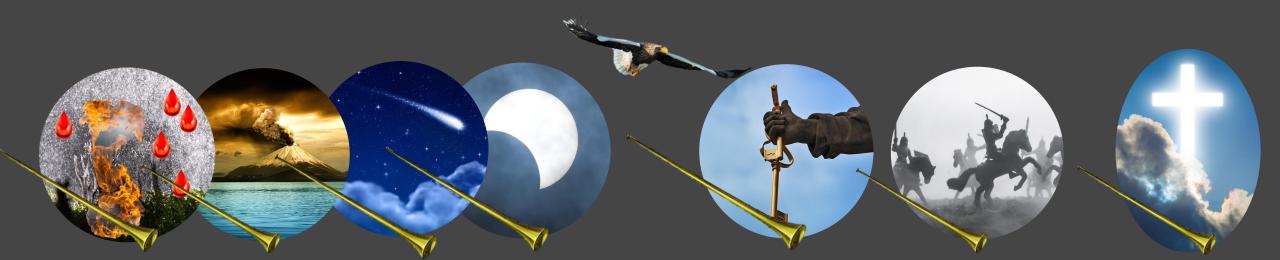




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Another Interlude



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The Second Coming



Rev. 11:15

Then the seventh angel blew his trumpet, and there were loud voices in heaven, saying, "The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ, and he shall reign forever and ever."

Rev. 11:15

Καὶ ὁ ἕβδομος ἄγγελος έσάλπισεν καὶ ἐγένοντο φωναι μεγάλαι έν τω οὐρανῷ λέγοντες. έγένετο ή βασιλεία τοῦ κόσμου τοῦ κυρίου ἡμῶν καὶ τοῦ χριστου αὐτου, καὶ βασιλεύσει εἰς τοὺς αίῶνας τῶν αἰώνων.

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



Jesus is judgment or salvation

"he was given the key to the abyss" (Rev. 9:6)



Be at peace

"he kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ" (Rev. 11:15)



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