

The Revelation of
Yeshua The Messiah To Yochanan (John)

Study Notes

Chapter 8 PT. 1: Silence In Heaven

Revelation 8:1-6 (NASB) - “¹ When *the Lamb* broke 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 seven trumpets were given to them. ³ Another angel came and stood at the altar, holding a golden censer; and much incense was given to him, so that he might add it to the prayers of all the saints on the golden altar which was before the throne. ⁴ And the smoke of the incense ascended from the angel’s hand with the prayers of the saints before God. ⁵ Then the angel took the censer and filled it with the fire of the altar, and hurled it to the earth; and there were peals of thunder and sounds, and flashes of lightning and an earthquake. ⁶ And the seven angels who had the seven trumpets prepared themselves to sound them.”

Note: Before we enter the Holy Silence in heaven, let us never forget Who is breaking this final seal.

- The judgment itself is ordered by Father God.
- Yeshua is the only one who could face the wrath of Father God and live.



Verse 1

“There Was Silence In Heaven”- The Eye Of The Hurricane (Dorian-NASA)

Note: Hurricane Dorian (September 5-6, 2019) was the strongest and most destructive storm of the 2019 hurricane season. In most cases the right front quadrant is the strongest side which includes the right side of the eye wall.



Note: Heaven itself knows that what is about to happen has never happened before. All of heaven is gripped with a holy fear of God knowing that what comes next is going to be devastating to mankind. This is the right hand of God's Judgement, and the verdict is in!

- The silence will be almost deceptive, causing people to think that the tribulation was over. However, this is heaven preparing for the ultimate wrath of God that is soon to come!

“The Rejection of the Only Begotten”

- There are **none** who have been pardoned in this courtroom (**The Church, 144,000 Sealed, The Great Tribulations Saints**).
- The verdict of guilty has already been established.
- The Judge tells the guilty to rise for sentencing.
- The courtroom goes silent.

- The judgment is not for just one person who committed a crime.
- This judgment is for **all** who have rejected the **ONLY WAY** Father has for Salvation.

John 14:6 (NASB) – “Jesus said to him, ‘I am the way, and the truth, and the life; **no one** comes to the Father **except through Me.**’”



Acts 4:12 (NIV) – “Salvation is found in **no one else**, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved.”



Understanding: Salvation is not just His name - **it is who He is!**

Remember: The seventh of the seven seals is now open. The verdict is in! The release of the Seven Trumpet judgments is at hand. There is no turning back from this point.

Verse 2

“I saw the seven angels who stand before God, and seven trumpets were given to them.”



- John saw seven angels standing before God.
- These are believed to be Archangels standing directly before God.
- Archangels are the highest order of angels in the heavenly hierarchy.
- Father God handed the trumpets to them **Himself**.
- Jesus is not participating anymore. Grace has now been removed.
 - When God corrects His children, it is through the buffer of grace and produces fruit. The earth is soon to encounter the wrath of God **without** His grace.

The Two Judgments

Great White Throne Judgement: The Final Judgment where Father God judges the unbelievers. Those who are not in the Lambs Book of Life. (**Revelation 20:11-15**)



The Judgment Seat of Christ: Jesus judges the Believers based upon what they did with their time on earth. (**2 Corinthians 5:10**)



Verse 3-4

“³Another angel came and stood at the altar, holding a golden censer; and much incense was given to him, so that he might add it to the prayers of all the saints on the golden altar which was before the throne.”



The Eighth Angel

Note: Some great theologians and teachers believe that this could be Jesus operating in His ministry as the High Priest, but based upon the phrase used here, when know that it is not.

“Another Angel”

Angel-(Greek)-*angelos*-divine messenger, messenger of God. Can also mean “angel”- celestial beings who communicated God's will to humans.

Note: Based upon Yeshua’s role in Heaven, this is likely not Him.

- The prayers are the prayers ascending to heaven from the tribulation believers.
- These are the prayers of the saints before the Throne of God.

“Golden Censer” - Signifies that the prayers of the saints are a sweet-smelling fragrance before God.

“Much Incense” - The incense was added to give a fragrance in a large amount due to the many prayers of the saints. The incense renders them acceptable before God.

- We can no longer pray imprecatory prayers as David did, for we are now under the dispensation of grace. We ourselves are under grace and are in need of it daily. “Vengeance is mine; I will repay’, saith the Lord.” (Romans 12:19). We must guard from praying amiss and pray according to scripture and His will. Then, we will have what we ask!

2 Corinthians 2:15-16 (NASB) – “¹⁵ For we are a fragrance of Christ to God among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing: ¹⁶ to the one an aroma from death to death, to the other an aroma from life to life. And who is adequate for these things?”

Key: You must remember, Jesus does not take part in this judgement. This angel is participating with the other 7 to inflict judgment upon the earth. (**Revelation 8:1-2**)

Verse 5

“Censer Filled With Fire”

“..., and hurled it to the earth; and there were peals of thunder and sounds, and flashes of lightning and an earthquake.”

Note: As in the parallel vision in Ezekiel (**Ezekiel 10:2**) when the man clothed with linen is bidden to “go in between the wheels, even under the cherub, and fill his hand with coals of fire from between the cherubim’s, and scatter them over the doomed city;” here also the ashes fall and as a sign that the judgment is at hand.



“Hurled to the Earth”

Hurled-(Greek)-*tuwl*- to pitch over or reel; hence (transitively) to cast down or out:--carry away, (utterly) cast (down, forth, out), send out.

- It is designed to show that, notwithstanding the prayer that would be offered, great and fearful calamities would come upon the earth.
- This is symbolized by casting the censer upon the earth.
- The prayers for vengeance are about to be answered.
 - When we pray for those that hurt us and despitefully use us (Matthew 5:44), we are **not** letting them off the hook. We are simply putting them in God’s hands. Everyone that is against a believer is against God: “If the world hates you, you know it has hated me before it hated you.”(John 15:18).

Note: The hot coals off the altar and cast on the earth symbolize God's fiery judgments about to descend on the Church's foes.

“Thunder and sounds, Flashes of lightning and an Earthquake”

- Represents the fierce impact of the judgment that has hit the earth.
- The impact was so great it caused the whole earth to quake.

Verse 6

“Preparation Time For the Seven Angels”



- There is no more talking. There is more silence. The 30 minutes are over! They know it is time.

Be on fire to get to as many people as you can and witness at every turn. **CRY ALOUD AND SPARE NOT! DO NOT JUST HEAR IT – DO IT! RESPOND!** Be thankful daily that you are saved and be on a mission to witness to everyone around you. Approach them with this: “what do you think about Jesus?” and let them talk. Then, let Holy Spirit guide you in your Words. Let **HIM** do it through you! Do not fear rejection! If you do not know Him, heed the Father’s voice and give your life to Him today!

The End