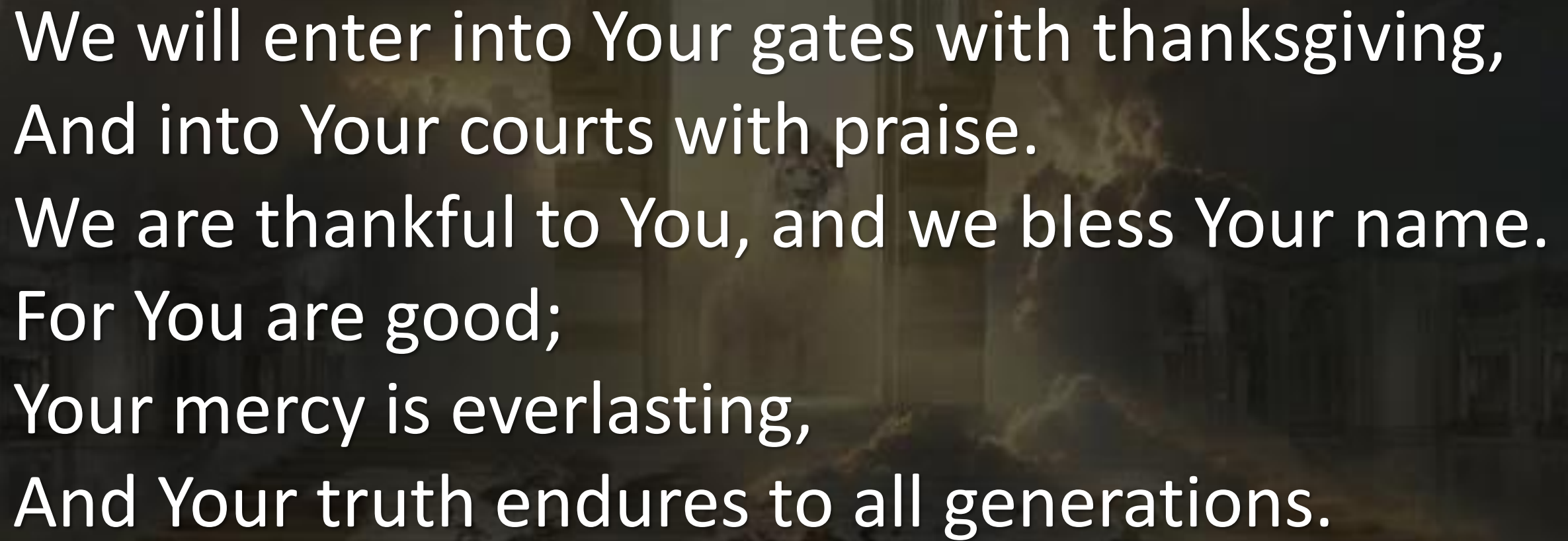


“When He opened the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven for about half an hour.”

Revelation 8:1

Psalm 100 modified as a prayer/praise to YHVH

We will make a joyful shout to You, oh Yehovah,
In all lands across the earth
We will serve You with gladness;
We will come before You with singing.
We know that You are God;
It is You who made us, and not we ourselves;
We are Your people and the sheep of Your
pasture.

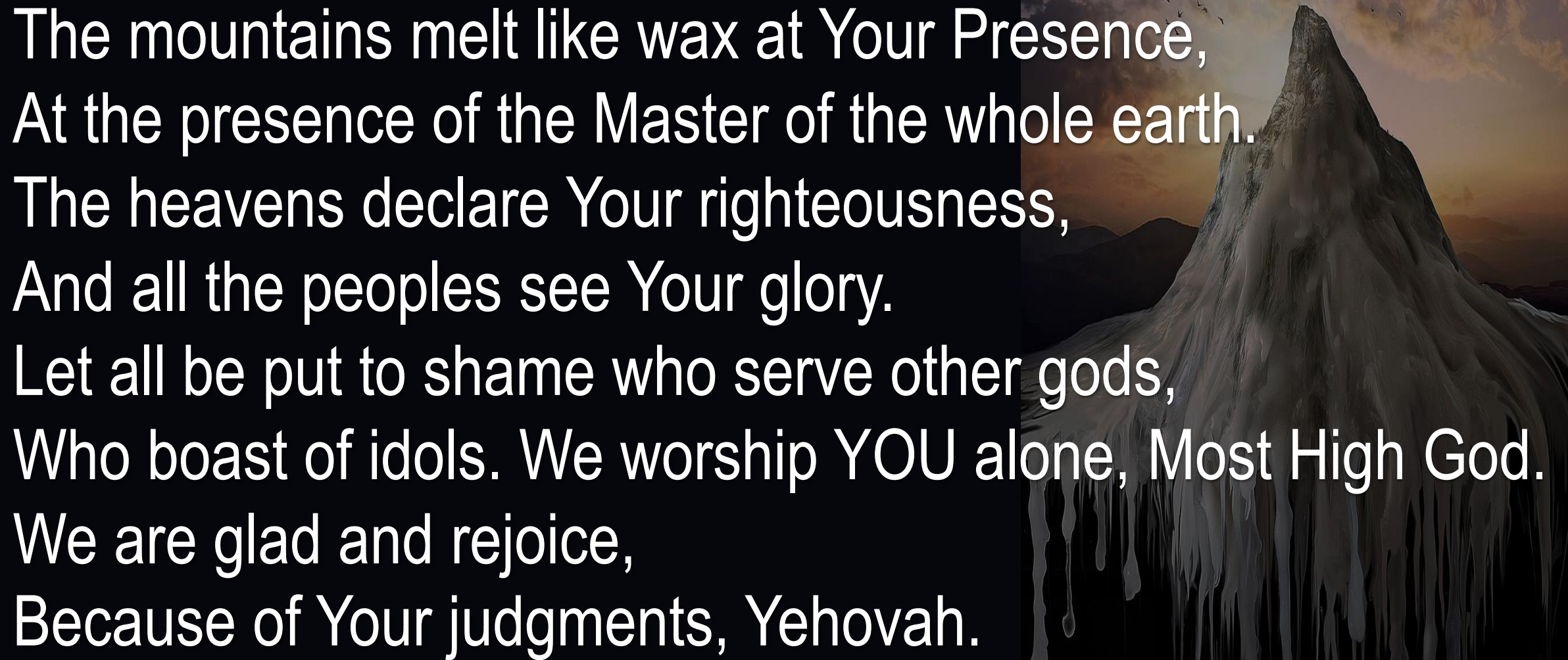


We will enter into Your gates with thanksgiving,
And into Your courts with praise.
We are thankful to You, and we bless Your name.
For You are good;
Your mercy is everlasting,
And Your truth endures to all generations.

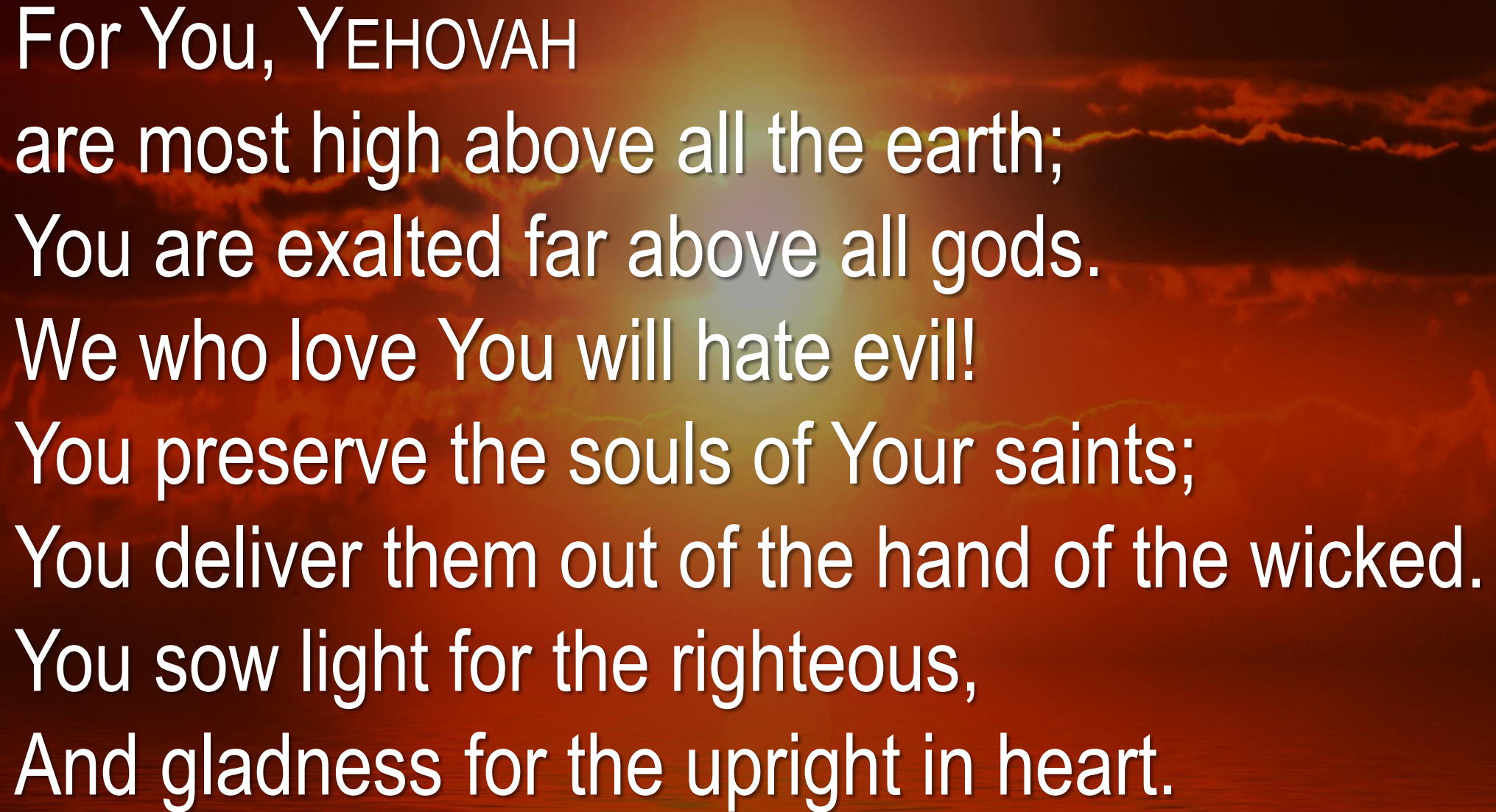
PSALM 97

Our God reigns; Let the earth rejoice;
Let the multitude of isles be glad!
Clouds and darkness surround You;
Righteousness and justice
are the foundation of Your throne.
A fire goes before You,
And burns up Your enemies round about.
Your lightnings light the world;
The earth sees and trembles.

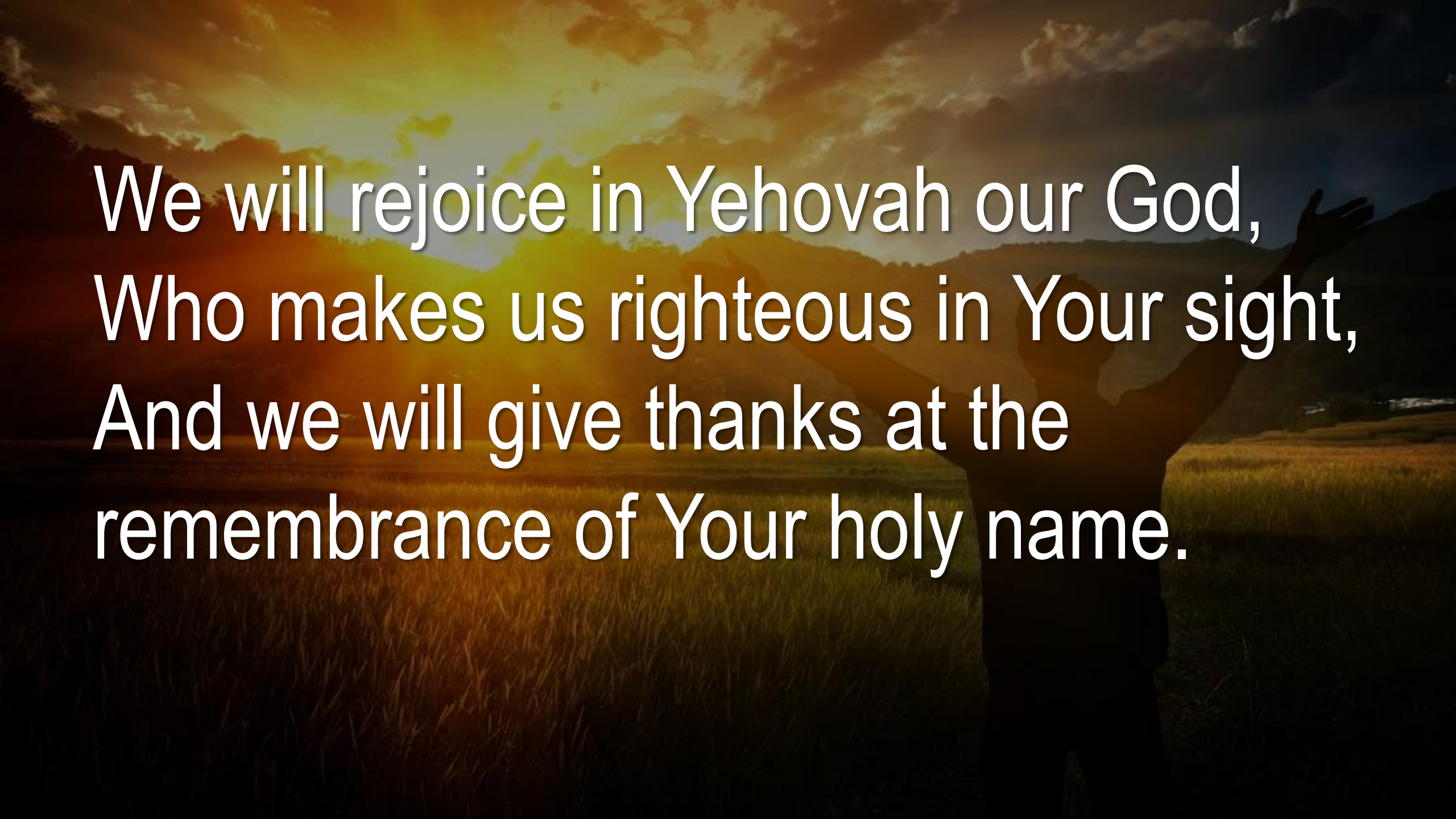




The mountains melt like wax at Your Presence,
At the presence of the Master of the whole earth.
The heavens declare Your righteousness,
And all the peoples see Your glory.
Let all be put to shame who serve other gods,
Who boast of idols. We worship YOU alone, Most High God.
We are glad and rejoice,
Because of Your judgments, Yehovah.



For You, YEHOVAH
are most high above all the earth;
You are exalted far above all gods.
We who love You will hate evil!
You preserve the souls of Your saints;
You deliver them out of the hand of the wicked.
You sow light for the righteous,
And gladness for the upright in heart.

A person stands in a field of tall grass, their arms raised in a gesture of praise or prayer. The background features rolling hills under a dramatic sky with warm, golden light from a low sun, creating a silhouette effect on the person and the landscape. The overall mood is one of awe and devotion.

We will rejoice in Yehovah our God,
Who makes us righteous in Your sight,
And we will give thanks at the
remembrance of Your holy name.



**Sh'ma Yisrael, Adonai Eloheinu
Adonai Echad
Baruch Shem k'vod malchutto,
l'olam va'ed**

**Hear, O Israel: the LORD is our God.
The LORD is One.
Blessed be the name of His glorious kingdom
for ever and ever.**



Revelation 8

Trumpet Judgements begin...



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¹ 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. ³ Then another angel, having a golden censer, came and stood at the altar. He was given much incense, that he should offer it with the prayers of all the saints upon the golden altar which was before the throne. ⁴ And the smoke of the incense, with the prayers of the saints, ascended before God from the angel's hand.

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⁶ So the seven angels who had the seven trumpets prepared themselves to sound.

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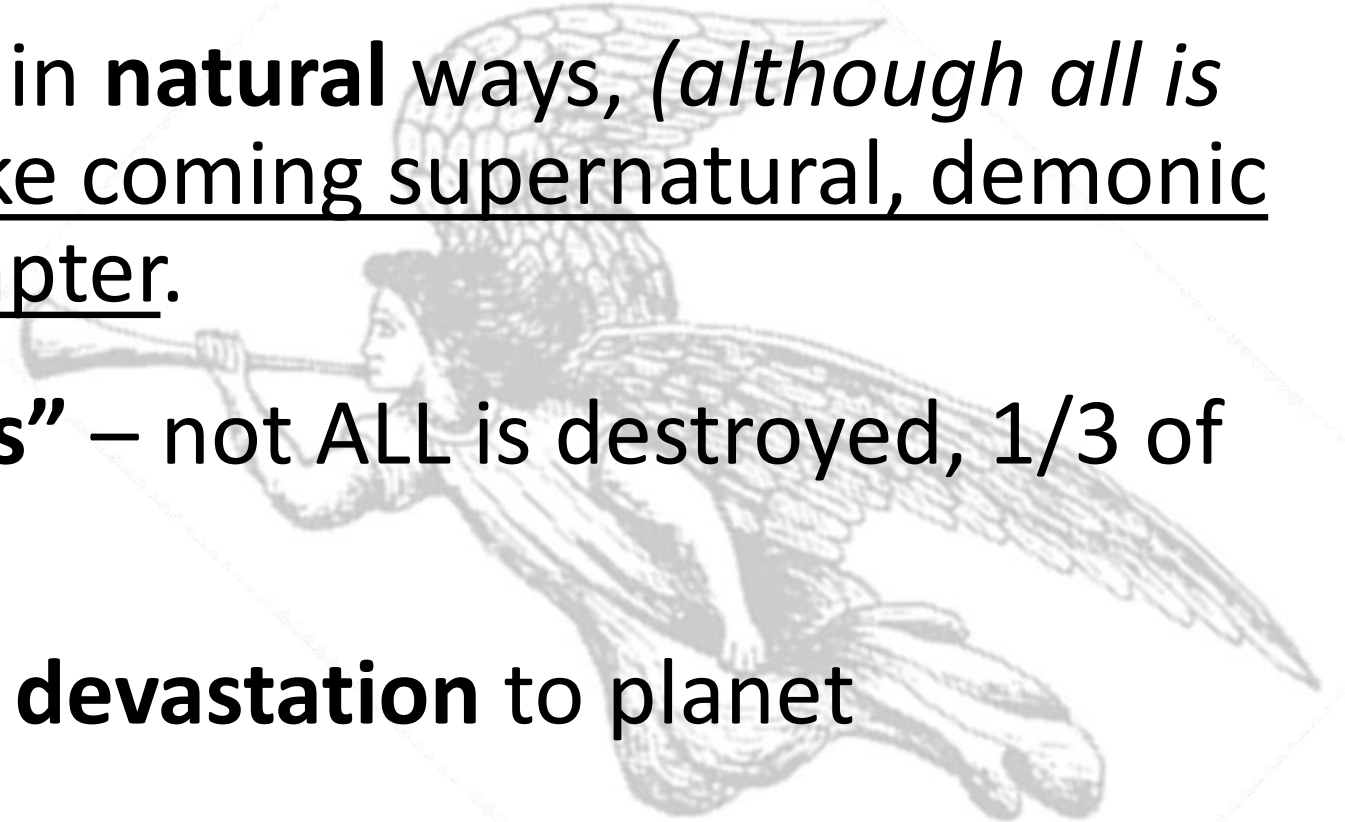
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Conqueror on white horse	Red Horse of War and Violence	Black Horse of Famine, economic collapse	Pale Horse of Hades, Death, pestilence, 1/4 of mankind dies	Martyrdom of Tribulation Saints under the Altar	Great earthquake Heavenly, earthly signs OVERVIEW degenerate mankind	INTERLUDE 144,000 Jews sealed, countless saints	Silence in Heaven Seven Trumpet Judgments 1-4 3 Woes Coming
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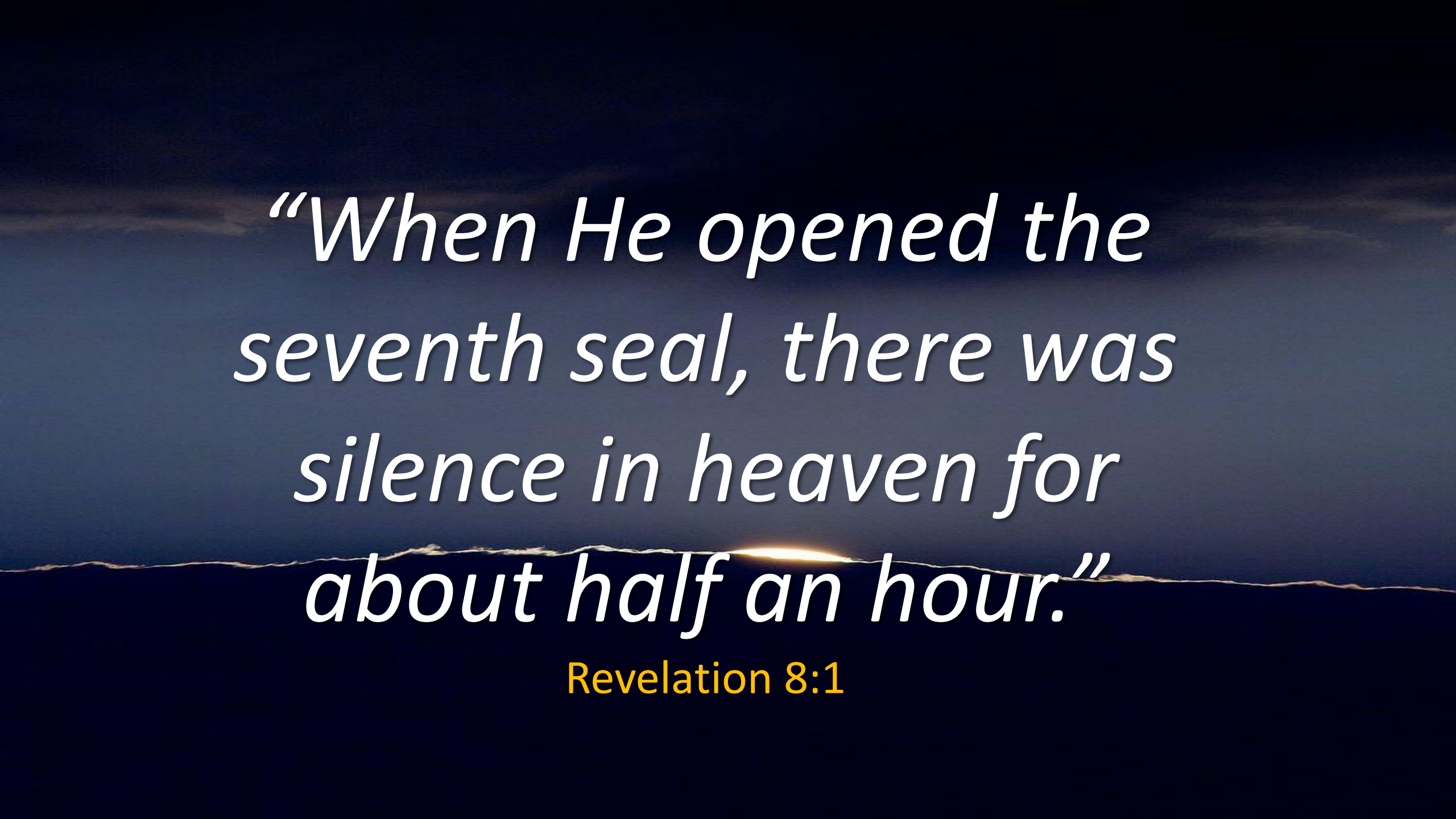
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- First 6 seal judgments opened in chapter 6.
- **“Interlude” chapter 7**, 144,000 Jewish servants sealed before Trumpet/Bowl judgments. Myriads of “Tribulation Saints.”
- In chapter 8, 7th seal opened, Trumpet Judgments begin.
- **3 sets of 7 judgments each.** “nested” – 7th seal contains Trumpet judgments, 7th Trumpet contains Bowl/Vial judgments.
- Now into **TRUMPET judgments.**

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- Trumpets 1-4: cataclysmic changes, **physical and environmental devastation**
- Of “natural” world, in **natural** ways, (*although all is supernatural!*) unlike coming supernatural, demonic judgments next chapter.
- **Judgment in “thirds”** – not ALL is destroyed, 1/3 of trees, seas, etc.
- Will cause **extreme devastation** to planet

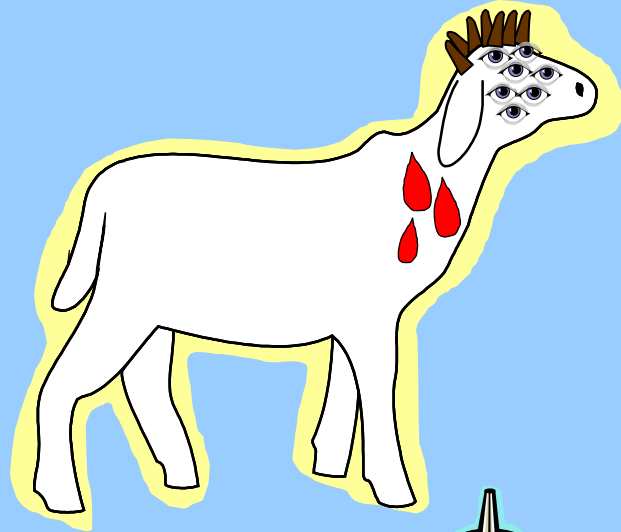




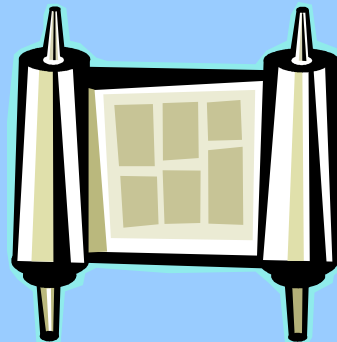
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SILENCE

"1/2 Hour" Interlude

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- Now sealed scroll completely open, all judgments can proceed.
- Solemn moment, all heaven silent. “Heaven” understands seriousness here. **Dramatic pause.** *Calm before storm.*
- Actual duration of “*about a half an hour*” unknown

REVELATION Chapter 8 Part 1

- Reminds of Habakkuk 2:20
“But the LORD [YHWH] is in His holy Temple, let all the earth be silent before Him.”
- Remember, no one can stand, or even speak, before His glory.
- Huge contrast to thundering praise previous chapter.

Habakkuk
2:20 KJV

But the LORD
is in his holy
temple: let
all the earth
keep silence
before him.

REVELATION Chapter 8 Part 1


COMMENTARY: “A half-hour silence is not long, but things seem long or short in their context. If a preacher were to stop his sermon and remain silent for ten minutes, it would seem like an eternity. Since heaven is a place of constant praise and worship to God (Revelation 4:8-11), silence for about half an hour is a long time.” (Guzik)

REVELATION Chapter 8 Part 1

- Silence here seems eerie and shocking.
- Some have said it is like a “pregnant pause” or moment to breathe before wrath lets loose.
- Some say angels silent so prayers of saints on earth can be heard clearly, and prayers of martyrs.
(angel/censer)
- However, heaven (God) **hears even the tiniest whispered prayer**, even the prayer not vocalized, but on the heart.

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- Not told purpose of silence, but gives pause to seriously consider what is coming.
- Even heaven awestruck and silent, now that all seals opened and scroll is fully opened.
- Almost a sense of regret/fear and trembling because they know what has to come now.

A painting depicting seven angels with large, golden, feathered wings. They are dressed in white robes and are standing in a line, each holding a golden trumpet. They appear to be in a heavenly or celestial environment, with a blue, swirling background that suggests clouds or a vortex. In the bottom right corner, a small globe of the Earth is visible, surrounded by a circular pattern of light. The overall scene is dramatic and divine.

² And I saw the seven
angels who stand before
God, and to them were
given seven trumpets.

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Revelation 8:2

REVELATION Chapter 8 Part 1

- This group (*“7 angels who stand before God”*) not mentioned in scripture, except here.
- Reference in **Apocrypha**, called **“Angels of the Presence.”** *“I am Raphael, one of the seven holy angels, which present the prayers of the saints, and which go in and out before the glory of the Holy One.”* (Tobit 12:15)
- Names in books of Tobit, Esdras, also book of Enoch and other extra-Biblical writings.

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Uriel	<i>"Fire of God"</i>
Raphael	<i>"God heals"</i>
Raguel	<i>"Friend of God"</i>
Michael	<i>"Who is like God?"</i>
Sariel	<i>"Command of God"</i>
Gabriel	<i>"Might of God" or "God Conquers"</i>
Remiel	<i>"Mercy of God"</i>
Jehudiel	<i>"Praise of God"</i>
Sealtiel	<i>"Praise of God"</i>
Barachiel	<i>"Blessings of God"</i>

**All contain
name of
God, El**

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- Jewish tradition = seven angels who always stand in God's presence. Since they are mentioned here, *appears tradition was correct, for once!*
- We do not know WHICH 7 angels are those in God's presence. Several named in Apocrypha.
- **WARNING: Angels gain too much extra-biblical focus/LORE today**, heavy use in New Age/occult. Can't even agree on names. *Leans toward angel worship, absolutely forbidden!*
- Book of Enoch lists many of these as fallen.

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WARNING

ONE THING WE DO KNOW:

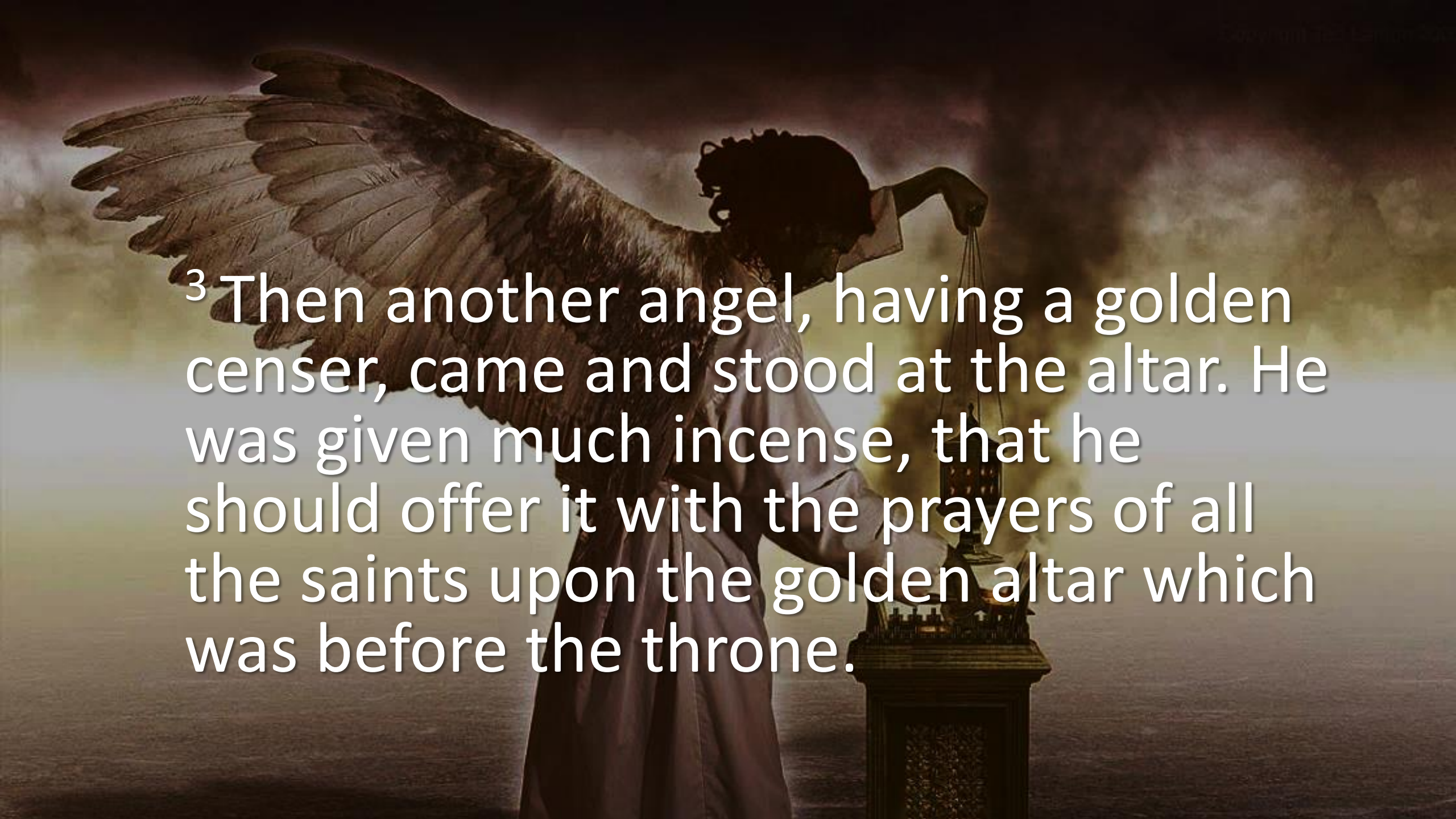
We are given multiple warnings in scripture NOT to worship angels! We worship The Most High God ONLY. *But the world doesn't seem to understand this.*

- Be VERY careful here, don't put too much stock in naming, or exactly who they are or what they do.
- **WE DON'T KNOW!**
- We just know they are always in God's presence.

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- **Who are they?** Angels in God's presence. *Don't need to know anything else.*
- **What do they do?** We don't know, other than here = dispense 2nd round of judgments, **Trumpet Judgments.**
- Trumpets always announce, proclaim, warn and lead. Don't know if trumpets audible, serve as warning. *Most likely merely delineates this set of judgments.*



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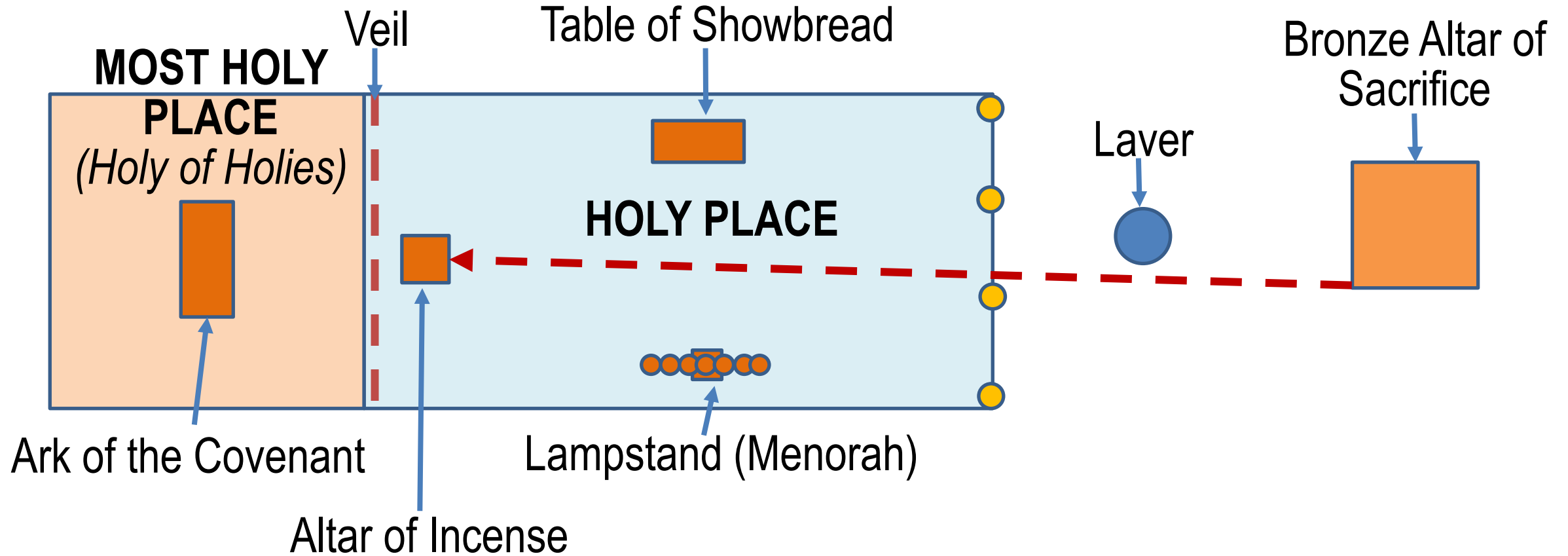


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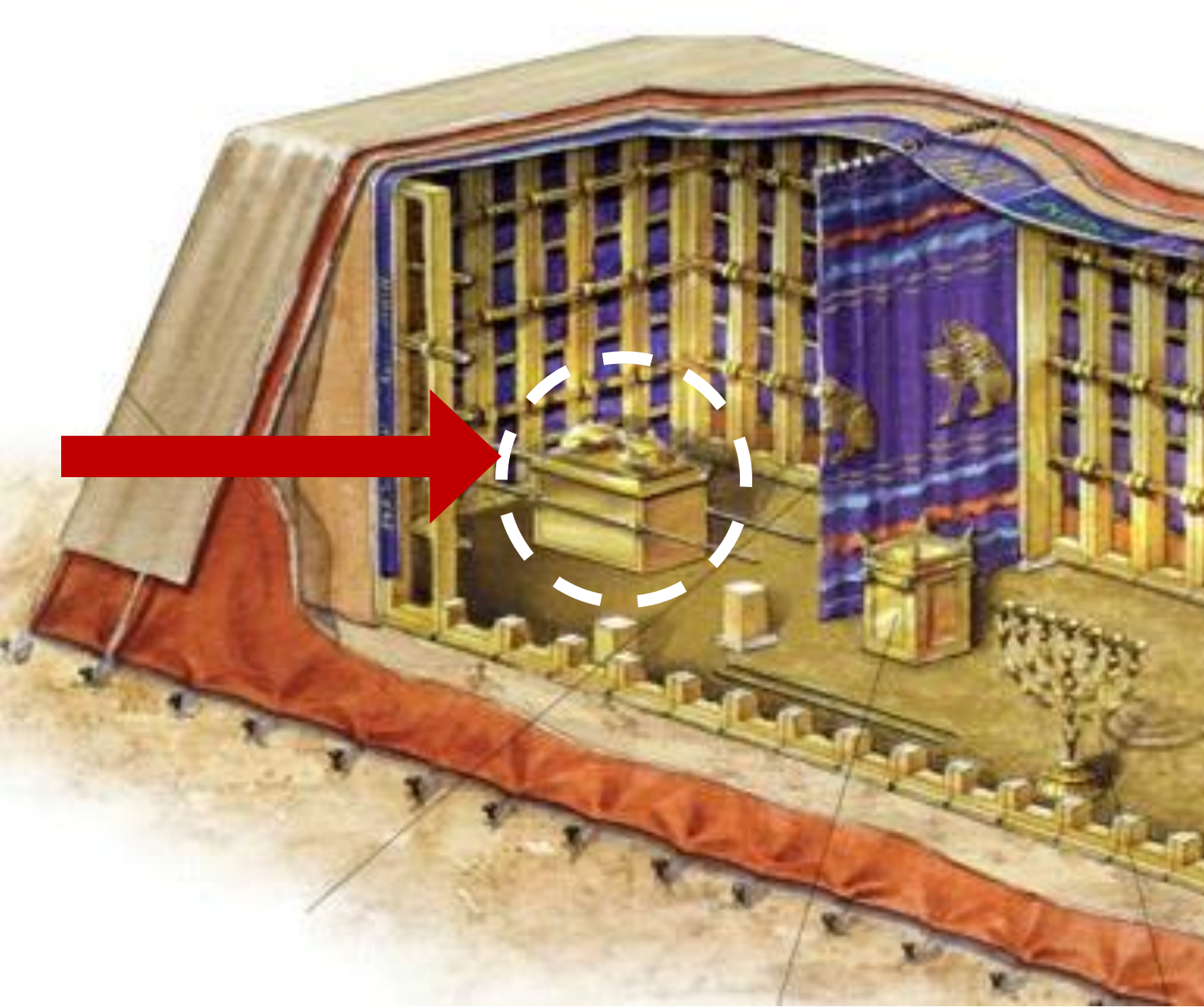
- *“another angel...”* – **NOT Jesus!** *Never any doubt about when HE appears! (Greek “another” = another of same kind.)*
- **What altar?** Altar of incense, in front of veil that separates Holy of Holies in Temple.
- Smoke kept High Priest from death when he entered once a year with required sacrifice for entire camp. Smoke obscured vision, could not “see” glory of God.
- Censer used to carry coals from brazen altar (outside) to altar of incense (inside)

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This altar **always represents prayers of saints.**
Our communication, prayers to Elohim

REVELATION Chapter 8 Part 1



“Before the throne...” Where God dwelled, Ark of the Covenant, formerly separated by veil – veil torn at Yeshua’s death, nothing separating now.

Tabernacle =
model of heaven!

A close-up photograph of a hand holding a small amount of incense. From the hand, a plume of smoke rises, which is artistically rendered with vibrant colors including purple, pink, red, and blue. The background is a soft, out-of-focus light blue and white, suggesting a bright, airy environment. The overall mood is spiritual and serene.

And the smoke of the
incense, with the prayers
of the saints, ascended
before God from the
angel's hand.

Revelation 8:4

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Revelation 8:4



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- Angel holding our prayers, = “**sweet aroma**” to YHVH.
- Psalm 104:34 – “*May my meditation be sweet to Him; I will be glad in the Lord.*” (Hebrew = *siyach*, communication, prayer, talk [with YHWH])
- Psalm 141:2 – “*Let my prayer be set before you as incense.” Hebrew prayer = *tephillah* = intercession, supplication, hymn, prayer.*
- Our prayers **important, always in His presence**
- “*Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven...*” It’s about to happen. **Our prayers are in this censer!**

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- Angel held both prayers AND incense. Incense = value, pleasant, lifts toward heaven – **so do our prayers.**
- Angel presents incense, prayers lift toward heaven WITH it.
- Note: **BEFORE** anything else happens (*blowing of trumpets*), prayers of God's people ascend to Him.



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COMMENTARY:

Significantly, the prayers of God's people set in motion the coming consummation of history.

“More potent, more powerful than all the dark and mighty powers let loose in the world, more powerful than anything else, is the **power of prayer set ablaze by the fire of God** and cast upon the earth.” *(Guzik/Torrance)*

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- Peter describes end of world, then encourages: “...*Since all these things are to be destroyed in this way, what kind of people should you be? Live your lives in holiness and godliness, looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God.*” (2 Peter 3:11-12)
- “hastening” = *speudo* = to speed, urge on by implication, await eagerly, make haste unto.

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- This/other scriptures seem to indicate, in a sense, that we can actually **hurry or hasten our Lord's coming**...through our godliness and holy living.
- Here it would seem we can also do it through prayer. WE don't speed it, but by our prayers we URGE God to speed it!

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- Daniel asked for a quick fulfillment of prophecies about Israel's captivity, and hopefully soon return to the land (Daniel 9).
- Perhaps **good reason for us to pray** words that end this book:

“Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus!”

(Revelation 22:20b)

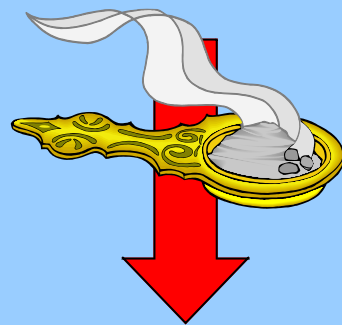
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Revelation 8:5-6



noises!
thunderings!
lightning!
earthquake!



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- **Thy will be done!** God's will about to be done on earth, as it is in heaven.
- *Initiated in heaven, played out on earth.*
- **Silence short-lived** (*"about half an hour"*). Judgment is coming.
- Angel's action apparently begins Trumpet judgment sequence.
- **Another earthquake** (3 in Revelation)



**Earthquakes
get the
attention of
earth
dwellers!**

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- As God's people apparently praying for end of time, seems prayers were touched, ignited, by fire from the altar. Then thrown back to earth.
- In this "throwing back," answers are contained, and **fire has filled answers with new power.**
- **Fire = symbol in scripture for judgment.**

REVELATION Chapter 8 Part 1

- Wherever God's throne seen, always accompanied/ noise, thunderings, lightnings, and sometimes even an earthquake!
- These evidences (and others) at God's throne = **place of ultimate power and sovereign authority, of majesty and honor, perfect justice, holiness, purity, eternal life, and grace.**

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- Angels prepared to sound.
- Silence over, judgment begins.

HAVING JOY IN THE LAST DAYS

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According to the Mayan calendar the world is ending this month. Fortunately, the Oreo cookie says not to worry.

Yevarekh-kha Adonai veyishmerekha

May the LORD bless you and keep you

***Ya'er Adonai panav elekha
vihunneka***

May the LORD make His face shine upon you
and be gracious to you

***Yissa Adonai panav elekha viyasem
lekha shalom.***

May the LORD lift up His countenance upon you
and give you peace.

