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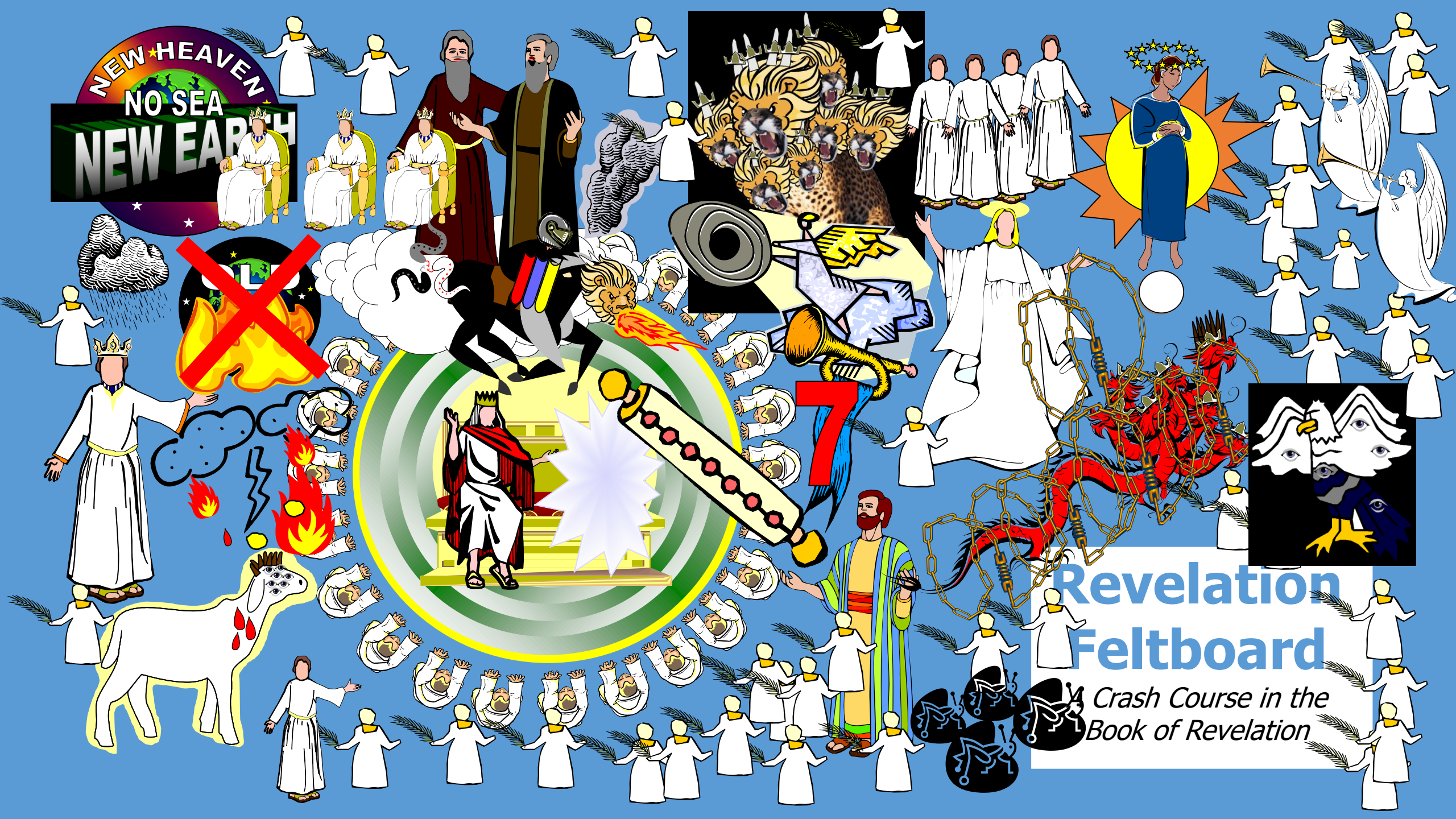
Revelation 8:1

**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.**



NEW HEAVEN
NO SEA
NEW EARTH



Revelation
Feltboard
Crash Course in the
Book of Revelation

Revelation 8

Trumpet Judgements begin...

Revelation 8:5



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REVELATION FELTBOARD: Chapter 8

 1	 2	 3	 4	 5	 6		 7
1 st Seal	2 nd Seal	3 rd Seal	4 th Seal	5 th Seal	6 th Seal		7 th Seal
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
6:1-2	6:3-4	6:5-6	6:7-8	6:9-11	6:12-17	Chapter 7	Chapter 8

- 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.

- 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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- 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.
- 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.

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

- This group (*“7 angels who stand before God”*) not mentioned in canon.
- 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.

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.

- Too much extra-biblical LORE, heavy use in New Age/occult.
- Book of Enoch lists many of these as fallen. Can't even agree on their names.
- **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.

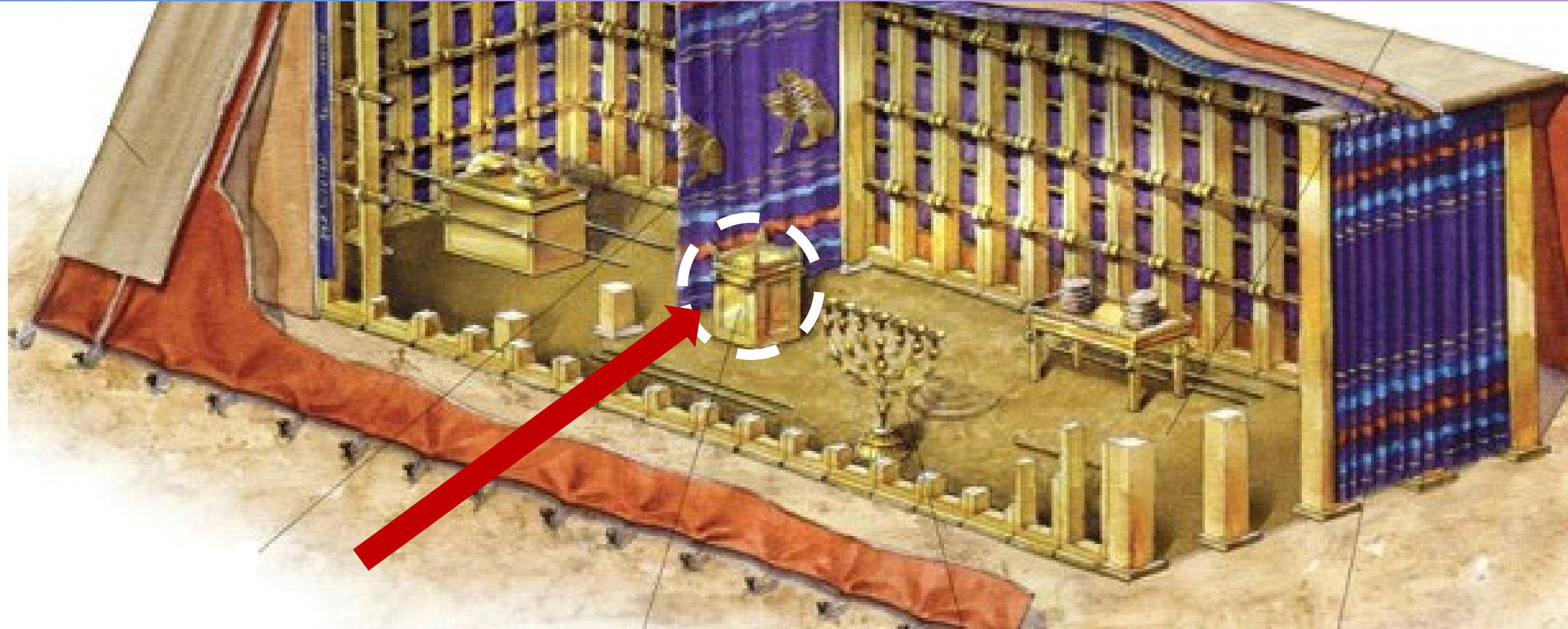
- ***Who are they?*** Angels in God's presence. *Don't need to know anything else.*
- ***What do they do?*** We don't know, other than here they will dispense the 2nd round of judgments, the **Trumpet Judgments**.
- Trumpets always announce, proclaim, warn and lead. Don't know if trumpets audible or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

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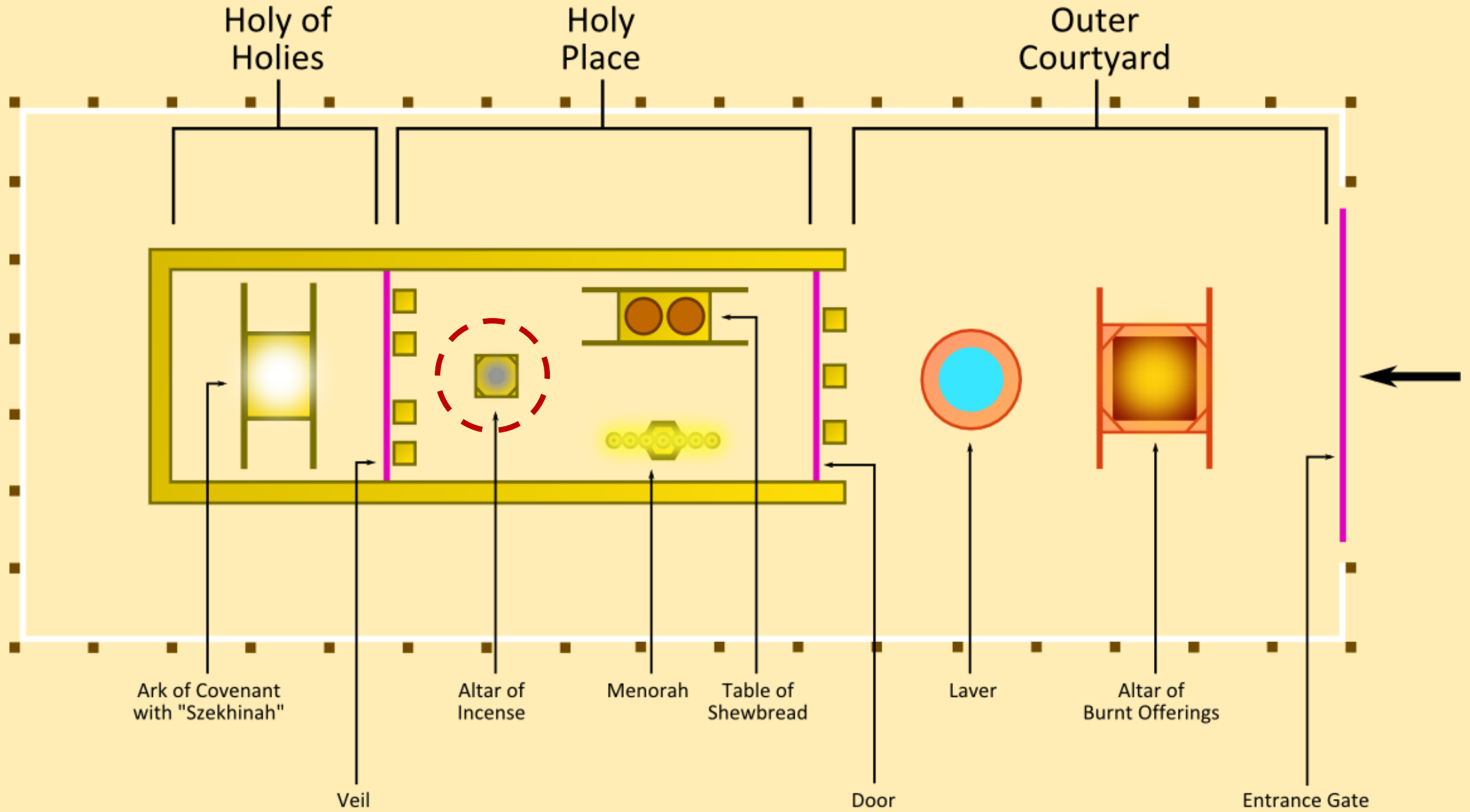
- *“another angel...”* – NOT Jesus! *Never any doubt about when HE appears!*
- **What altar?** Altar of incense, near Holy of Holies in Temple.
- This altar **always represents prayers of saints.** Smoke kept High Priest from being killed when he entered once a year. Smoke obscured his vision, so he would not “see” glory of God.
- Represents our **communication**, prayers/Elohim

Tabernacle

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



REVELATION FELTBOARD: Chapter 8



- Angel holding our prayers, become “**sweet aroma**” to the Father (YHVH).
- Psalm 104:34 – *“May my meditation be sweet to Him; I will be glad in the Lord.”* (Heb siyach, communication, prayer, talk [with YHWH])
- Psalm 141:2 – *“Let my prayer be set before you as incense.”*
- 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 in this censer!**

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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"*)
- Angel's action apparently begins Trumpet judgment sequence.
- **Another earthquake (3 in Revelation)**



Earthquakes
do get
attention of
earth
dwellers!

- “*Noises, thunderings,...*” etc. always accompany a view of the throne room of God. Awesome.
- Angels prepared to sound.
- **Silence over, judgment begins.**

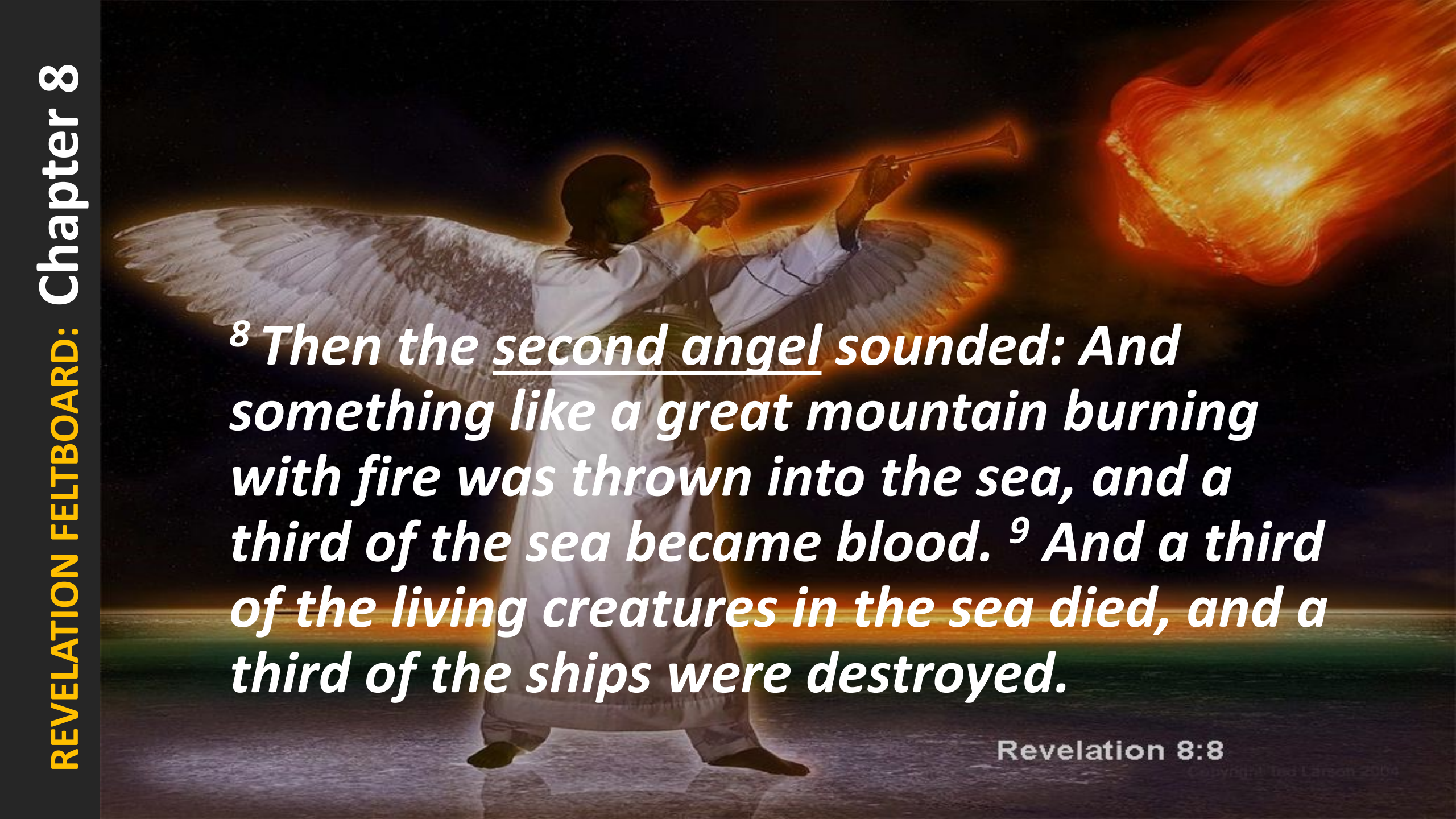


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- Many judgments **resemble plagues in Egypt**. Hardened heart of Pharaoh, *hardened hearts of mankind. (what brings on both sets of plagues)*
- Plagues also in other places (*Genesis 19, Sodom and Gomorrah, Joel 2, etc.*)
- **Egypt = world**. What used in Egypt used here.
- In Egypt, Israelites in Goshen not affected. **What does this mean this time?** Don't know!
- **Egypt plagues real**, no reason to believe these won't also be literal. Don't allegorize!

	EXODUS	Reference	REVELATION	Reference	Judgment
1	Water turned to blood	7:14-24	1/3 of seas turned to blood	8:8	2 nd Trumpet
			2 witnesses have power to turn water into blood	11:6	2 Witnesses
			Seas, rivers, springs turn to blood	16:3-4	2 nd Bowl 3 rd Bowl
2	Frogs	7:25-8:11	3 unclean spirits like frogs	16:13	6 th Bowl
3	Gnats	8:12-15	No mention of gnats		
4	Flies	8:15-28	No mention of flies		
5	Pestilence (Livestock)	9:1-7	No specific mention of pestilence, but 2 nd -4 th horsemen may include pestilence, and livestock may die (ch. 6)		2 nd Seal 3 rd Seal 4 th Seal
6	Boils	9:8-12	Festering sores	16:2, 11	1 st Bowl
7	Hail (and Lightning)	9:13-35	Lightning hurled to earth	8:5	PRE-1 st Trumpet
			Hail and fire mixed with blood	8:7	1 st Trumpet
			Huge hailstones	16:21	7 th Bowl
8	Locusts	10:1-20	Locusts (demonic)	9:3-11	5 th Trumpet
9	Darkness	10:21-29	1/3 “night lights” darkened	8:12	4 th Trumpet
			Beast’s kingdom in darkness	16:10	5 th Bowl
10	Death of Firstborn	11:1-10; 12:29-30	1/3 earth population dies (4 angels of death, army of horsemen)	9:13-19	6 th Trumpet

- Hail always sign of judgment: *“Have you entered the treasury of snow, Or have you seen the treasury of hail, Which I have reserved for the time of trouble, For the day of battle and war?”* (Job 38:22-23, God speaking to Job)
- **Plants first living things** created, now first destroyed.
- “Trees” = Heb *dendron*, “fruit trees” (*perhaps ref to trees that bear food*)
- **Limited, “controlled”** judgment (1/3), but ALL grass. Earth already a mess, only just started.

An angel with large white wings is shown in profile, playing a trumpet. The background is dark with a glowing horizon line. A large, bright fireball is visible in the upper right corner.

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- Notice the word “like” – John struggles to describe things never seen. However, he said seas will turn to blood, not LIKE blood!
- *(Avoid wild speculation!...meteor, volcano, nuclear bomb?)* Don't know exactly what it is, but **will cause massive environmental damage** *(commerce, agriculture, commercial trade, just about everything else!)*
- Doesn't seem to come from heaven. *(earth caused? Environmental?)*

**Seas cover $\frac{3}{4}$ of earth,
feed vast numbers of
people. Will result in
many deaths.**

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- **Interesting...**Jeremiah 51:25 - *“Behold, I am against you, O destroying mountain, Who destroys all the earth,” says the LORD. “And I will stretch out My hand against you, Roll you down from the rocks, And make you a burnt mountain.”* (a chapter that promises destruction of Babylon, addressing Babylon)
Any relevance? **We don't know!**
- Separation of land and sea happened on same day as plants created.
- **Seems God is “unmaking” His creation a little at a time.**



Remember all judgments are cumulative! That is a stunning and frightening thought.

Revelation 8:9

10 Then the third angel sounded: And a great star fell from heaven, burning like a torch, and it fell on a third of the rivers and on the springs of water.

11 The name of the star is Wormwood. A third of the waters became wormwood, and many men died from the water, because it was made bitter.

- Again, “**great star**” much speculation. Literal star (meteor?), or figurative, for someone or something else. **Take literal when possible.** (“stars” also *figurative for powerful men/women*)
- **Literal devastation** of 1/3 of drinking water sources on planet. Water very scarce. (In 3rd Bowl judgment ***ALL drinking water turned to blood, undrinkable.***) Massive water shortages.
- 2nd Trumpet affected SEAS, now 3rd Trumpet **affects rivers and springs** (drinking water).
- Not said to be turned to blood here, but “bitter” and undrinkable.

INTERESTING THOUGHT...

- “Wormwood” = name of “star.” Gr. Apsinthos, *absinthe* = “undrinkable.”

Absinthe = distilled, highly alcoholic beverage. An anise-flavored spirit derived from botanicals, including flowers/leaves of *Artemisia absinthium* (a.k.a. "grand wormwood") INTERESTING....

Absinthe has often been portrayed as a dangerously addictive psychoactive drug

- “Wormwood” = “Chernobyl?”

IS “WORMWORD” “CHERNOBYL” IN RUSSIAN?

(ONLINE.....)

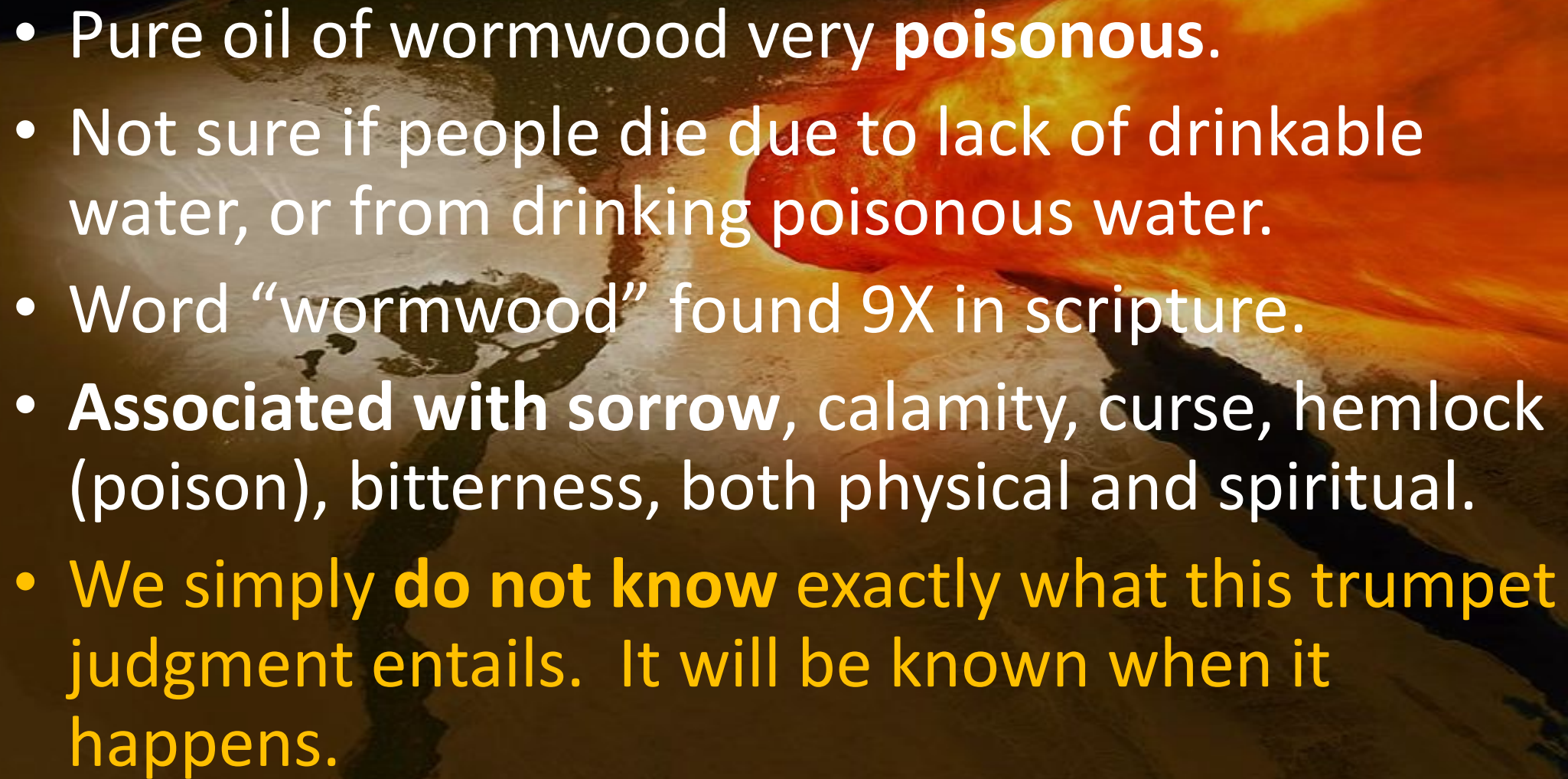
...literally means "Black Gras," name for a very bitter and very poisonous plant..both in Ukrainian and Russian languages. Chornobyl in Ukrainian means wormwood. Chernobyl didn't mean anything like that in Russian, it was only the name of the Ukrainian town. However, after Chernobyl nuclear disaster, Russia adopted *ukrainizm* and in modern spoken Russian the word "chernobyl" can be used in that meaning. (I.E., WORMWOOD)

- “Wormwood”... (CONT.)
- Origins in Russian come from mugwort plant, which grew profusely in area of massive nuclear accident. Over time, mixed up with word for wormwood, now Russians identify it’s **meaning (Chernobyl) as wormwood**. *May or may not be “coincidence.”*
- **Nuclear reaction process** identified at times as “burning like a torch.” Is this a nuclear exchange? We don’t know. *(Note: drinking waters of Europe still polluted in places from Chernobyl accident.)*

Chernobyl in 1986

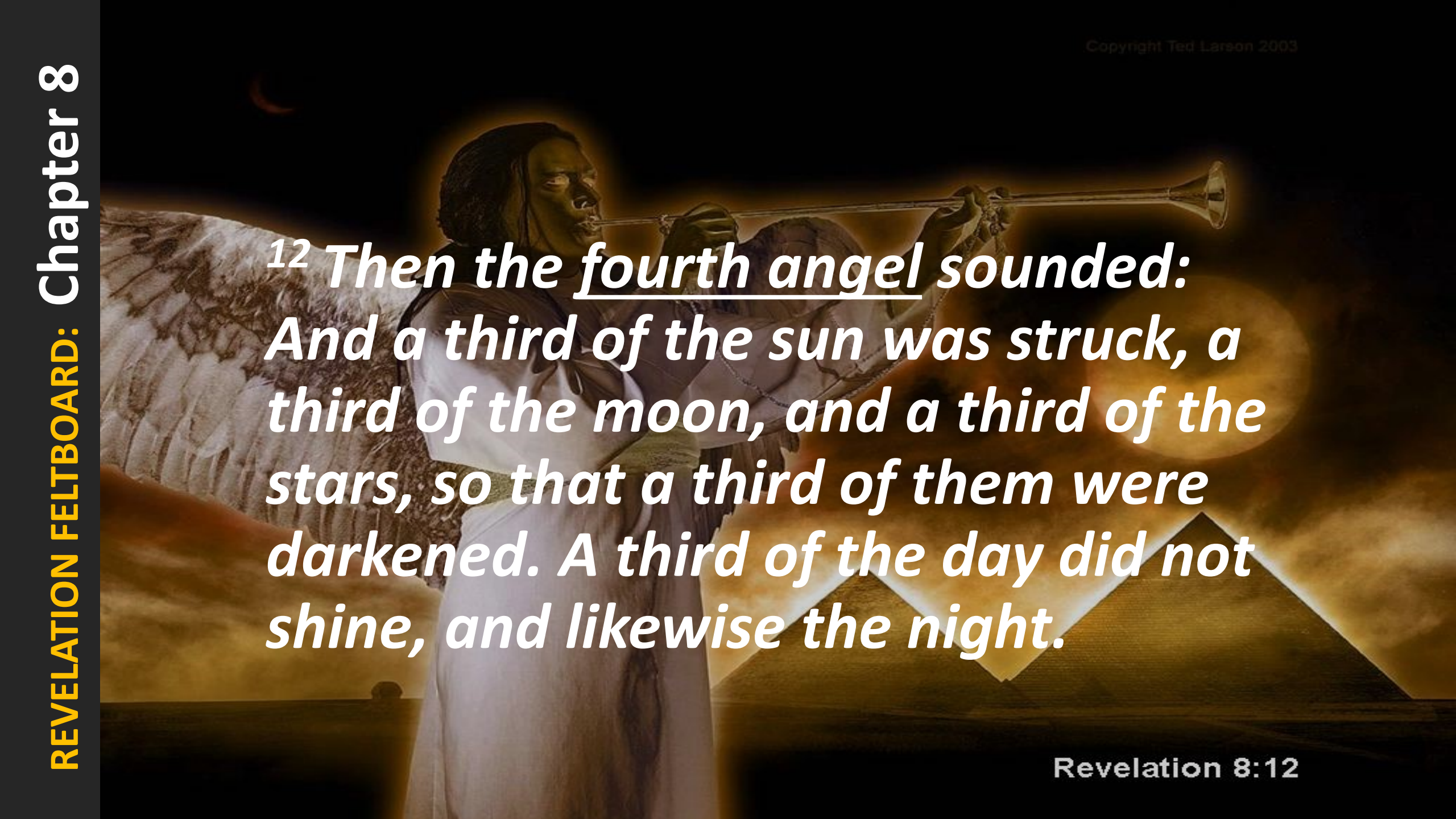
The Chernobyl nuclear disaster began early in the early hours of Saturday 26 April 1986 within the Chernobyl Nuclear Power Plant. An explosion and fire released large quantities of radioactive contamination into the atmosphere, which spread over much of Western USSR and Europe. It is considered the worst nuclear power plant accident in history and is one of only two classified as a level 7 event on the International Nuclear Event Scale.



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- Pure oil of wormwood very **poisonous**.
 - Not sure if people die due to lack of drinkable water, or from drinking poisonous water.
 - Word “wormwood” found 9X in scripture.
 - **Associated with sorrow**, calamity, curse, hemlock (poison), bitterness, both physical and spiritual.
 - **We simply do not know** exactly what this trumpet judgment entails. It will be known when it happens.

Revelation 8:11

- **Water shortages already an issue** around planet. (due to previous judgments)
- Water to become very sought-after commodity.
- People will most likely buy up large water sources to control them, and profit (*already started*)
- Drinking water likely be a huge problem throughout time of judgment.



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- Darkness 9th plague of Egypt.
- **Worse in Bowl Judgments** (*complete, palpable, terrifying darkness on “throne of beast”*)
- **Only 1/3.** Less light day, more darkness night
- Havoc on agriculture, power generation, other economies
- Could mean fewer daylight hours, or less light that actually hits the earth during normal hours.
- Ongoing food shortages.

- Most likely defies natural explanation. Most will see these as God's hand. (*"And yet..."*)
- **Isaiah 13**, prophecies about ultimate destruction of Babylon (6 major chapters in scripture deal with this subject: Isaiah 13/14, Jeremiah 50/51, Revelation 17/18) sun and moon "darkened"
- [*Note – "Babylon" never destroyed, kingdom overrun by Persia in 539 BC, but Babylon continuously inhabited since, prophecies still to come*]

- Babylon also figurative for all in opposition to God (*the City, the people, the “beast”*) – “Tale of Two Cities”
- **One passage sounds very familiar...** *Behold, the day of the LORD comes, Cruel, with both wrath and fierce anger, To lay the land desolate; And He will destroy its sinners from it. ¹⁰ For the stars of heaven and their constellations will not give their light; The sun will be darkened in its going forth, And the moon will not cause its light to shine. (Isaiah 13:9-10)*

Also...

“And I will show wonders in the heavens and in the earth: Blood and fire and pillars of smoke.

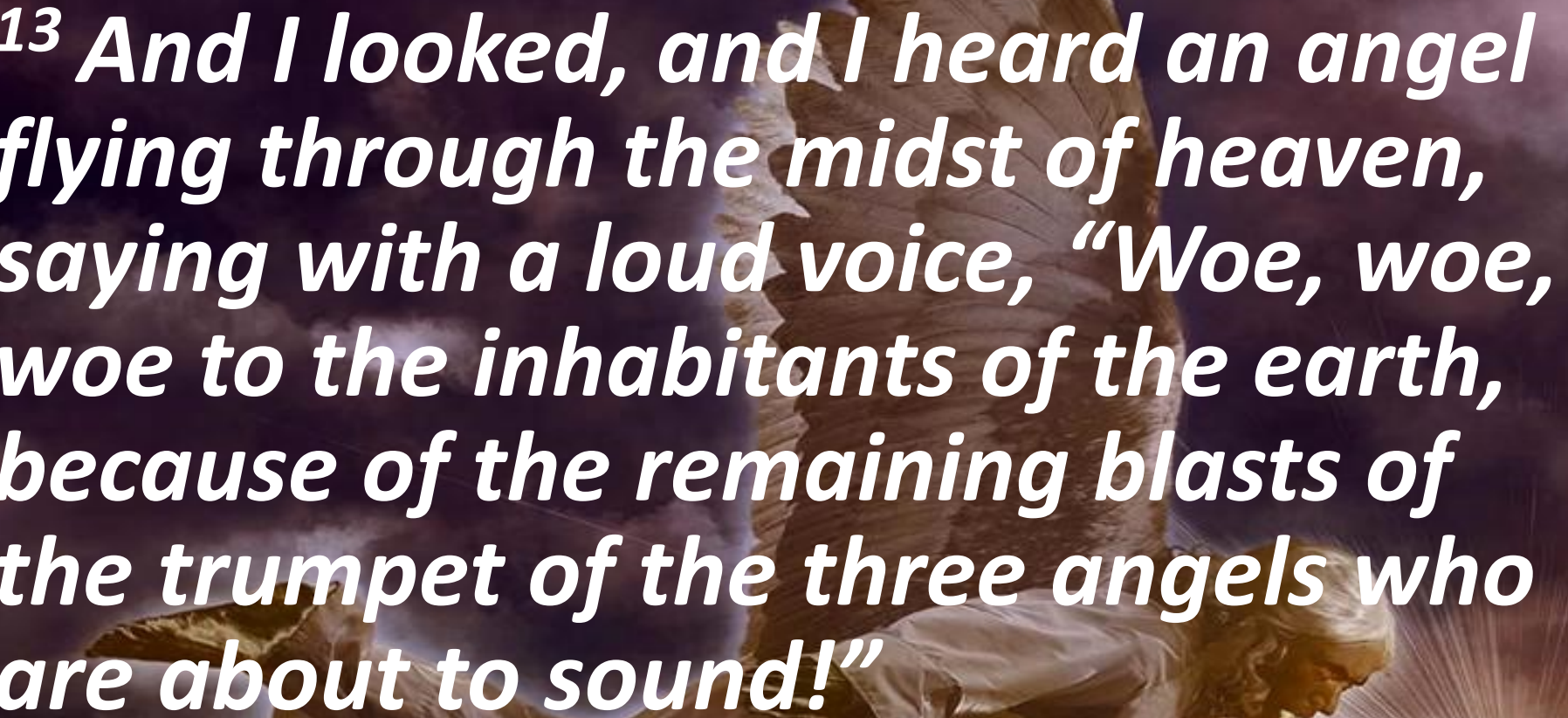
*³¹ The sun shall be turned into darkness,
And the moon into blood, Before the coming of
the great and awesome day of the LORD.*

(Joel 2:30-31)

DAY OF YHVH...

- First 4 trumpets seen as “natural” events, or at least things happening to “natural” world.
- **Supernatural origin and scope, however.** Both physical and spiritual bitterness, darkness and death will occur.
- **Bottom line...what man has put his entire trust and hope in (this world) *is being destroyed piece by piece.***
- Air, water, vegetation, light, food, **all things mankind needs to survive in really bad shape...** and it only gets worse.

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A golden angel with large, feathered wings is depicted flying through a cloudy sky. The angel is wearing a white robe and is pointing towards a bright cross that is surrounded by a radiant glow. The background is a mix of dark and light clouds, creating a dramatic atmosphere.

- **“Angel”** – some translations say “eagle” – Gr. is *aggelos*, word used for angel, literally meaning “messenger.”
- **“midst of heaven”** – literally “zenith of the sky” about where sun is at midday.
- **Satellite?** Word literally “messenger,” whatever that will be.

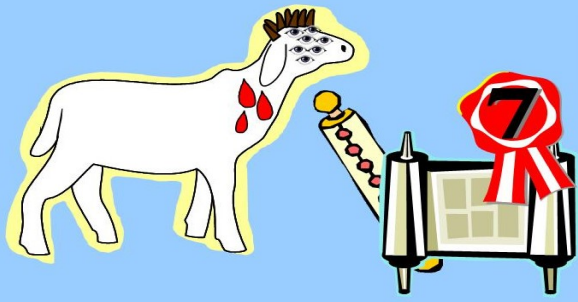


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SPECULATE!**

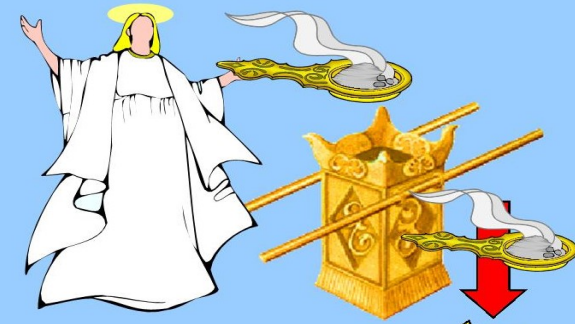
- Known as **“The Three Woes”** – *“you think this is bad...you ain’t seen nothin’ yet!”*
- Will be shown the three “woes” next chapter as 3 remaining trumpets blown. Remember 7th trumpet contains all bowl judgments.
- Things get worse, including man’s rebellion.
- **“Inhabitants of the earth”** – similar to *“those who dwell on the earth”* (ch 6). Unbelievers, lost, citizens of earth. Believers are citizens of heaven.

POEM (describes “inhabitants of the earth”....)

Into this world, to eat and to sleep
And to know no reason why he was born,
Save to consume the corn, devour the
cattle, flock, and fish
And leave behind an empty dish. *(unknown)*



SILENCE
"1/2 Hour" Interlude

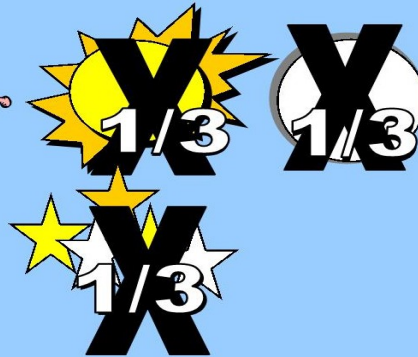


noises!
thunderings!
lightning!
earthquake!



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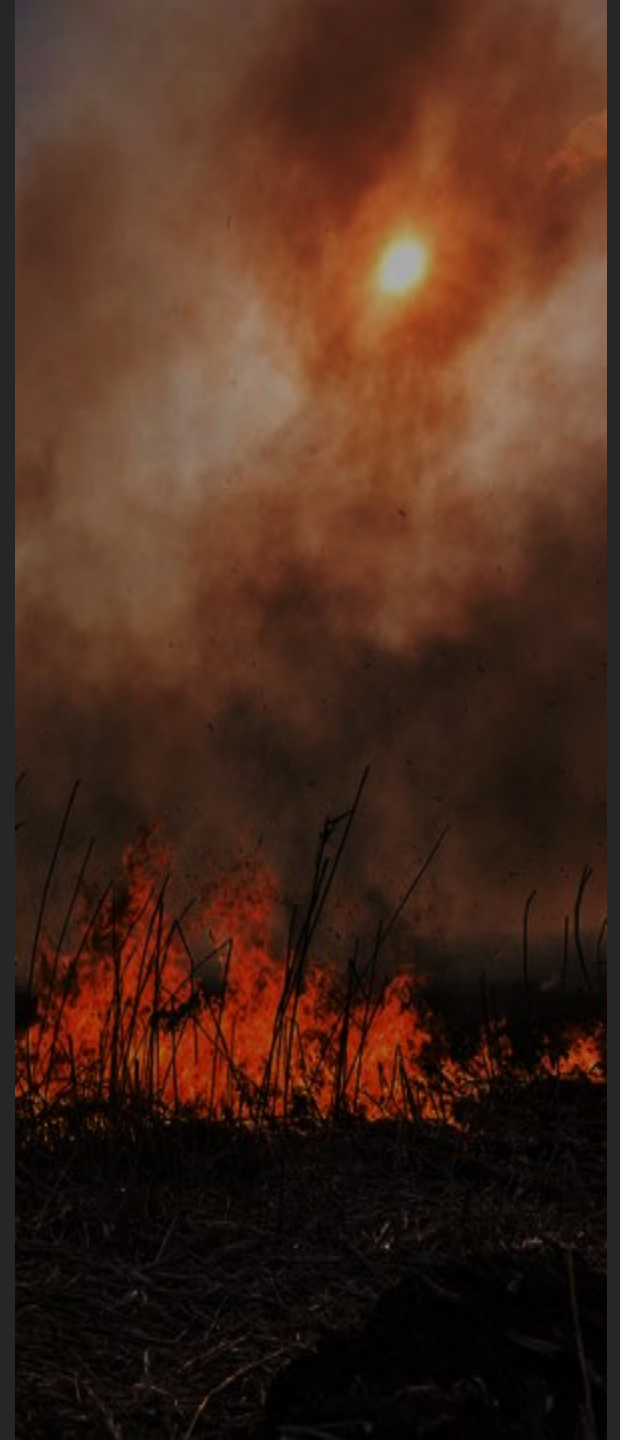
Revelation 8

"Woe, woe, woe to the inhabitants of the earth, because of the remaining blasts of the trumpet of the three angels who are about to sound!"

- Revelation = “developing story” or canvas.
- Strict timeline can be confusing, but visualize **conditions worsening over time.**
- After first 4 trumpets affect “natural” world (*in supernatural way!*) a messenger with harsh message of woe to come.
- 5th, 6th and 7th trumpets (*remember 7th trumpet contains 7 Bowl judgments*) contain rest of judgments.

Earth is a mess now,
so what's next?

Last three trumpet
judgments (Chapter 9)
are demonic in nature.



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.