



“A VALLEY OF DECISION”

Revelation 8:1-5
August 30, 2026

INTRODUCTION: SCRIPTURE PASSAGE: [Rev 8:1-5]

The 7th Seal and the presentation of the angels given 7 trumpets.

Main point: There is a time of accountability to our Creator for every nation, tribe, and person

Contextual point: The tribulation saints are saved by their resurrection but their prayers for justice are answered when Christ judges their oppressors.

Application: Our Heavenly Father answers our prayers yes if it is best for us and no if it is best for us.

The Opening of the 7th Seal...

1. ...proves that the love and mercy of God requires _____.

"1 When the Lamb broke the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven for about half an hour." [Rev 8:1 NASB95]

1. The breaking of the 7th seal follows God's _____ sealing the 144,000.

1. Four angels hold back the _____ seal judgment.

"1 After this I saw four angels standing at the four corners of the earth, holding back the four winds of the earth, so that no wind would blow on the earth or on the sea or on any tree." [Rev 7:1]

2. A 5th angel authorized by God calls to delay judgment in God's _____.

"2 And I saw another angel ascending from the rising of the sun, having the seal of the living God; and he cried out with a loud voice to the four angels to whom it was granted to harm the earth and the sea, 3 saying, "Do not harm the earth or the sea or the trees until we have sealed the bond-servants of our God on their foreheads. "" [Rev 7:2-3 NASB95]

3. The gravity of what will soon be unleashed dramatically silences the heavenly _____.

2. The repetition of the number 7 represents God's perfect _____. (8:2)

1. John assumes his readers will know "_____ seven angels."

"2 And I saw the seven angels who stand before God, and seven trumpets were given to them." [Rev 8:2 NASB95]

2. Michael is identified as an _____ in Jude 1:9.

"9 But Michael the archangel, when he disputed with the devil and argued about the body of Moses, did not dare pronounce against him a railing judgment, but said, "The Lord rebuke you!"" [Jde 1:9 NASB95]

3. Perhaps Michael identified with Gabriel and 5 others in the _____ are the 7 spoken of here.

"And these are the names of the holy angels who watch.

Uriel, one of the holy angels, who is over the world and over Tartarus.

Raphael, one of the holy angels, who is over the spirits of men.

Raguel, one of the holy angels who takes vengeance on the world of the luminaries.

Michael, one of the holy angels, to wit, he that is set over the best part of mankind and over chaos.

Saraqael, one of the holy angels, who is set over the spirits who sin in the spirit.

Gabriel, one of the holy angels, who is over Paradise and the serpents and the Cherubim.

Remiel, one of the holy angels, whom God set over those who rise. The names of the seven archangels."

1 Enoch 20 (Codex Panopolitanus / Gizeh fragment)

3. The seven _____ are a call to Holy War in heaven and earth. (8:2)

1. Trumpets or shofars were used to call Israel together for numerous _____.

There was a partial inscription found in 1968-69 by Benjamin Mazar's excavations known as the Trumpeting Place inscription (or Place of the Trumpeting stone in the Roman 70AD ruins of the Herod's Jerusalem's temple. Josephus' described in (Jewish War 4.9.12 / IV, ix, 12): a priest stood at a high point (linked to the southwest corner, opposite the lower city) and sounded a trumpet in the evening to announce the approach of the Sabbath and again at its close.

2. We see a reoccurring theme of sevens here and when Israel entered the _____ land.

"2 The LORD said to Joshua, "See, I have given Jericho into your hand, with its king [and] the valiant warriors. 3 "You shall march around the city, all the men of war circling the city once. You shall do so for six days. 4 "Also **seven priests** shall carry **seven trumpets** of rams' horns before the ark; then on **the seventh day** you shall march **around the city seven times**, and the priests shall blow the trumpets." [Jos 6:2-4 NASB95]

3. The trumpet judgments allude to _____ War and fulfilled _____ promises.

"11 The LORD utters His voice before His army; Surely His camp is very great, For strong is he who carries out His word. The day of the LORD is indeed great and very awesome, And who can endure it?" [Joe 2:11 NASB95]

4. The trumpet judgments signal the fulfillment of the _____ of the _____ judgments.

"14 Near is the great day of the LORD, Near and coming very quickly; Listen, **the day of the LORD!** In it the warrior cries out bitterly. 15 A day of wrath is that day, A day of trouble and distress, A day of destruction and desolation, A day of darkness and gloom, A day of clouds and thick darkness, 16 **A day of trumpet and battle cry** Against the fortified cities And the high corner towers. 17 I will bring distress on men So that they will walk like the blind, Because they have sinned against the LORD; And their blood will be poured out like dust And their flesh like dung." [Zep 1:14-17 NASB95]

2. ...proves God _____ the prayers of His saints and will justly judge.

1. The prayers of saints are received as a fragrant _____ to God.

"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, with the prayers of the saints, went up before God out of the angel's hand." [Rev 8:3-4 NASB95]

1. The _____ saints prayers are accumulated in addition to all the saints before them.

"8 When He had taken the book, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each one holding a harp and golden **bowls full of incense**, which **are the prayers of the saints**." [Rev 5:8 NASB95]

2. Prayers are to be _____ offered.

"17 pray without ceasing;" [1Th 5:17 NASB95]

2. The prayer of faith in God's promises will always _____ in God's time and in His way.

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1. **The prayers of the saints are for unjust _____ and _____ for the worlds opposition.**
"27 Only conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or remain absent, I will hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel; 28 in no way alarmed by [your] opponents--which is a sign of destruction for them, but of salvation for you, and that [too,] from God. 29 For **to you it has been granted** for Christ's sake, not only to believe in Him, but also **to suffer for His sake**, 30 experiencing the same conflict which you saw in me, and now hear [to be] in me." [Phl 1:27-30 NASB95]
 2. **God will _____ the blood of the martyrs.**
"43 "Rejoice, O nations, [with] His people; For **He will avenge the blood of His servants**, And will render vengeance on His adversaries, And will atone for His land [and] His people." [Deu 32:43]
 3. **The Tribulation is a day where God's justice is _____.**
"10 Why should the nations say, "Where is their God?" Let there be known among the nations in our sight, **Vengeance for the blood of Your servants** which has been shed." [Psa 79:10 NASB95]
 4. **Jesus declared this judgment on His Jewish _____.**
"34 "Therefore, behold, I am sending you prophets and wise men and scribes; some of them you will kill and crucify, and some of them you will scourge in your synagogues, and persecute from city to city, 35 so that upon you may fall [the guilt of] all the righteous blood shed on earth, from the blood of righteous Abel to the blood of Zechariah, the son of Berechiah, whom you murdered between the temple and the altar." [Mat 23:34-35 NASB95]
- 3. ...gives us insights for serious _____.**
"5 Then the angel took the censer and filled it with the fire of the altar, and threw it to the earth; and there followed peals of thunder and sounds and flashes of lightning and an earthquake." [Rev 8:5 NASB95]
1. **God answers our prayers for injustice as an _____ and benevolent judge.**
"19 Never take your own revenge, beloved, but leave room for the wrath [of God,] for it is written, **"VENGEANCE IS MINE, I WILL REPAY,"** says the Lord." [Rom 12:19 NASB95]
 2. **Despite all appearances there is no _____ damage of the wheat with the tares.**
"30 'Allow both to grow together until the harvest; and in the time of the harvest I will say to the reapers, "First gather up the tares and bind them in bundles to burn them up; but gather the wheat into my barn." [Mat 13:30 NASB95]
 3. **Prayer is where our spiritual battles must be _____.**
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 4. **There is a day of accountability called the _____ of the _____ for every nation, tribe, and person.**
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 5. **There is a valley of _____ for every nation, tribe, and person.**
"14 Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision! For the day of the LORD is near in the valley of decision." [Joe 3:14 NASB95]