

The Trumpets Begin to Sound- Study Art 1.1

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DISCLAIMER:

Please feel free to use my work as a “jumping-off point,” but please be careful to NEVER use it to replace your own Biblical study or thought! Bible study is a wonderful, personal, and essential part of learning and growing in faith, and should never be sidelined or replaced by ANY artist’s rendering.

Intent:

To provide visuals fit for presentations or classes. This material was originally created as an image for a book cover of a friend who wanted to reference the opening Trumpets of Revelation (Trumpets 1-4).

Important Notes:

The image does reference the opening trumpets; however, creating a single image with ALL of the visuals John describes was not possible in this version simply because I didn’t have enough time to add each detail needed. This image gives a “flavor” of Revelation 8 that might be suitable for a class or presentation, but please note that KEY features have been omitted! With more time, I may redo this painting to better realize this portion of the vision as described.

Biblical Descriptions

NIV- Revelation 8: 6-12

⁶Then the seven angels who had the seven trumpets prepared to sound them.

⁷The first angel sounded his trumpet, and there came hail and fire mixed with blood, and it was hurled down on the earth. A third of the earth was burned up, a third of the trees were burned up, and all the green grass was burned up.

⁸The second angel sounded his trumpet, and something like a huge mountain, all ablaze, was thrown into the sea. A third of the sea turned into blood, ⁹a third of the living creatures in the sea died, and a third of the ships were destroyed.

¹⁰The third angel sounded his trumpet, and a great star, blazing like a torch, fell from the sky on a third of the rivers and on the springs of water— ¹¹the name of the star is Wormwood. ^[a] A third of the waters turned bitter, and many people died from the waters that had become bitter.

¹²The fourth angel sounded his trumpet, and a third of the sun was struck, a third of the moon, and a third of the stars, so that a third of them turned dark. A third of the day was without light, and also a third of the night.

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⁶ And the seven angels which had the seven trumpets prepared themselves to sound.

⁷ The first angel sounded, and there followed hail and fire mingled with blood, and they were cast upon the earth: and the third part of trees was burnt up, and all green grass was burnt up.

⁸ And the second angel sounded, and as it were a great mountain burning with fire was cast into the sea: and the third part of the sea became blood;

⁹ And the third part of the creatures which were in the sea, and had life, died; and the third part of the ships were destroyed.

¹⁰ And the third angel sounded, and there fell a great star from heaven, burning as it were a lamp, and it fell upon the third part of the rivers, and upon the fountains of waters;

¹¹ And the name of the star is called Wormwood: and the third part of the waters became wormwood; and many men died of the waters, because they were made bitter.

¹² And the fourth angel sounded, and the third part of the sun was smitten, and the third part of the moon, and the third part of the stars; so as the third part of them was darkened, and the day shone not for a third part of it, and the night likewise.

Notes

I took a lot of artistic license with this piece. Again, not everything listed in the chapter is here, so please be sure to clarify that if you are giving a presentation!

For the purpose of making this drawing maximally useful, I depicted this laurel wreath in gold, making it a diadem as well as a victor's crown, similar to this golden crown given to Alexander the Great:

Final Reminder:

Again, much of this is my own assumption and should not be taken as absolute! Perhaps with further study and research better alternatives will present themselves. As usual, I strongly encourage Bible

students to consider my underlying questions and assumptions for themselves and determine if the concept I've presented works.

Production Notes:

This work was put together over a week (as time permitted). The rendering was painted digitally in Photoshop.

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