



## REVELATION 8.7-13

### FOUR SHOFARS SOUND

Seven seals have been broken:

1. **White Horse:** Introduction of the Antichrist. – “and he went out **conquering and to conquer**”
2. **Red Horse:** “to take peace from the earth, and that people should kill one another; and there was given to him a great sword” – global nuclear war (?) focused on Israel.
3. **Black Horse:** famine – the natural outcome of a global nuclear war.
4. **Pale Horse:** Death with Hades following close after; “power was given to them over a **fourth of the earth**, to kill with sword, with hunger, with death, and by the beasts of the earth.”
  - **1/4<sup>th</sup> of the world population lying dead on the ground!**
    - **Approx. 2 BILLION people lying dead on the ground!**
    - **A fourth of all other living creatures dead**
      - **Infectious conditions – pestilence globally**
      - **Water tainted across the globe**
      - **Flies and maggots multiplying globally**
        - **Mass graves**
        - **Bull dozer burials everywhere.**
5. Revealing the martyred saints below the Throne of God awaiting their glorified bodies.
6. Great cataclysmic events on earth: huge earthquakes, great meteor showers, people crying for death.
7. Silence in Heaven for 30 minutes  
Seven Angels before the throne of God are given seven trumpets

**Revelation 8:1–6**

**1 And 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 seven trumpets were given to them.

**3** And another angel who had a golden censer came and stood at the altar, and a large amount of incense was given to him, in order that he could offer the prayers of all the saints on the golden altar that is before the throne.

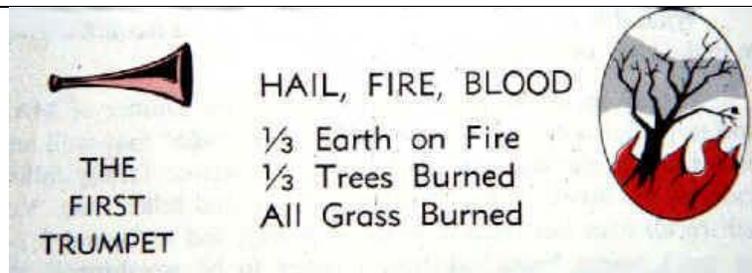
**4** And the smoke of the incense went up before God with the prayers of the saints from the hand of the angel.

**5** And the angel took the censer and filled it with the fire from the altar and threw it to the earth, and there were thunders and sounds and lightnings and an earthquake.

**6** And the seven angels who had the seven trumpets prepared themselves in order to blow them.

**7** The **first angel's trumpet blared:**

And hail and fire followed, mingled with blood, and they were thrown to the earth. And a **third of the trees** were burned up, and **all green grass** was burned up.



**Please note: This is not symbolic language – these events are actually happening:**

- **LARGE hailstones** – mixed with fire (typically great lightning strikes) from Heaven.
  - Mingled with blood?
  - In the seventh bowl judgment, the hail weighs one talent (Rev. [16:21](#)) — ranging between 75 to 88 pounds! <sup>1</sup>

Remember when the Lord did this in Egypt?

**Exodus 9:23–25**

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<sup>1</sup> Trent C. Butler, Chad Brand, Charles Draper, and Archie England, eds., *Broadman and Holman Illustrated Bible Dictionary*

**23** And Moses stretched out his staff to the heavens, and Yahweh gave thunder and hail, and fire went to the earth, and Yahweh caused hail to rain on the land of Egypt.

**24** And there was hail, and fire was flashing back and forth in the midst of the very severe hail, the like of which was not in all the land of Egypt since it had become a nation.

**25** And the hail struck in all the land of Egypt all that was in the field, from human to animal, and the hail struck all the vegetation of the field and smashed every tree of the field.

- **ALL grass on earth is set on fire**

- Not just the grass in the local park
- Legumes, pastures, cereal crops, meadows, local hillsides, wilderness, etc.
- Third of all trees on earth are set on fire by the lightning!
  - Lightning is a common natural igniter. In 2017, lightning set off nearly **8,000** wildfires, which burned **5.2 million** acres in the United States, according to the National Interagency Fire Center (NIFC). Aug 28, 2018. <sup>2</sup>



AND . . . While the grass and forest trees of the earth are burning:

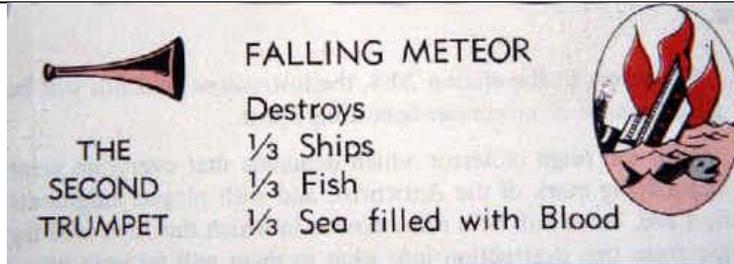
**8** Then the **second angel's trumpet** blared:

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<sup>2</sup><https://www.google.com/search?q=number+of+forest+fires+set+by+lightning&oq=number+of+forest+fires+set+by+lightning&aqs=chrome..69i57.17540j0j8&sourceid=chrome&ie=UTF-8>

And something like a great mountain burning with fire was thrown into the sea, and **a third of the sea became blood.**

9 And a third of the living creatures in the sea died, and a third of the ships were destroyed.



Some huge thing appearing as a “mountain”, burning with fire, comes from the sky landing on some sea somewhere.

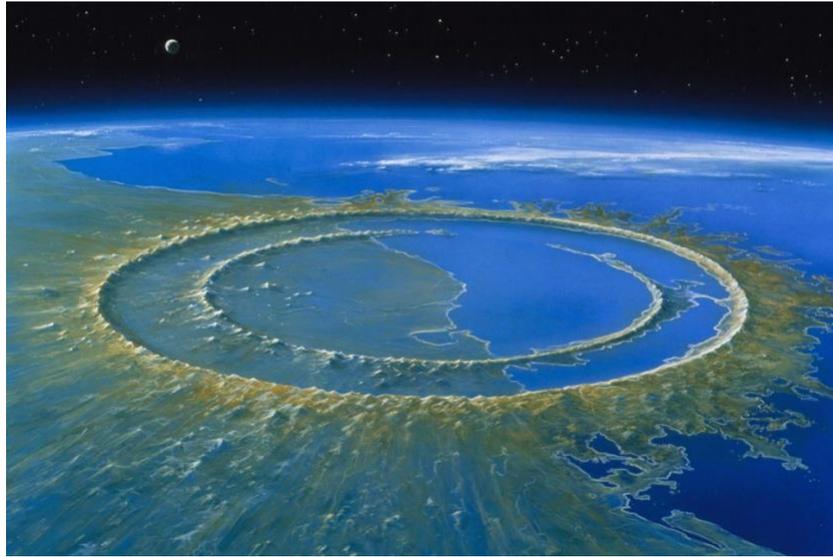
- **Jack Van Impe:** “Comet Shoemaker-Levy 9’s (July, 1994) impact on Jupiter grabbed the attention of the entire world. Was it a sign? Enormous explosions, hundred of times more powerful than all the earth’s nuclear warheads, made people realize just how vulnerable our planet is to a similar occurrence.”
- **U.S. News and World Report:** “They are a cosmic accident waiting to happen: Astronomers revealed new evidence that the solar system is encircled by a 90 billion-mile-wide, disk like cloud of at least 200 million mountainous chunks of dirt and ice, some of which come hurtling through the solar system as starry-tailed comets.” 3

The **Chicxulub crater** is an impact crater buried underneath the Yucatán Peninsula in Mexico. Its center is located near the town of Chicxulub, after which the crater is named. **It was formed by a large asteroid or comet about 6.8 to 50.3 miles in diameter striking the Earth.**

The crater is estimated to be **93 miles in diameter and about 12 mi in depth**. It is the second largest confirmed impact structure on Earth and the only one whose peak ring is intact and directly accessible for scientific research.

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<sup>3</sup> U.S. News and World Report, June 26, 1995, p. 20



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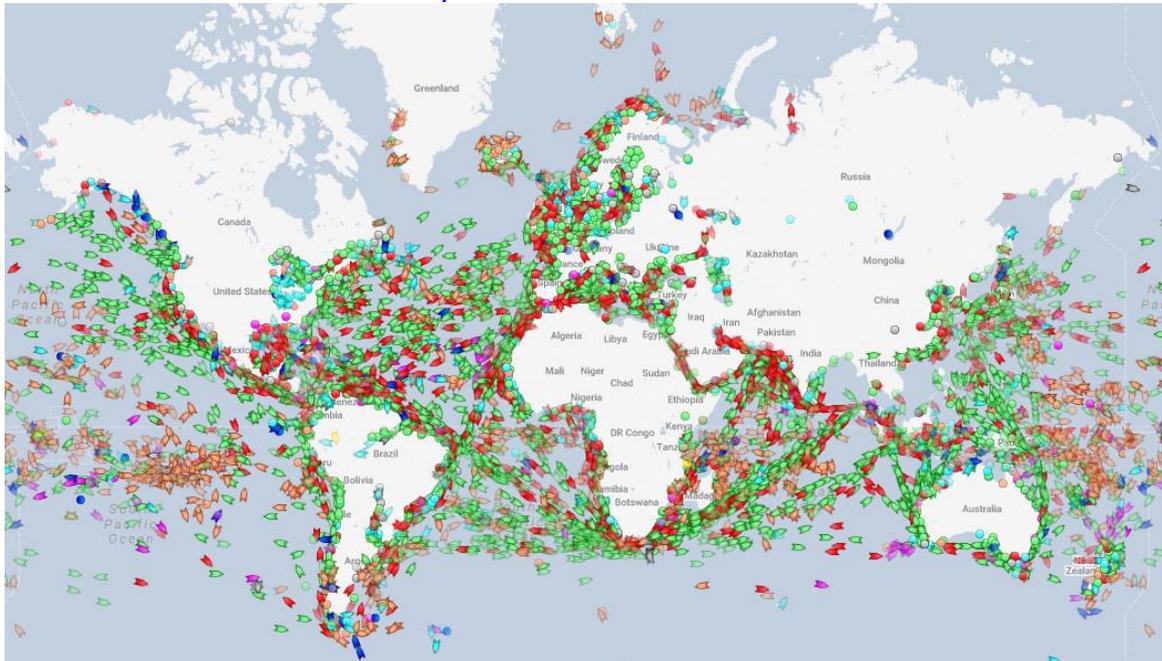
**Revelation 16:3** And the second poured out his bowl on the sea, and it became blood, like that of a dead person, and **every living thing that was in the sea died.**

1/3 of all the ships in the sea are destroyed

- Est 52,000 freighters on the ocean on any given day
  - Of the around **52,000** merchant ships trading internationally, some **11,000 ships** were bulk carriers. How many ships are there in the world? The number of ships in

the world exceeds 50,000: As of January 2017, there were **52,183 ships** in the world's merchant fleets. <sup>4</sup>

Here is a **“real-time”** picture from 1/03/2019 of every ship registered and where they are in the sea: <sup>5</sup>



- Est 5,000 Naval ships from various countries on/in the ocean on any given day
  - 430 of which are United States Naval vessels

**10** Then **the third angel's trumpet 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.**

- **Star, or Angel** – term is used variously in English Scripture
  - Satan thrown out of Heaven?
- Another great asteroid?
  - Burning like a torch
  - 1/3 of all fresh water sources turn to blood.

<sup>4</sup> <https://www.statista.com/statistics/264024/number-of-merchant-ships-worldwide-by-type/>

<sup>5</sup> <https://www.weforum.org/agenda/2017/11/this-map-shows-every-ship-at-sea-in-real-time>

- 30 major fresh water rivers in America

**Revelation 16:4** And the third poured out his bowl on the rivers and the springs of water, and they became blood.

- **Wormwood:**

- "BITTER"
- "Chernobyl" – in russian



Chernobyl Memorial site:



- **Wormwood is mentioned seven times in the Hebrew Bible, always with the implication of bitterness.** The word *wormwood* appears several times in the Old Testament, translated from the Hebrew term לענה (*la'anah*, which means "curse" in Hebrew).

- The Greek word is believed to refer to a plant of the genus *Artemisia*, used metaphorically to mean something with a bitter taste. **The English rendering "wormwood" refers to the dark green oil produced by the plant, which was used to kill intestinal worms.** In the Book of Revelation, it refers to the water being turned into wormwood, i.e. made bitter. <sup>6</sup>

**12** Then **the fourth angel sounded:**

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 were darkened.

**A third of the day** did not shine,

and likewise **a third of the night** did not shine.

- Again the best interpretation is literal. Just as the first three trumpets dealt with a third of the earth, so the fourth trumpet dealt with a third of the heavens. <sup>7</sup>
- **Parallel Bowl woes:**  
**Revelation 16:8–9**

**8** Then the fourth angel poured out his bowl on the sun, and power was given to him to scorch men with fire.

**9** And men were scorched with great heat, and they blasphemed the name of God who has power over these plagues; **and they did not repent and give Him glory.**



<sup>6</sup> [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wormwood\\_\(Bible\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wormwood_(Bible))

<sup>7</sup> John F. Walvoord, "Revelation," in *The Bible Knowledge Commentary: An Exposition of the Scriptures*, ed. J. F. Walvoord and R. B. Zuck, vol. 2 (Wheaton, IL: Victor Books, 1985), 952.

**13** And I looked, and I heard an angel flying through the midst of heaven, saying with a loud voice, **“Woe, woe, woe to the inhabitants of the earth, because of the remaining blasts of the shofar of the three angels who are about to sound!”**

- God is graciously warning the people of earth to repent and receive His grace and mercy!
  - Is God required to warn you of impending judgment? NO!  
**2 Peter 3:9** The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that **any** should perish but that **all** should come to repentance.
- **John looked and heard** – obvious to those on earth that see and hear the Angel's proclamation.
  - Imagine an Angel flying through the sky announcing great woes coming upon the earth
    - Broadcasting the grace and warning of God
      - Divine UFO?
      - UFO Conspiracy fans will put their aluminum foil hats back on!
  - WORST woes than previously!
    - 7<sup>th</sup> Shofar will introduce the 7 BOWL woes/wraths of God