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The First Four Soundings Given by a Total of Seven Angels with Seven Trumpets Which Are the Final Warnings to This Doomed World

YAHWEH* the Almighty GOD is all-wise. HE knows the end from the beginning. Before anything happens, YAHWEH knows that it will happen and what the outcome will be. Furthermore, HE is in full control of HIS creation; nothing happens unless HE allows it. Many people today feel that there is no GOD or that HE is not guiding the earth, that somehow we are just stumbling blindly toward some unknown conclusion. But this is not the case. YAHWEH has a Purpose for mankind which HE sets forth in HIS Word, the Bible. And YAHWEH reveals HIS Purpose to HIS People through the Prophets of Old, whom HE has resurrected in these end days to rule the earth. These YAHWEH refers to in Isaiah 32:2, *Revised Standard Version (R.S.V.)*, saying, "Each will be like a hiding place from the wind, a covert from the tempest, like streams of water in a dry place, like the shade of a great rock in a weary land." This is because they alone are teaching YAHWEH'S pure message in the midst of this world.

YAHWEH does have a Purpose, and HE does have a timetable. HE will not allow things to continue as they are forever. HE states in 1 Thessalonians 5:4,5, R.S.V. :

4 But you are not in darkness, brethren,
for that day to surprise you like a thief.

5 For you are all sons of light and sons of
the day....

YAHWEH warns HIS People beforehand of what will befall the earth. The prophecies give a detailed account of the events that will occur in the final nine years and nine months of this system, which the Scriptures refer to as the Day of the LORD. Because YAHWEH is entirely just and fair, this final Day begins with a preaching work, a warning to everyone of what will soon come. Revelation 11:3 states:

And I will give power unto my two
witnesses, and they shall prophesy a
thousand two hundred and threescore days,
clothed in sackcloth.

These Two Witnesses refer to the two divisions of YAHWEH'S People in these last days, The Restored Israel of YAHWEH and Jehovah's Witnesses. (For a more detailed explanation of the Two Witnesses, see the article "Revelation Eleven, Describing the Two Witnesses and Their Work.") These preach throughout the world for a time period of 1,260 days. It is this 1,260 days, its results, and the events just prior to it with which the prophecy of Revelation Eight deals.

Revelation Eight, Verse 1:

**And when he had opened the seventh seal,
there was silence in heaven about the
space of half an hour.**

In Revelation Chapter Five, the Bible is referred to as being sealed with seven seals. This would show that it is completely sealed because *seven*, in the Scriptures, denotes Heavenly completeness. For example, Yahshua,** who possesses complete Heavenly wisdom and complete Heavenly power, is pictured in Revelation 5:6 as having seven eyes (symbol of instruments of seeing and therefore understanding which in turn symbolize complete wisdom), and seven horns (horns represent power, seven horns, complete universal power). If the Bible is completely sealed, then no one can gain an understanding of it, but we find in Revelation 5:5:

And one of the elders saith unto me, Weep
not: behold, the Lion of the tribe of Juda,
the Root of David, hath prevailed to open
the book, and to loose the seven seals
thereof.

The Lion of the tribe of judah, the Root of David, is Yahshua. He is able to loose the seven seals and reveal the Knowledge and understanding of the Bible to YAHWEH'S People, Israel. The seventh seal is the final seal and when it is opened, Israel will have all of the Knowledge that is necessary to begin the preaching work that will take place during the 1,260 days mentioned in Revelation 11:3. We will have a complete and accurate

*YAHWEH, יהוה the original Hebrew Name of the Living GOD, erroneously written Jehovah.

**Yahshua, composed of the Names YAH and Hoshua, signifying YAHWEH-Savior in the Hebrew language, and presently known as Jesus from the corrupted Greek version Iesous.

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understanding of the prophecies concerning these end days and the establishment of YAHWEH'S Holy Kingdom on the earth, and we will be able to teach the world of YAHWEH'S Purpose for mankind and of the operation of a righteous System.

Once we have all this necessary Knowledge, Revelation 8:1 continues, "there was silence in heaven." YAHWEH'S Name and HIS Purpose have never been made known throughout the earth. YAHWEH has been and continues to be the Unknown GOD in this world. So you might say that there has been silence for some six thousand years. Why then does HE mention a particular period of silence here? HE specifies this period of silence because we arrive at a time when, logically, the preaching work, the publicity, should begin. We have all the necessary Knowledge; it is complete; the seventh seal has been opened, and yet there is silence. Why?

YAHWEH allows this period of silence in order for HIS Nation of Israel to fully absorb this Knowledge and to prepare ourselves completely to represent YAHWEH in the great work which is to follow. During this time, as Israel, we must turn our attention on ourselves and ask ourselves if we are ready to represent our GOD. Are we fit to be HIS Servants? And we must make all of the necessary corrections and be at our very best, for the Nation of Israel *will not* be like the hypocritical religionists who preach one thing and are doing the opposite. This time period is the fine tuning of Israel before we embark on a precious, righteous and Holy work, the likes of which has never been seen before. We must make a complete distinction between justice and injustice, between righteousness and wickedness. Each of Israel will actually stand out as separate and distinct from this world, as though we came from another planet. We will be totally devoted to doing the Will of our Almighty FATHER and we will not be sidetracked in any way. We will work together as one harmonious army all directed toward one purpose—the complete vindication of YAHWEH'S Holy Name under the leadership of Yahshua Mawsheeach. Joel 2:7,8 states:

7 They shall run like mighty men; they shall climb the wall like men of war; and they shall march every one on his ways, and they shall not break their ranks:

8 Neither shall one thrust another; they shall walk every one in his path: and when they fall upon the sword, they shall not be

wounded.

This is YAHWEH'S Nation, HIS Army, relentless in their attack on this system, yet never breaking ranks or thrusting one another. In other words, YAHWEH'S Army operates smoothly, without confusion, always looking to HIM for guidance. This is something the world has never seen; Israel are as foreigners, or strangers, to this world and so is the work of Israel. We will, under our King and Leader Yahshua, expose the devil's world for what it is and preach the Gospel of the Kingdom throughout the earth, and thus we will aid in the vindication of YAHWEH'S Holy Name by making HIS Name known throughout the earth. For Israel, it is our privilege, our honor, our blessing to know YAHWEH and to bring this Knowledge to the world. But we must be fully spiritually prepared. So this silence is a time of preparation—to absorb the Knowledge fully and to make sure that our conduct complements the Knowledge.

Verse 1 continues, telling us that the silence lasts "about the space of half an hour." Revelation 17:12 states:

And the ten horns which thou sawest are ten kings, which have received no kingdom as yet; but receive power as kings one hour with the beast.

This one hour that the kings of the earth receive power with the beast is symbolic. Other scriptures bring out more specifically what this one hour stands for. Revelation 13:5 states that power is given to the beast for forty-two months, which is three and one-half years. (Also refer to Dan. 7:25 and 12:11.)

If an hour is symbolic of three and one-half years, then half an hour would be one year and nine months. But verse 1 of Revelation Eight says *about* half an hour. It does not indicate a precise time period. Therefore this half hour of silence may last approximately within the vicinity of one and one-half to two years.

Verse 2:

And I saw the seven angels which stood before God; and to them were given seven trumpets.

A trumpet is a musical instrument which sounds a loud blast. In times of old, it was used to sound

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a message, much as a bugle is used today. These seven trumpets represent messages which will be heard far and wide, as a trumpet is, and will sound very clearly. YAHWEH is going to make clear what HE will do with the earth. HE will make it known that HE is going to establish HIS Kingdom and destroy the disobedient. Everyone will hear it and know it and those who do not want it, who are disobeying, will hate us for it. These seven Angels are symbolically bearing these messages and they are also referred to in Revelation Sixteen, this time bearing seven bowls containing YAHWEH'S wrath. Revelation 16:1, R.S.V. :

Then I heard a loud voice from the temple telling the seven angels, "Go and pour out on the earth the seven bowls of the wrath of God."

Also Revelation 15:1 states:

And I saw another sign in heaven, great and marvellous, seven angels having the seven last plagues; for in them is filled up the wrath of God.

Verse 3 of Revelation Chapter Eight continues:

And another angel came and stood at the altar, having a golden censer; and there was given unto him much incense, that he should offer it with the prayers of all saints upon the golden altar which was before the throne.

The Altar of incense was situated in the Holy portion of the Tabernacle, and when the High Priest burned incense upon it, both in the morning and at night, the aroma penetrated through the second veil into the Holy of Holies and lingered until the next burning. This would mean that YAHWEH was always pleased and never displeased as long as HIS people showed the proper reverence by submitting to HIS Will entirely (Ex. 30:1-9). Beyond this veil, within the Most Holy, was but one piece of furniture—the Ark. This was a rectangular box made of wood and overlaid with gold. The lid, called a propitiatory, or "mercyseat," was of pure gold, and upon it and poured in one piece with the lid were two Cherubs of gold—beaten work. Within the Ark (under the propitiatory) were placed the golden bowl of manna, Aaron's rod that budded and the two

tablets of the Law (Heb. 9:4). Upon the propitiatory a supernatural Light appeared shining out between the Cherubim, representing the Presence of YAHWEH, the GOD of Israel and Israel alone. This was the only Light within the Most Holy.

In the New Jerusalem, which is in the Heavens and which is made up of symbolical Living Stones, there exists no literal golden Altar for the burning of incense, but it is the literal joy brought to YAHWEH by seeing HIS Servants who in times past were in total ignorance of their GOD and who now radiate light like selected diamonds that are indeed most precious. These put YAHWEH and HIS Purpose first and their hearts are thrilled with the increase in Light as the Perfect Day progresses. These are filled with the zeal of YAHWEH and want to enlighten all of the righteous-hearted who are now kept in total darkness by satan and his organization—modern-day babylon which is this present world. These who alone side with YAHWEH are HIS True Children, and they possess and employ their GOD-given attributes and with their fervent prayers added to their righteous and loving desire to see HIS Purpose fulfilled are as an aroma of sweet incense burning on a golden Altar which totally permeates the Holy of Holies. This was the place where YAHWEH manifested HIMSELF to typical israel. Antotypically this means that HIS True Children do reach HIM literally, and they will get from HIM a benevolent response.

Verse 4:

And the smoke of the incense, which came with the prayers of the saints, ascended up before God out of the angel's hand.

So we find that the prayers do reach YAHWEH. They are pleasing to HIM and accepted by HIM.

Verse 5:

And the angel took the censer, and filled it with fire of the altar, and cast it into the earth: and there were voices, and thunderings, and lightnings, and an earthquake.

The fire in the Altar, symbol of the Truth, is the medium that transforms these four aromatic ingredients, symbols of YAHWEH'S attributes created in us, to their full potency. And this one-

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of-a-kind perfume exudes from the Consecrated Child of GOD and is noticed and talked about in the world that this individual is truly different, for it was forbidden to make any unauthorized or different perfume for this purpose. The chores of the Tabernacle were all performed in the Holy. Aaron servicing and lighting the lamps, morning and evening, and burning incense on the Altar of incense while he is servicing the lamps and putting twelve fresh loaves of bread on the table for shewbread every Sabbath is the Holy work started and performed by Aaron the typical High Priest and fulfilled by Yahshua to the greatest degree and assisted by the 144,000 Kings and Priests and later by Earthly Israel. There was no recorded work of any kind performed in the Most Holy, for it represents the place of YAHWEH'S Presence. But the sweet aroma of YAHWEH'S loving, loyal and zealous creatures doing HIS Will reaches YAHWEH through the veil symbolically in the form of the sweet aroma of burning incense.

Therefore the Angel taking the censer and filling it with fire from the Altar and casting it into the earth means that the absolute Truth coming from the Heavens in the form of undeniable evidence (something that the whole world should understand at this time) that the Almighty GOD YAHWEH with HIS four perfect attributes of love, justice, wisdom and power has singled out and chosen HIS Restored Israel namely, The Restored Israel of YAHWEH as HIS True Israel of Promise to whom HE has given a complete understanding, in depth, of HIS Purpose for mankind and it is they whom HE uses to bring glory and honor to HIS Most Holy Name in the sight of HIS creatures. The pouring out of fire from the Altar brings about fantastic repercussions in both heaven and earth, for THE GREAT GOD YAHWEH has now gone into action against HIS avowed enemies, all the nations of this world under satan the devil, and they will be totally consumed. The repercussions are described in verse 5, Goodspeed's translation, in this manner: "And there followed peals of thunder, rumblings, flashes of lightning, and an earthquake"—frightening omens of what this wicked world will have to face when YAHWEH, through Israel, exposes them to the very core and reveals their inner motivations for all of the righteous to behold. And even worse, the horror that will follow them when the work is completed, for YAHWEH will make a full end of all disobedience.

In the Bible the heavens and the earth are used as symbols of the invisible and visible ruling

elements respectively. In support of this, Isaiah 65:17,18 speak of the new invisible and visible ruling elements which YAHWEH establishes in these last days. Isaiah 65:17,18:

17 For, behold, I create new heavens and a new earth: and the former shall not be remembered, nor come into mind.

18 But be ye glad and rejoice for ever in that which I create: for, behold, I create Jerusalem a rejoicing, and her people a joy.

We see that YAHWEH says that HE creates a *New Heavens* and a *New Earth* and then goes on in verse 18 to identify them, saying: "For, behold, I create *Jerusalem* a rejoicing, and *her people* a joy." Jerusalem is YAHWEH'S Heavenly Ruling Organization made up of 144,000 Faithful Members who make up the Body of Yahshua and are also known as the Church and the Bride of Christ. They are Kings and Priests and they reign with Yahshua. "Her people" are Earthly Israel, the Ruling Organization on earth led by the resurrected Prophets of Old.

More evidence that the New Heavens and New Earth are symbolic is found in 2 Peter 3:13 which states:

Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness.

This indicates that the new ruling elements will be righteous, whereas the former ruling elements, meaning the present, are wicked.

So in Revelation 8:5 when YAHWEH'S Truth is cast upon the earth, it is being directed at the devil's wicked visible ruling element. This consists of three main parts: politics, commerce and religion. These are what rule the earth today.

In the next several verses of Revelation Eight, we will see the exposing of politics, commerce and religion during the time which Israel refers to as the publicity, the 1,260 days of preaching mentioned in Revelation 11:3. But what this verse is referring to is something that occurs prior to the publicity. It is something that will cause great repercussions evidenced by the "thunder, rumblings, flashes of lightning, and an earthquake." An earthquake specifies a shaking up of the devil's visible ruling elements, politics, commerce and religion. This verse is pointing out that what is going to take place will be something spectacular, something never done before,

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something miraculous. YAHWEH is going to work a miracle which will show clearly that HE is with Israel. Apart from HIS dealings with the typical nation of Israel, YAHWEH has not taken sides with any nation or any religion. But now HE will, and the rulers will have to take notice and be affected by it. This miracle will end the half hour of silence and open the way for the 1,260 days of preaching to begin. We will know that YAHWEH is ready for us to begin, for HE has opened the way.

The exact nature of this miracle is as yet uncertain, but no doubt it will be worked with YAHWEH'S resurrected Prophets. They are to be the Leaders; they will be the Rulers in the Kingdom, and the attention of the people must be brought to this fact. Perhaps YAHWEH will somehow prove that the Prophets are back or show that a particular Prophet truly is a Prophet. In any case it will be something that will shake the world and will wake them up and force them to take notice, and it will open the door for the publicity, the greatest work ever to be done on earth, and in this manner, YAHWEH will be glorified in Israel.

Verse 6:

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

At this time all of the preparation is complete and Israel is ready and eager to begin.

Verse 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 [were] burnt up, and all green grass was burnt up.

"The first angel sounded," or the message was given, "and there followed hail." Hail is frozen rain, and rain, because it falls from the heavens and causes the earth to flourish and bring forth an increase, is a blessing. Symbolically, rain causes YAHWEH'S People to flourish and grow; it nourishes us. It is a spiritual blessing from above—the Truth. Hail is frozen, or stinging rain. It pictures stinging Truths or the Truth that hurts. It hurts because those whom this message is directed against do not want to hear it. They do not respond to it in a righteous manner because it

lays bare their unrighteousness.

Fire again is Enlightenment and is used as a symbol of the Truth, and the Truth exposes the wickedness of Satan's rulers.

Verse 7 goes on to say that the hail and fire are mingled with blood. The blood symbolizes the shed blood of Yahshua which instituted a New Covenant, or a New Contract, which YAHWEH makes with man. No longer are we under the written Law which sentenced all mankind to death; no longer must we die for the imperfection we inherited from Adam. Yahshua, in shedding His blood and giving up His perfect life, paid the price for Adam's sin. Therefore through Yahshua we are able to gain life. We are now under a New Law—the Law of Mercy—whereby our sins are covered. As long as we are trying to do what is right and striving for YAHWEH'S blessings, although we have not yet arrived at a state of perfection, YAHWEH has mercy on us and our sins are forgiven. Concerning this New Law, Jeremiah 31:33,34 states:

33 But this shall be the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; After those days, saith YAHWEH, I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their God, and they shall be my people.

34 And they shall teach no more every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know YAHWEH: for they shall all know me, from the least of them unto the greatest of them, saith YAHWEH: for I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.

The hail and fire being mingled with blood in Revelation 8:7 shows that, although the work of Israel is an exposing work and will bring about the downfall of Satan's system, we will also explain the Purpose of the Living GOD and the contract that HE has made with all who desire to serve HIM. YAHWEH promises everlasting life and blessings beyond our imagination to the obedient and HE forgives our sins at the present as long as we keep trying.

This message is "cast upon the earth." As previously explained, the earth is symbolic of the devil's visible ruling element. It is made up of politics, commerce and religion. This message is directed against the rulers of this world.

Verse 7 continues, "and the third part of trees was [were] burnt up." Trees are tall and lofty and

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they picture the lofty ones of the earth, those in high positions—the rulers. These would be the politicians, the big businessmen and the religionists. These are the elite of the earth, the ones who are looked up to. When it says that one third of the trees are burnt up, it indicates that only one of the devil's three ruling elements is being targeted here. And this particular message sounded by the first Angel is directed against politics, for it is the politicians who are the elected rulers over the land, and these are the first to come in contact with YAHWEH'S appointed Rulers, the resurrected Prophets of Old.

This exposing will take place during the 1,260 days of preaching and will be very thorough. At this time Israel will bring out what the politicians have done and how they have failed as leaders of the people. In order to get elected to a political office, a man will lie, cheat, bribe and so on. They will say anything to get elected; they will make promises which they know they cannot keep (Remember George Bush's statement: "Read my lips: no new taxes.") and once they are elected, it is the interests of big business that they look after. They are not the representatives of the common people who elected them in the first place and they do not have their interests at heart. This is why the plight of the common people has never changed. They do not provide for the poor, the elderly, the sick or the homeless. They do not look ahead at the consequences of their actions, thereby compounding the problems that now exist. When they wanted a power source other than oil and coal, they turned to nuclear power. Never mind that it is unsafe, that they cannot possibly evacuate the areas around all the power plants in case of an accident, or that they do not know what to do with the radioactive waste products. "Just stockpile it, and when it leaks or there is too much and it becomes an emergency, then we'll deal with it" is their attitude. As far as handling their finances goes—well, any business executive that attempted to run his business the way the government is handled would either be promptly fired or would speedily bring about the collapse of his particular business enterprise. The government continually spends more money than they take in, ever increasing the already astronomical national debt and the interest payment that goes along with it. And to top it off, they do not even attempt to spend the taxpayers' money wisely, as shown by the many reports of the defense contractors

charging hundreds of dollars for a single bolt or seven hundred dollars for a coffee maker. This corruption in politics is found throughout the world. The communist leaders live a lavish lifestyle far above that of the people of their nations, a case in point being Nicolai Ceausescu, the deposed ruler of Romania. Ferdinand and Imelda Marcos stole billions of dollars from the people of the Philippines, living so far above the means of their nation that they were finally overthrown. The indifference with which the leaders treat the people can be seen in the actions and words of former U.S. president Eisenhower and other government officials who allowed nuclear bombs to be tested in the Nevada desert during the 1950's. Eisenhower instructed the atomic energy commission to keep the people "confused" so research could go on. Gordon Dean, then-chairman of the commission, writing in his diary, said "The President says, 'Keep them confused as to 'fission' and 'fusion.'"¹

Others involved in the decision of when and if to test the atomic bomb have been quoted as saying: "People have got to learn to live with the facts of life, and part of the facts of life are fallout." And "We must not let anything interfere with this series of tests—nothing."² One woman living in the path of the radioactive fallout wrote to the government with details of her son's death and her husband's illness, both from leukemia, and received one response suggesting that she was communistically inspired and another stating that those persons in the fallout path "were a small sacrifice."³ The examples of corruption, hypocrisy and indifference in politics are nearly endless.

Not only will Israel expose the actions of the politicians and explain how they have failed in the position entrusted to them by the people, but we will also bring out that none of the politicians ruling today are the rightful rulers of the earth. Yes, the people have elected them, but they had no right to do so. Only YAHWEH, the Almighty, All-wise GOD, knows the heart, and the true rulers of the earth must be selected by HIM and not elected by ignorant people. When Yahshua the Messiah was on the earth, He was rejected; He was put to death. He was not looked up to and given a position of rulership by the people. How can you depend on the outcome of an election in which the people choose from two candidates, both of whose campaigns were financed by big business. In order to properly choose a ruler, you would have to

¹ Jim Boardman, "Confusion fostered in A-tests," *The Philadelphia Inquirer*, April 21, 1979, p. 1.

² *Ibid.*

³ "Feds Ignored A-Test Victims' Pleas for Aid," *The Atlantic City Press*, April 24, 1979, p. 20.

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understand how the government should be run, and you would have to know the heart's motivation of the politicians seeking office. Only YAHWEH has this ability, and only HE can choose the proper rulers. And HE has chosen. HE has chosen the Prophets. These are Men who have proven themselves in the past. They are purely and wholly devoted to YAHWEH and they have HIS guidance. This will be part of the message that is directed against politics. We will bring out that the Prophets are the rightful Rulers of the earth and we will teach of the righteous manner of government which YAHWEH will institute. Hearing this, the righteous of the earth will, for the first time, see a real hope for mankind. They will devour our message.

Finally, verse 7 concludes, saying: "And all green grass was burnt up." Green grass is pasture land. In other words, it is what the politicians feed the people—the propaganda. Once politics has been thoroughly exposed and the people understand what it really is, they will no longer feed upon this propaganda. They begin to recognize the Truth and see that they were deceived. This is pictured as the green grass being burnt up.

Verse 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.

The sea is used in this verse to represent the masses of humanity. Isaiah 57:20 states:

But the wicked are like the troubled sea, when it cannot rest, whose waters cast up mire and dirt.

Actually it is not just the wicked who are like the tossing sea, for in the devil's system, all the people are unsettled and restless; they are not at peace. They live in a system which goes contrary to the Will of their CREATOR, a cold, heartless and competitive system which mercilessly feeds upon its own members. Any intelligent person could not feel settled and at peace here.

The message of the second Angel affects one third of the sea. The sea represents all the people under satan's system and controlled by one of the three elements of satan's organization, politics, commerce or religion, and the one third being

targeted by the second Angel is commerce. Again, satan's entire system is made up of three elements, politics, commerce and religion, and the next element, which is also one third, is being exposed here, and that one third is commerce.

In Revelation 16:3 the sea is used to picture commerce because commerce, on a large scale, had her beginnings on the sea. Huge quantities of goods can be transported on the sea, and it remains a vital part of commerce today.

Verse 8 brings out that a great mountain burning with fire is cast into the sea. Fire is picturing enlightenment, the Truth. A great mountain burning with fire would be an overwhelming amount of Truth. In other words, this would be the immense weight of evidence brought out by Israel concerning commerce. Israel will thoroughly and completely expose commerce, so as to crush it. And the repercussions of this overwhelming weight of evidence will be tremendous. Imagine a great mountain burning with fire being cast into the sea—waves churning, the waters in an uproar, great steam rising up, perhaps a tidal wave. Just as drastic will be the effect of Israel's preaching upon big business. It will be obvious that they are doomed to failure, for it is a system based totally on greed and it cannot possibly last. Verse 8 pictures it as though one third of the sea, the commercial portion, becomes blood, or it is exposed as being polluted, corrupt, disgusting. We will make it abundantly clear what commerce truly is—selfish, greedy and directed entirely toward its own gain, caring *nothing* for the people. People are just so much merchandise to use to enrich themselves and further their own profits. Revelation 18:13, in listing a variety of things which are bought and sold by the merchants of the earth, the big businessmen, includes as part of their merchandise "the souls of men." They claim to be the benefactor of the people, to care for you, but try to get something you really need, such as food, clothing, shelter, even medical care, without paying. When you really need something, they raise the price. For example, if the winter is unusually cold, the price of heating fuel is raised. It is not enough for them that people will be using more heating fuel. No, they have to raise the price also. They have their own interests at heart and the bottom line is profit—how much will they make—regardless of who gets hurt. They have sunk so low as to sell inferior grade bolts to nuclear power plants; they try to entice people to begin or continue smoking cigarettes, leading them to believe that they are not harmful to your health.

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The auto industry has lobbied the government to repeal or delay the implementation of safety laws, because making cars safe cuts into their profits. Ford Motor Company and Sheller Globe Corporation manufactured school buses with gas tanks which are unprotected and may easily be punctured in a collision. This resulted in the death of twenty-seven people in an otherwise minor accident in which the gas tank was punctured and caught fire. The same buses have seats which are not fireproof.

Another example of the disgusting behavior of big business is the insurance industry, which preys upon the insecurity that prevails within this system. To gain some feeling of security, many people purchase life insurance, health insurance, fire insurance, car insurance, theft insurance and so on. Yet when the time comes to put in a claim, there is first a deductible, which is a set amount that you must pay yourself before the insurance company will pay anything. Then, if they have to pay, they will raise your rates. Or they will find some loophole to keep from paying, as in the case of a man who needed a liver transplant and was covered by no less than three health insurance plans. He died while the insurance companies argued over who would pay for the operation, each claiming that it was not covered by their policy.

Israel will thoroughly expose commerce and tell what is wrong with this system, but we will also explain how a true and righteous system of trade should operate. We will explain how YAHWEH'S Kingdom will be run—people working together righteously with no money involved. Not only will we explain this to the people, but we will have Communities established which will be working models of the Kingdom. This will be proof of what we say. It will not be just words or something that we *hope* will happen or that we would *like* to see. It will be the Kingdom in operation for all to see. We will provide our Members with homes deeded to Yahshua Mawsheeach, and they will dwell securely as tenants as long as they remain loyal to YAHWEH'S Restored Israel. They will, however, pay whatever they can afford to finance the ongoing construction of other homes for other Members. We will work together without the use of money among ourselves; we will provide the Community of Israel with food, shelter, anything we need. Because all of Israel are striving to please YAHWEH and are directly responsible to HIM, we will work together to bring honor to HIS Name, with no rivalry in our midst nor suffer the

debilitating disease of heathenistic competition.

Wickedness will not exist once YAHWEH'S Kingdom is fully established, for YAHWEH will not tolerate the conduct of those who bring this wickedness about and will forcibly remove them by sentencing them to death. This will be their reward, for the wicked would not conduct themselves fairly, but would try to gain more for themselves at the expense of others. Isaiah 26:10 states:

Let favour be shewed to the wicked, yet will he not learn righteousness: in the land of uprightness [the Kingdom of GOD] will he deal unjustly, and will not behold the majesty of YAHWEH.

With everyone working together equally, the workload is lessened and each person need work only a few hours. Once the work is done, you stop, for you will not need to amass wealth. Everyone's needs will be supplied in abundance. Isaiah 23:18, *The James Moffatt Translation*, states:

What she makes by her trade shall be sacred to the Eternal [YAHWEH], her profits are not to be stored or stowed away, but what she makes shall go to the Eternal's [YAHWEH'S] devotees, to provide them with abundant food and choice attire.

Trade will exist in the Kingdom but it will be entirely fair and it will exist to serve the people. In the prophecy of Genesis Nine it brings out that *Canaan*, which means "trade, or system," will be a servant of servants (Gen. 9:25). This means that commerce will occupy its proper position of serving the people, truly being their benefactor, rather than the people slaving to enlarge the already bloated profits of big business, as it is today.

The Kingdom will be a beautiful, streamlined system, operating without waste. There will be no money; therefore, there will be no need for bankers, cashiers, insurance companies, the stock market or credit card companies. There will be no army, navy, marines or air force, no politicians or religionists, no thieves, mafia, advertising agencies and so on. Everyone involved in these pursuits will be free to do productive work, meaning that everyone will work fewer hours. When you are not working, it means that the work is done. You can relax; take a vacation. Today if you lose your job or you are out of work, you have to worry

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about how you will pay your rent and feed your family. All of these insecurities will vanish in YAHWEH'S Kingdom. There will be no graft or corruption. Whatever you need will be there for you to take without cost. So there will be no need to steal or to stockpile or horde anything. Trade will be based on the hours of work required to produce the goods being traded. Most importantly, the entire system will be guided by YAHWEH the Almighty, All-wise GOD, and all the inhabitants of the Kingdom will recognize this and submit fully to HIM.

To sum up verse 8, the second Angel is directed against commerce, or big business, and it will be exposed by the overwhelming weight of evidence brought out by Israel against it during the 1,260 days of preaching. It will be seen in comparison to the shining example of YAHWEH'S Kingdom at work in the Communities of Israel as the loathsome organization that it is, and it will fall, never to rise again.

Verse 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.

As in verse 8, one third of the sea is singling out the commercial portion of the devil's entire system. Everything associated with commerce will go down. One third of the ships refers to the commercial portion. Ships are vital to commerce, but they are also used for other purposes. For example there are war ships, pleasure boats and so on. But it is commerce and all associated with it that is the target of the second Angel.

Once commerce has been completely exposed by Israel, the devil's system will be forced to make some changes and to put some sort of controls on big business. They will have to put a stop to the legalized thievery that runs rampant today. This they will do in order to avoid losing their followers, for many, many people will be coming over to Israel.

At this time the pope of rome will seize the opportunity to regain the position that the catholic church has coveted since the fall of the "holy" roman empire, that of ruling the earth. he will actually take this chance to step in and put an end to private enterprise and take control for himself. he will implement the controls proposed by pope Paul VI in that free enterprise will no longer have unlimited freedom to enrich itself, which to date

has been their primary object. All big business will be taken over by government controls, and the people will no longer work for a completely selfishly oriented business enterprise. big business will be completely removed from its place of supreme authority and forced to be fully submissive to the iron rule of a dictatorial government. Actually this will be a more equitable system for the very poor. The nations, primarily the u.s.a. and u.s.s.r., will set up a one-world government, and they will establish the pope as temporal ruler. This organization the Bible refers to as "the abomination of desolation" (Dan. 12:11; Matt. 24:15). They will put controls on big business, no longer allowing it to gouge the people as it does today. They will attempt a socialistic system wherein the governments can maintain control over commerce. In this way they will change the system in order to hold on to the people.

Isaiah 28:18, as correctly translated and clarified by The Restored Israel of YAHWEH, states, in part:

When the overflowing scourge shall have passed through, then you will become to him for a trampling place.

The overflowing scourge refers to the torrent of Truth brought out by Israel against the devil's system. commerce will be so thoroughly exposed that the majority of people will see it for what it is and will completely reject it. When it says "you will become to him for a trampling place," it refers to the pope, who will trample upon his former ally, big business, jumping at the opportunity to be on top himself. The motivations of the pope and the politicians in controlling big business will not be done primarily to benefit the people, but for one to elevate the pope to a position of supremacy and another is that this will be the only door opened for satan's system to continue for awhile longer. Nevertheless, unrighteous commerce will fall and will never rise again.

Verse 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.

This great star, burning as a lamp, is a great

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light, or a great understanding from Heaven. It is a penetrating light, one that will thoroughly expose the next element of satan's system.

"It fell upon the third part of the rivers." A river represents a way of life. In Ezekiel Twenty-nine the devil, who is pictured by pharaoh king of egypt, says in verse 3: "My river is mine own, and I have made it for myself." A third part of the rivers could refer to any of the three elements of satan's system, but verse 10 goes on to say, "and upon the fountains of waters," indicating which portion of the entire system is the target of the third Angel. YAHWEH uses fountains of waters to represent the Truth. Revelation 7:17 states:

For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters: and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes.

And Revelation 21:6:

And he said unto me, It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely.

So is the message of the third Angel directed against the Truth? No. These messages are all directed against the devil's system. This message is directed against those who *claim* to have the Truth, against those who say that they are from GOD, that you must follow them to go to heaven, that you must obey them to do GOD'S Will. It is directed against religion. These are those who use the Word of YAHWEH for their own benefit and deceive the people into believing that they represent the Almighty GOD, and these will be exposed by Israel.

Verse 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.

Wormwood is very bitter. YAHWEH pictures this as though the people of the world are partaking of the waters of religion, which they believe are clean, pure and holy. But the waters turn to wormwood, or they become very bitter, very unpalatable. Why? The waters become bitter

because the people finally see the truth about religion. It is not that the waters actually change, but the people suddenly realize that the waters they thought were pure, or what they thought was the Truth, is truly putrid and disgusting. And how do they come to realize this? They realize it through the preaching work of Israel which exposes religion, and the great star is a symbol of the penetrating light which brings this about. And the honest-hearted people who are truly seeking Truth will no longer partake of the waters of religion as though they had suddenly become very bitter.

There are 1,200 different religions, but there is one YAHWEH, one Truth. These religions claim to be from YAHWEH, yet they have no understanding. They are false, hypocritical liars who turn the Word of YAHWEH into merchandise to raise a fortune for themselves. They twist the Scriptures to suit their own needs, for example, threatening those who do not follow them with eternal suffering in a burning hell. This doctrine of hellfire is not Scriptural, nor is it in harmony with the attributes of a Loving and Just GOD. It brings reproach upon YAHWEH'S Holy Name. Truly if there were such a place, they themselves would be the primary candidates to receive such a sentence. But Israel will clear YAHWEH'S Name and uphold it. YAHWEH is entirely just. HE gives man a choice—obey HIM, the All-righteous, All-loving GOD, or die. YAHWEH will not torture those who choose to disobey. After all, why should HE? They did not ask to be created in the first place. But all who are against a perfect and loving System which will turn the earth into a Paradise Garden cannot exist among HIS Children who choose to employ the beautiful attributes of YAHWEH. Romans 6:23 brings out:

For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus [Yahshua] Christ [Mawsheeach] our Lord.

Also Ezekiel 18:4:

Behold, all souls are mine; as the soul of the father, so also the soul of the son is mine: the soul that sinneth, it shall die.

YAHWEH is not honored by eternally torturing those who do not obey HIM.

Among the other doctrines invented by religion are purgatory and the trinity. The religionists do

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not teach the understanding of the prophecies, for they do not possess it. The televangelists are continually begging for money, crying poor, and all the while they are living like kings, a prime example being Jim and Tammy Bakker. Jimmy Swaggart continually railed against prostitution, portraying himself as an upright and "holy" man, then he was discovered frequenting a prostitute. The Bible is big business to these people, and like any other successful big businessman, they will not let scruples get in the way of a dollar. The religionists today are the counterparts of the scribes and pharisees, who played a part in having the Messiah killed. These present-day false prophets and false teachers are the ones who attempt to turn the faith of the multitudes of the earth to believe and trust in the Lord Jesus Christ, and when they see that He has returned and begun YAHWEH'S Kingdom, they will be the first to band together with the wicked of the earth and try to do away with YAHWEH'S True Kingdom and HIS People. These are very much a part of this world. In fact, they are leaders in this world, despite what YAHWEH says in James 4:4:

Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God.

religion puts on a guise of GODliness and Holiness, but it is pure deceit, either willfully or ignorantly. 2 Corinthians 11:13-15 states:

13 For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ.

14 And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light.

15 Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works.

Verse 11 goes on to say that many men died of the waters. This is not a literal death. Rather it refers to the fact that many people leave religion once they see it exposed by Israel. If you are active in a particular endeavor, then you are alive to it. But if you are no longer active, no longer accomplishing anything, you are considered as dead. This is speaking of people who are dead to religion. They become convinced of the Truth, and they leave religion. There are many sincere

people who go to church every week, who are trying to do what is right, but they do not have an accurate understanding. They think that what they are doing is right. Once they see the Truth, they reject the waters of religion that they thought were pure Truth. The waters become wormwood, or they are made bitter. And the people leave religion because of their new understanding.

Verse 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.

When YAHWEH speaks of one third of the day being darkened, HE is not referring to a literal day. HE is referring to the Judgment Day, the final nine years and nine months of the devil's world. This Judgment Day begins with the 1,260 days of preaching by Israel (Rev. 11:3). During this preaching work, Israel will so thoroughly expose politics, commerce and religion that they will practically be destroyed. Any thinking person would have to see them for what they are, and millions of people will flock to Israel. Although the final number of Israel will be 200 million (minus the 144,000 Heavenly Members), during the publicity we may gather twice that number.

With all of these people leaving this system and coming over to Israel, the leaders will be forced to take drastic steps to maintain their control. This is when they will establish their one-world government. The u.s.a. and u.s.s.r. will join together, and they will make the pope their temporal ruler. At this time they will successfully silence Israel. They will outlaw us, claiming that we are a threat to the peace of the world. This is spoken of in Revelation 11:7:

And when they shall have finished their testimony, the beast that ascendeth out of the bottomless pit shall make war against them, and shall overcome them, and kill them.

YAHWEH is Almighty, and no one can stop Israel's work unless HE permits it. As we see in this verse, Israel is symbolically killed, but take note that the scripture says that this happens only when they have finished their testimony. The

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beast is the abomination of desolation and it silences Israel, which is figuratively spoken of as killing us. This one-world government endures for 1,290 days. At the end of the 1,290 days, the pope is exposed by the nations and removed from authority (Rev. 17:16). This exposing endures for forty-five days and judgment is pronounced at the end of same. Then the u.s.a. and u.s.s.r. endure without the pope for fifteen months (Dan. 7:12). Following this an argument develops between the united states and russia which lasts for five months (Rev. 9), and then actual war. The final catastrophic war which will put an end to all the existing nations of this world will start as a conventional war using conventional weapons and will escalate to a nuclear holocaust (Zech. 14:12). It will last 360 days, from beginning to end, and during this time two thirds of the earth's population will die (Zech. 13:8).

Altogether the Day of the LORD is nine years and nine months long, and it is approximately divided into thirds. The first third is the 1,260 days of Israel's publicity. The next third is the 1,290 days, or the middle of the Judgment Day, that the abomination rules. The final third is the ensuing events from the fall of the abomination to the end of the war, bringing complete and utter destruction to satan's system.

Revelation 8:12 speaks of one third of the day being darkened. The sun, the moon and the stars are all heavenly bodies that give light to the earth. One third of the day being darkened means that the Heavenly Light, the Truth, would not shine for one third of the Judgment Day. During the first third, there is light in abundance because of the preaching work. But when the abomination of desolation is set up, the light goes out because Israel is no longer preaching. We are silenced. But after 1,290 days, this one-world government, which they claimed would last a thousand years, begins to fall apart, just as Israel predicted. At this time, although Israel does not begin to preach again, the fulfillment of what we spoke speaks louder than any words. Revelation Eleven pictures it as though Israel was killed and now comes back to life. Revelation 11:11,12:

11 And after three days and an half the Spirit of life from God entered into them, and they stood upon their feet; and great fear fell upon them which saw them.

12 And they heard a great voice from heaven saying unto them, Come up hither. And they ascended up to heaven in a

cloud; and their enemies beheld them.

The three and one-half days are symbolic of three and one-half years. (Refer to Rev. 11:2 and 13:5.) With the fulfillment of what Israel had predicted, it is as though we have come back to life and are preaching again, for the message strikes home with double force—the prediction and the fulfillment. This world will then be forced to see that YAHWEH is truly with Israel. This is pictured as YAHWEH calling HIS Servants home, that they may be with HIM because they have lovingly and obediently finished their work. It is as though YAHWEH is calling HIS Children home because they alone belong to HIM. This alone distinguishes Israel from the rest of the masses of humanity. These verses refer to Earthly Israel, for the Heavenly Class has long been gathered and is now reigning in the Heavens with Yahshua, and this happened just prior to the first world war. Revelation 7:3,4:

3 Saying, Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, till we have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads.

4 And I heard the number of them which were sealed: and there were sealed an hundred and forty and four thousand of all the tribes of the children of Israel.

(Refer also to *YAHWEH the Unknown GOD, Book One*, Chapter Eight, titled, "YAHWEH'S Ruling Organization, the New Jerusalem, the Holy City Now Reigning in the Heavens.") As the Day of the LORD progresses toward its final end, each event will be fulfilled in succession. At this time, when YAHWEH'S Servants are symbolically resurrected, the light is truly shining once again.

We can now see that the Day is divided into thirds. The first portion the light shines brightly because of the preaching work. The middle portion is darkened because YAHWEH'S Servants are cut off and silenced, and with Israel being shut down, the whole earth lies in darkness. The light reappears again, as has been mentioned, only with the symbolical resurrection of YAHWEH'S Two Witnesses. In harmony with this, is Amos 8:9, which states:

And it shall come to pass in that day, saith the Lord YAHWEH, that I will cause the sun to go down at noon, and I will darken the earth in the clear day.

Noon is the middle of the day, and the light goes

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out in the middle of the Judgment Day.

Notice also that verse 12 states that the day shone not, and the night likewise. This indicates that it is not a literal day, because the light does not shine, either day or night, but there is symbolic darkness for 1,290 literal days.

Verse 13:

And I beheld, and heard an angel flying through the midst of heaven, saying with a loud voice, Woe, woe, woe, to the inhabitants of the earth by reason of the other voices of the trumpet of the three angels, which are yet to sound!

Revelation Eight has spoken of the first four Angels, but there are seven Angels altogether. So there are three more Angels yet to sound which bring three more woes to the world. These three Angels are spoken of in Revelation Nine and Sixteen in detail. But briefly—the fifth Angel concerns the fall of the abomination and the argument between the nations, leading the people of the world to the knowledge that war is imminent. The sixth Angel relates to the coming out of nearly one third of the earth's population. These are the stranger class. They are people who needed proof in order to believe, but once they have the proof, they come over to Israel. These we refer to as the regular ones, for they are ordinary people. Their hearts are right, but their devotion to finding their GOD and serving HIM with all their hearts is not equal to that of Israel because they have neither the zeal nor the faith to take the lead, and because they do not delve into it fully, they do not gain the understanding, and without understanding they are naturally filled with doubts. This is why YAHWEH makes the

separation. This is why Israel are the Children of Zion, typically being the children of Abraham and Sarah, who picture YAHWEH and Zion. The others, pictured by Ishmael, had Abraham for a father but not Sarah for a mother. His mother was a gentile. Therefore they do not represent the Children of a Royal Union which has YAHWEH for the FATHER and Zion as the Mother. The difference can be seen in the aspirations of Israel, accepting the beautiful Truths of YAHWEH'S Word without having to see fulfillment, whereas the others must see visible proof before they can accept the beautiful Spiritual Truths as taught by Israel.

Finally, the last woe upon the earth is the final war, in which all who have not turned to YAHWEH in obedience will die. With the sounding of the seventh Angel, everything will be finished. Revelation 16:17:

And the seventh angel poured out his vial into the air; and there came a great voice out of the temple of heaven, from the throne, saying, It is done.

And Revelation 10:7:

But in the days of the voice of the seventh angel, when he shall begin to sound, the mystery of God should be finished, as he hath declared to his servants the prophets.

As YAHWEH makes clear in this verse, HE gives HIS Understanding to the Prophets, and through them we may come to know YAHWEH and do HIS Will, enabling us to gain everlasting life in the Kingdom which will forever bring honor and glory to our Perfect CREATOR and FATHER YAHWEH.