

16. What comes to view in Revelation 11:19?

"And there was seen...the _____ of His testament."

NOTE: The ark is in the Most Holy part of the sanctuary and represents God's throne. Here is a view of the heavenly sanctuary where the Judgment, which began in 1844, is in session now.

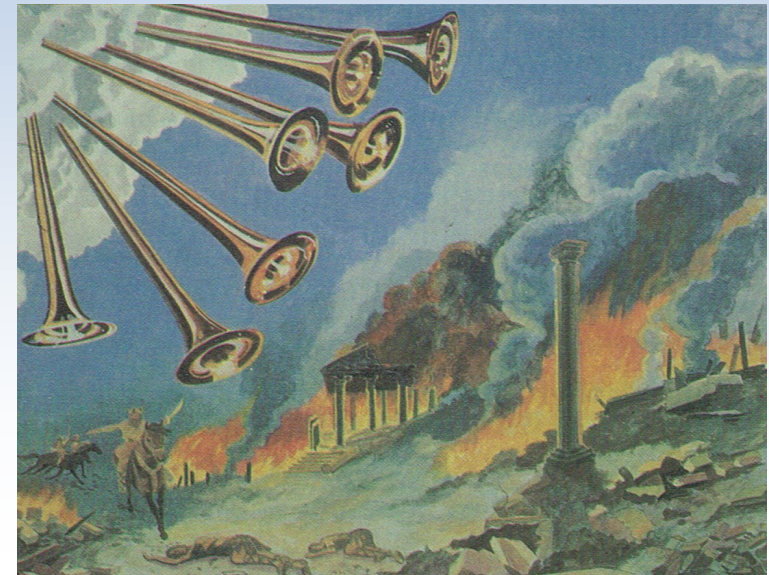
17. Revelation 11:18 gives a view of four final events!

- a. **Nations angry** — World conditions of today
- b. **God's wrath** — 7 plagues coming soon
- c. **Judgment of dead** — Before Jesus returns
- d. **Rewards given** — When Jesus returns

This gives a picture of prophecy fulfilled!

18. Have you made your salvation certain? The most dangerous thing a person can do is delay. "Wait" is the fatal word that will doom millions. Jesus is waiting for you to ask Him to control your life. Will you say "Yes" to Him today?

Ans: _____



TRUMPETS HERALD ROME'S COLLAPSE

Jesus has given us in Revelation a unique three-fold view of history from apostolic days until the end of time. These three views are given in the **1. SEVEN CHURCHES, 2. SEVEN SEALS, and 3. SEVEN TRUMPETS.**

In the messages to the **SEVEN CHURCHES** (Lesson 5), Jesus unfolds the religious history of the Christian era. He reveals His love to His people in each phase of church history, pointing out their faults, and promising victory to overcomers. Jesus makes it clear that His church is very precious to Him and that it will come through triumphantly.

The **SEVEN SEALS** (Lesson 9) unfolds the social history of the Christian era and traces especially the great apostasy, which was largely influenced by secular forces. The seals comfort God's people by pointing out that God is in control of human history and that He will bring an end to sin and suffering.

The **SEVEN TRUMPETS**, which we study today, depict the military

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history of the Christian era as it affects the church. They present Revelation's pageant of conquest and defeat.

FIRST, the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th trumpets portray the breakup of the original Roman Empire (both east and west) in symbols that are astonishing in their detail.

SECOND, the 5th and 6th trumpets picture the onslaughts of the Mohammedan tribes under their various leaders, which gave rise to another religious power that warred against Christianity.

THIRD, the 7th trumpet presents the final period of time, when God's last day church gives the everlasting gospel and the three angels' messages of Revelation 14:6-10 to the entire world (Lesson 18).

CLIMAX OF WORLD HISTORY

Read Revelation chapters 8, 9 and 11:14-19 for overview.

1. The "silence in heaven" takes place at the coming of Jesus (Lesson 9). Where do the related activities occur?

Revelation 8:1-5

"Upon the golden altar... before the _____."

NOTE: The throne is in heaven. Actually, Revelation 8:1-5 is a continuation of chapter 6 of Revelation, and is thus part of the closing events of earth's history as portrayed in the sixth and seventh seals.

2. Where did the angel cast the censer filled with fire?

Revelation 8:5

"The angel... cast it into the _____."

NOTE: Casting the censer to the earth signifies that the judgment, which is now in progress in heaven, has closed. The voices, thunderings, lightnings, and earthquake take place at Jesus' coming (Revelation 16:17, 18; 6:14, 17). Now let us study prophetic history that leads up to this great event.

14. How long were they given power to hurt people?

Revelation 9:5-10

_____ years.

NOTE: For centuries the Moslem tribes were nomadic, with little organization. Near the close of the 13th century Othman welded them together and formed the Ottoman Empire. The five months are 150 years of prophetic time (5 times 30 equals 150 — Ezekiel 4:6). The 150 years began on July 27, 1299 A.D., when Othman invaded Nicomedia, and ended on July 27, 1449 A.D. This 150-year period helps anchor this amazing prophecy as we shall see in the next question.

15. How long was the Ottoman empire to continue? Revelation 9:15

An _____, a day, a _____, and a year.

NOTE: According to the prophetic rule of Ezekiel 4:6, this is exactly 391 years and 15 days. The final phase of this empire (Turkey) was established July 27, 1499. Adding the 391 years and 15 days reaches to August 11, 1840. Based on this calculation Josiah Litch, an American clergyman, predicted in 1838 that the Ottoman Empire would lose power on August 11, 1840, and it happened! Infidels, who had laughed at Litch's prophecy, were so impressed that over 1,000 of them wrote him of their conversion to Christianity. Even though the Moslem empire came to an end, Satan accomplished his objective. Today, Islam prohibits the preaching of Jesus to hundreds of millions of the world's population.

GOD'S TRUE CHURCH APPEARS

A special religious movement for these last days arose after the 1840 closing of the sixth trumpet (see Lesson 18). During the time of the seventh trumpet, God's remnant last-day church must give a positive, threefold message (Revelation 14:6-14) to all the world before Jesus returns.

11. When the fifth trumpet sounded—what key was given?

Revelation 9:1

The _____ to the bottomless _____ “

NOTE: The "star" represents Mohammed, the false prophet, with his Koran, the "key" to control his religious followers, who came out of the abyss of the Arabian and Sahara deserts to fanatically make war upon Christianity. Thus, Satan organizes a second great counterfeit religion to oppose the church with a counterfeit day of worship (Friday) and the Koran as a substitute for the Bible.

12. These warriors are represented as what? Revelation 9:3, 7

"There came out of the smoke _____ ."

NOTE: The locusts represent the swarms of desert nomads (Arabs or Saracens) who under Mohammed's religion of **ISLAM** were welded into a mighty war machine. They conquered Persia, Syria, Egypt, North Africa and Spain. They converted two-thirds of the Christians of Africa and Asia to **ISLAM**. They brought in a false Sabbath (Friday); a false prophet (Mohammed); and a counterfeit Bible (the Koran). They reject Jesus as the Messiah, and teach righteousness by works; and threatened to obscure the light of the gospel. Their onslaughts were largely against Eastern Rome.

13. What is loosed by the sixth trumpet? Revelation 9:14

"The four _____ " bound in the River Euphrates.

NOTE: Revelation 7:1 pictures four angels holding back the winds of war and destruction at the end of time. Doubtless, angels have controlled war through the centuries. Here they turn loose the armies of the great Moslem empire originating in Turkey where the headwaters of the River Euphrates are located. Water represents people in prophecy (Revelation 17:15). So the River Euphrates represents the Mohammedan Turks or people of that area.

THE WINDS OF WAR under the 7 trumpets give rise to **FALSE RELIGIOUS POWERS** that **OPPOSE GOD'S PEOPLE**. Here we discover that Daniel's prophecy concerning the fall and division of pagan Rome comes to pass under the first, second, third and fourth trumpets. Brutal attacks by the Ostrogoths (Goths), Vandals, Heruli and Huns fulfilled this prophecy of Daniel 7.

MILITARY CONQUESTS DESTROY ROME

3. What was cast upon the earth when the first trumpet sounded?

Revelation 8:7

"Hail and _____ mingled with _____."

NOTE: Most historicist Bible commentators agree that this represents the savage attack upon Rome by the Goths under their ruthless leader Alaric. They came like a hail storm with massacre, arson and cruel oppression.

4. The trees represent people—what happened to them?

Revelation 8:7

The _____ were _____ up.

NOTE: The grass and trees being "burned up" represents severe slaughter and mass destruction. The Goths brought a scourge of bloody massacre against all the people, young and old including women and children, wherever they made war (Zechariah 11:1-6; Psalm 37:1, 2).

5. Under the second trumpet a mountain was cast into the sea—what happened? Revelation 8:8

"The sea became _____."

NOTE: A mountain represents a nation or kingdom (Isaiah 13:4; Daniel 2:35, 44, 45). This represents the Vandals and their bloody onslaughts under their leader Genseric. The "ships" of Revelation 8:9

indicate they were a maritime power.

6. How many ships and sailors were destroyed by the Vandals?

Revelation 8:9

"The _____ part."

NOTE: "The third part" represents a mighty blow against the Roman navy.

7. What fell from heaven when the third trumpet sounded?

Revelation 8:10

"A great _____ . . . burning as ... a _____."

NOTE: A "star" from a human view is a prominent leader (see Daniel 8:10, 24). This flaming meteor represents Attila, the leader of the Huns. His troops devastated and occupied Europe from the Volga River to the Danube. Attila called himself the scourge of God and boasted that the grass never grew where his horses trod.

8. What was the star called? Revelation 8:11

"The star is called _____."

NOTE: WORMWOOD means bitterness and it represents the bitter, cruel and heartless attacks of the Huns which resulted in the death of many people. Daniel had prophesied that Rome, the Kingdom of Iron, would be divided (Daniel 2:40-43) and these fierce barbarous onslaughts help bring it to pass.

9. When the fourth trumpet sounded what became dark? Revelation 8:12

"The _____, _____, and _____."

NOTE: Some say the sun, moon and stars in this context refer to the Roman emperors, senators and consuls who were either destroyed or

stopped from their government activity.



10. Who darkened the sun, moon and stars? (see note below)

The fourth trumpet power was the _____.

NOTE: Under the fourth trumpet, the **HERULI**, led by Odoacer their king, deposed Romulus the Roman emperor and abolished the Roman empire of the west. Rome surrendered to him in 476 A.D. Government officials (sun, moon, and stars) were unseated.

STUDENTS OF BIBLE PROPHECY PAUSE HERE! THREE of the **FOUR** barbaric powers pictured under the first four trumpets, were uprooted and destroyed by the "**LITTLE HORN**" power of Daniel 7, which represents **THE PAPACY**. They were the Vandals, Ostrogoths, and Heruli. All of this panorama of war and bloodshed prepared the way for **PAPAL ROME** to appear as pagan Rome was destroyed. Thus the papacy, described in Daniel 7 and Revelation 13, came on the stage of world affairs to establish **A COUNTERFEIT DAY OF WORSHIP** (Sunday) and **ELEVATE TRADITION ABOVE THE BIBLE**. Satan produced a great **WORLD-WIDE SYSTEM OF FALSE RELIGION** to make war against the church. The papacy influences about one-third of the world population today!

MOHAMMEDANISM'S BLOODY CONQUESTS