

Guide & Record of your thoughts

3/21/10 Week 16 - Revelation 8:1-13

Following the Message:

- (8:1) The Old Testament views “silence” as:
 - An anticipation of God’s imminent action,
 - The natural response to God’s omnipotence,
 - A fearsome awe in light of His coming judgment.
- (8:1) In the biblical History of the World you can count on one hand the events which caused extreme silence or profound exaltation:
 - The Creation
 - The Great Flood
 - The judgments against Egypt
 - The arrival of King Jesus on earth as a baby
 - Jesus’ ascension.
- (8:2) Ancient followers of God understood the place of trumpets. They were used to:
 - call people together (Numbers 10:1-8)
 - announce war (Numbers 10:9)
 - announce special times (Numbers 10:10)
 - announce coming disastere. (Amos 3:6-8)
- (8:3, 4) The prayer that is about to be answered is the prayer believers have been instructed to pray by Jesus. That prayer is: Your kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as it is in Heaven.
- (8:5-7) The result of the 1st Trumpet of hail and fire, mixed with blood, thrown to the earth is one third of the earth, trees and green grass are burned up.
- (8:8-9) The result of the 2nd Trumpet of something like a great mountain burning with fire thrown into the sea is one third of the sea will become blood, one third of sea life dies, and one third of ships are destroyed.
- (8:10-11) The result of the 3rd Trumpet of a great star falling from heaven like a torch is that one third of the rivers and springs will become bitter.

8. (8:12) The result of the 4th Trumpet sounding is that one third of the sun, moon, and stars are darkened.

9. (8:12) These signs and supernatural acts of God, appeal to man to repent.

10. (8:13) The declaration of “woe, woe, woe to those who dwell on the earth” is a declaration and graphic warning of the nature of what is coming.

Greek and Hebrew words used today:

Habakkuk 2:20, Zephaniah 1:7, Zechariah 2:13 - silent: (Hebrew) **hacah**, -haw-saw’: primitive root; to hush:-hold peace (tongue), (keep) silence, be silent, still.

Revelation 8:1- silent (Greek) **sigē**, see-gay’; (to hush); silence – as “the absence of all noise.

Revelation 8:10 - great star (Greek) **aster**, as-tare’; a star, from the base of (stronnumi); as strewn over the sky – **stronnumi**, strone’-noo-mee; to “strew,” i.e. spread (as a carpet)

Luke 21:25-26, signs (Greek) **semaino**, say-mah’-ee-no; (a mark); to indicate:- signify

Reflecting on the Text

Recall the purpose of Revelation: 1) to make an end of evil behavior and those associated with it, 2). to bring about a world-wide return to God through Jesus, and 3) to break the will of the Holy people.

Recall the results of the breaking of the 7 seals: 1) false peace (arrival of anti-christ), 2) worldwide war, 3) famine, 4) death by natural disasters, 5) martyrs under the altar, 6) sky goes black, and 7) begins final judgments – trumpet and bowl judgments.

It is sobering to envision what is described as the final days of the world. However, reflect on the benefits of understanding and heeding future events:

- They bring perspective to what is important in life
- They serve as a warning to those who continue to sin
- They motivate us to share truth with others
- They assure us of God’s ultimate victory over sin and evil.