



SAVED TO SERVE

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THE SEVEN TRUMPETS:

THE SEVENTH TRUMPET, THIRD WOE

1. In this Sabbath School Lesson, we will study the seventh trumpet found in Revelation 11:14-19. The last three trumpets are called woes. Remember, the fifth trumpet is called a woe, the sixth trumpet is called a woe, and the seventh trumpet is called a woe. See Revelation 8: 2, 12-13; Revelation 9:12; Revelation 11:14.
2. What does the number seven represent in the Bible? Genesis 2:2, 3; Exodus 20:11 _____
3. **Note:** The seventh trumpet in one sense represents the final message to be proclaimed to the world and will usher in the Second Coming of Jesus.
4. What happens once the seventh trumpet sounds? Revelation 11:15

5. During what event does Jesus go in before His Father to receive His kingdom? Daniel 7:9, 10, 13, 14

“And, behold, one like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven, and came to the Ancient of Days, and they brought Him near before Him. And there was given Him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages, should serve Him: His dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away.” Daniel 7:13, 14. The coming of Christ here described is not His second coming to the earth. **He comes to the Ancient of Days in heaven to receive dominion and glory and a kingdom, which will be given Him at the close of His work as a mediator.** It is this coming, and not His second advent to the earth, that was foretold in prophecy to take place at **the termination of the 2300 days in 1844.** Attended by heavenly angels, our great High Priest enters the holy of holies and there appears in the presence of God to engage in the last acts of His ministration in behalf of man--**to perform the work of investigative judgment and to make an atonement for all who are shown to be entitled to its benefits.**” {GC 479.3}

6. When were the books opened, and when did the Investigative Judgment begin? _____

“In like manner the types which relate to the second advent must be fulfilled at the time pointed out in the symbolic service. Under the Mosaic system the cleansing of the sanctuary, or the great Day of Atonement, occurred on the tenth day of the seventh Jewish month (Leviticus 16:29-34), when the high priest, having made an atonement for all Israel, and thus removed their sins from the sanctuary, came forth and blessed the people. So it was believed that Christ, our great High Priest, would appear to purify the earth by the destruction of sin and sinners, and to bless His waiting people with immortality. The tenth day of the seventh month, the great Day of Atonement, the time of the cleansing of the sanctuary, **which in the year 1844 fell upon the twenty-second of October,** was regarded as the time of the Lord's coming. This was in harmony with the proofs already presented that the 2300 days would terminate in the autumn, and the conclusion seemed irresistible.” {GC 399.4}
See also Daniel 8:14 and Daniel 9:24,25.

7. **Note:** We now understand that the seventh trumpet began October 22, 1844. When will the kingdoms of this world officially become the kingdoms of our Lord Jesus Christ? It is at His Second Coming, and Jesus' kingdom will reign forever. See Daniel 2:34-35, 44-45; Matthew 25:31.
8. What are some of the events that transpire under the seventh trumpet? Revelation 11:18

9. **Note:** Let us analyze the first two events: The nations are angry, and God's wrath is come. There is an important event that takes place between the nations being angry and God's wrath being poured out. This event is the Mark of the Beast crisis. Let us confirm this point.
10. What is God's wrath? Revelation 15:1; 16:1 _____
11. What event precedes the seven last plagues? What sin causes Jesus to pour out the seven last plagues, His wrath, upon unrepentant sinners? Revelation 14:9, 10; Revelation 16:1, 2

12. **Note:** Here is the sequence of events: Once the nations get angry, the next event is the Mark of the Beast crisis. Afterwards,

God will pour out His wrath, the seven last plagues upon the earth, and unrepentant sinners will be affected.

13. What is one reason why the nations will be angry? *Hint: Who was attacking the nations under the first and second woe which caused them to be angry?* See Revelation 9:5-7; Revelation 9:17-19. **Answer: The nations that espouse the Islamic religion. It is a well-known fact that during the first and the second woe, Islam terrorized the nations. See The Great Controversy, pages 334 and 335. Therefore, under the third woe, radical Islam will be blamed for terrorism among the nations.**

14. Have we seen radical Islam attack and anger the nations since the year 1844? _____

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15. While we see that the nations are angry and are preparing for battle, where also should our focus be? Revelation 11:19

16. What was seen once the temple of God was opened in heaven? Revelation 11:19 _____

17. In which apartment of the sanctuary is the ark of the testament or the ark of the covenant located? Hebrews 9:3-4

18. What primary item was placed inside the ark of the testament or the ark of the covenant? Exodus 31:18 w/ Deuteronomy 10:2; Hebrews 9:3-4

“...In the ark was the golden pot of manna, Aaron's rod that budded, and the tables of stone which folded together like a book. Jesus opened them, and I saw the ten commandments written on them with the finger of God. On one table were four, and on the other six. **The four on the first table shone brighter than the other six. But the fourth, the Sabbath commandment, shone above them all; for the Sabbath was set apart to be kept in honor of God's holy name. The holy Sabbath looked glorious--a halo of glory was all around it. I saw that the Sabbath commandment was not nailed to the cross. If it was, the other nine commandments were; and we are at liberty to break them all, as well as to break the fourth.** I saw that God had not changed the Sabbath, for He never changes. But the pope had changed it from the seventh to the first day of the week; for he was to change times and laws.” {EW 32.3}

19. **Note:** Our work during this time of the seventh trumpet should be to keep God's commandments, including the Sabbath, understand Jesus' work in the heavenly sanctuary, and teach others to do the same.

“The subject of the sanctuary and the investigative judgment should be clearly understood by the people of God. All need a knowledge for themselves of the position and work of their great High Priest. Otherwise it will be impossible for them to exercise the faith which is essential at this time or to occupy the position which God designs them to fill. Every individual has a soul to save or to lose. Each has a case pending at the bar of God. Each must meet the great Judge face to face. How important, then, that every mind contemplate often the solemn scene when the judgment shall sit and the books shall be opened, when, with Daniel, every individual must stand in his lot, at the end of the days.” {GC 488.2}

20. Revelation 11:18 also mentions that during the time of the seventh trumpet, the dead would be judged. When did Jesus open the work of investigative judgment and begin to judge the dead?

“In 1844 our great High Priest entered the most holy place of the heavenly sanctuary, to begin the work of the investigative judgment. The cases of the righteous dead have been passing in review before God. When that work shall be completed, judgment is to be pronounced upon the living. How precious, how important are these solemn moments! Each of us has a case pending in the court of heaven. We are individually to be judged according to the deeds done in the body. In the typical service, when the work of atonement was performed by the high priest in the most holy place of the earthly sanctuary, the people were required to afflict their souls before God, and confess their sins, that they might be atoned for and blotted out. Will any less be required of us in this antitypical day of atonement, when Christ in the sanctuary above is pleading in behalf of His people, and the final, irrevocable decision is to be pronounced upon every case?” {1SM 125.1}

21. When will the judgment pass from the dead to the living, and what should our attitude be? _____

“Solemn are the scenes connected with the closing work of the atonement. Momentous are the interests involved therein. The judgment is now passing in the sanctuary above. For many years this work has been in progress. **Soon—none know how soon—it will pass to the cases of the living.** In the awful presence of God our lives are to come up in review. **At this time above all others it behooves every soul to heed the Saviour’s admonition: “Watch and pray: for ye know not when the time is.”** Mark 13:33. “If therefore thou shalt not watch, I will come on thee as a thief, and thou shalt not know what hour I will come upon thee.” Revelation 3:3.” {GC 490.1}

“What is our condition in this fearful and solemn time? Alas, what pride is prevailing in the church, what hypocrisy, what deception, what love of dress, frivolity, and amusement, what desire for the supremacy! All these sins have clouded the mind, so that eternal things have not been discerned. **Shall we not search the Scriptures, that we may know where we are in this world’s history? Shall we not become intelligent in regard to the work that is being accomplished for us at this time, and the position that we as sinners should occupy while this work of atonement is going forward? If we have any regard for our souls’ salvation, we must make a decided change. We must seek the Lord with true penitence; we must with deep contrition of soul confess our sins, that they may be blotted out.**” {1SM 125.2}

“**We must no longer remain upon the enchanted ground. We are fast approaching the close of our probation. Let every soul inquire, How do I stand before God? We know not how soon our names may be taken into the lips of Christ, and our cases be finally decided. What, oh, what will these decisions be! Shall we be counted with the righteous, or shall we be numbered with the wicked?**” {1SM 125.3}

22. According to Revelation 10:7, what must be finished under the seventh trumpet? _____

23. What is the mystery of God? Colossians 1:26-28 _____

24. How will God’s faithful people be presented once the mystery of God is finished in them? Colossians 1:28 _____

25. How does the Bible explain the mystery of God? 1 Timothy 3:16 “...**God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory.**”

26. **Note:** Jesus lived above sin and did not choose to sin, even though He took upon Himself the sinful nature of humanity (Hebrews 4:14, 15). This is the mystery of God. If Jesus came to this earth with a sinless nature, and then lived above sin, then there would be no mystery in that.

27. Where must the mystery of God, Jesus overcoming sin in sinful flesh, be proclaimed? Romans 16:25, 26; Revelation 14:6-12

28. **Note:** We must let the world know that they can be obedient to God’s Ten Commandments only through faith.