

Chapter 8

1. **Silence in Heaven:** Temporary suspension of judgment.
2. **Trumpets:** Loud announcements of God's interference. (Ex. 19:16; Joel 2:1.)
3. **Another Angel:** Christ.
Altar: The brazen altar; the first point of contact between God and man on earth.
Incense: The precious perfume of the graces of Christ.
Golden Altar: Effectual intercession of the great High Priest. (Ex. 30.)
5. **Fire of the Altar:** Judgment in favour of saints in reply to intercession. (Ezek. 10:2.)
Voices and Thunderings and Lightnings and an Earthquake: Signs of God's power in the subversion of all established order on the earth.
7. **Hail:** Sudden and stormy judgment from God. (Isa. 28:2; see chap. 16:21.)
Fire: Consuming judgment.
Blood: Death morally; apostasy.
Third Part: The Western Roman earth. [The dragon with seven heads and ten horns drew the *third part* of the stars.] (Chap. 12:3, 4.)
Trees: Exalted position among men; human power and pride. (Ezek. 31; Dan. 4.)
Green Grass: Earthly prosperity; human weakness. (Isa. 40:6, 8; 1 Pet. 1:24.)
Mountain Burning with Fire: A great established power replete with judgment. (Jer. 51:25.)
Sea: (See Chap. 13:1.)
Blood: (See ver. 7.)

9. **Death:** Public apostasy from God; the power of Satan. (Chap. 2:23.)
Ships: Lucrative commerce.
10. **Star, Burning as it were a Lamp:** A fallen and apostate dignitary.
Rivers: The activity of bodies of people under certain influences.
Fountains of Waters: The source and origin of these influences.
11. **Wormwood:** The bitterness and misery of apostasy. (Jer. 9:15, 16; 23:15; Lam. 3:5, 19.)
12. **Sun:** The supreme ruling power. (Isa. 13:9, 10; Ezek. 32:7; Joel 3:15.)
Moon: Derived light; that which reflects the light of the sun in his absence.
Stars: Subordinate authorities.
Darkness: No perception of God's will; strong delusion to believe a lie. [The four trumpets affect all parts of symbolic creation.]