Book of Revelation, part 64,
Chapter Eight *cont.*

I. The first six Seal Judgments resume from chapter six having been interrupted by chapter seven and the sealing of the 144,000.
1. Seals one to four are on earth, the fifth is under heaven and the sixth occurs back on earth.
2. There have been two major wars.
3. The Seals are during the first half of the Tribulation (Matt. 24:6-8).
4. 144,000 are sealed just before Mid-Tribulation.

II. ***"When He opened the seventh seal ... silence in the heaven about half an hour"*** (Rev. 8:1).
1. Christ alone has the authority to open the seal (Jn. 5:22; Rev. 5:7).
2. The scene is in the throne chamber—<u>the</u> heaven.
3. The silence is uncharacteristic since normally there this constant worship and praise (Rev. 4:8).

III. Introduction to the Trumpet Judgments.
1. Not directly related to the Seal Judgments.
2. They parallel the Vial Judgments and intersect with them several times.
3. The first three Trumpets appear to function as protecting the Nation Israel by diverting the attention of the waring nations from the Nation Israel as the it flees to the wilderness, and are thus they are localized to the eastern Mediterranean area.
4. The rest of the Trumpet and Vial Judgments are more global.

IV. ***"And another angel/****messenger"* an eighth messenger's identity is Christ.
1. Examples of 'angel' translated 'messenger' (Mt. 11:10; Mk. 1:2; Lu. 7:24; Jam. 2:25).
2. High priestly function.
   1) Earthly arrangement pictures the heavenly layout (Heb. 8:5; 10:24).

2) Earthly high priest's protocol (Ex. 37:25-28; Lev. 16:11-15; Heb. 9:1-10).

3. Christ is the heavenly high priest after His ascension (Heb. 4:15).
4. Here, Christ takes the prayers of the earthly saints and mixes them with incense that will go up before the Father on His throne (Rev. 8:3-4; cf. Rev. 5:8; Rom. 8:26).
5. Christ activates the Trumpet Judgments in response to the prayers of the saints by throwing the hot coal on earth (Rev. 8:5).

V. The First Trumpet Judgment (Rev. 8:7).

1. The nation Israel is in the wilderness (Rev. 12:6, 14).
2. The land of Israel has been relatively protected for the first half of the Tribulation.
3. The devastation from the 1st Trumpet.
   1) Hail and fire—seeming opposites, fire in hail like form?
   2) Mixed with blood—result of hail-fire?
   3) 1/3 of the earth burnt up.
   4) 1/3 of the trees burnt up.
   5) All green vegetation burnt up—what is left of the food supply in the protected land is being destroyed.

VI. The Second Trumpet Judgment (Rev. 8:8-9).

1. Great mountain—a asteroid, other celestial body, weapon of mass destruction?
   1) With burning fire.
   2) Cast into the sea (Mediterranean Sea?).
   3) Mountain is so hot makes the sea appear as blood.
2. 1/3 of the sea-life dies.
3. 1/3 of the ships destroyed.

VII. The Third Trumpet Judgment (Rev. 8:10-11).

1. The great burning star (celestial, warfare?).
   1) 1/3 rivers turn bitter.
   2) 1/3 of springs turn bitter.
2. Star named Woodworm, 'bitterness'.
3. Fresh water supplies diminished.