1 REV WK 6 SES 5 CHP 8-11: SEVEN TRUMPET

- 2 **MESSAGE**: 7th Seal introduces the first of the 7 Trumpets; seals, trumpets and bowls talking about same
- 3 thing destruction of Jerusalem/judgment in general but *intensity* increases
- 4 BACK on EARTH Chapters 8-11; the BACK to HEAVEN 9Ch 11:16-190; MESSAGE: History is changed by
- 5 Christians *worshipping!* Jericho revisited; incense is mixed with prayers of the saints (NOTE: biblical
- 6 precedent why we ask saints to intercede for us on Earth); It's a *family affair;* Trumpets used in Bible for
- 7 **WORSHIP** (Num 10: 1 10), Joshua worship the Lord by blowing a trumpet; **WARFARE:** Alert! Alert!
- 8 (Jericho) Joshua 6:1-20) ; **WARNING**: Joel 2:1, *"Blow a trumpet in Zion. Sound the alarm on my holy*
- 9 mountain; let all the inhabitants of the land tremble for the day of the Lord is coming. It is near."
- 10 Trumpets in Revelation to remind Jewish audience: **WARNING**: (Joshua 6:1-20) before entering Jericho
- 11 <u>Harem Warfare</u>: Complete holocaust (Jericho: wicked, child sacrifice); In Revelation, they defeat Jericho
- 12 *liturgically* by singing; Judah=*yadah=praise;* (the *choir; singing*) always leads the way
- 13 **MESSAGE:** Our job is to worship Him and to praise Him, to lift Him up; WORSHIP=most powerful weapon
- 14 **<u>CCC 116-117:</u>** Use *literal sense* of the text back in 70 AD; *allegorical sense* (Christ), how does it relate to
- 15 Christ; *moral sense* (me), how does it relate to my own life, and the *anagogical sense* (future), how does
- 16 it relate to the future.
- 17 **Sound of the trumpets begins judgment** against Jerusalem, the new Jericho of 70 AD
- 18 **FYI: Jesus' Hebrew name is Yeshua**²; the Old Testament name for Yeshua is Joshua .
- 19 **<u>Rev 8:1:</u>** "When the lamb opened the seventh seal. <u>There was silence in heaven for about half an hour.</u>";
- 20 transitioning closer to the judgment taking place.
- 21 <u>**7th SEAL:**</u> unlike previous 6 Seals of punishment, chaos 7th Seal is <u>**SILENCE!**</u> (scholars note <u>typically took a</u>
- 22 priest about a half an hour to conduct a sacrifice.
- 23 Article 2628: ADORATION: one of best ways to conduct battle in your life sitting before the LORD in
- silence; "ADORATION is the first attitude of man acknowledging that he is a creature before his Creator."
- 25 Silence before GOD=*I am not God. He is. And I'm going to be silent before him.* MESSAGE: "ADORATION
- is homage of the spirit to the King of glory, respectful silence in the presence of the ever-greater God.
- 27 ANGELS (Archangels): Raphael (Tobit 12:14-15): I am Raphael. I am one of the seven angels that takes
- 28 the prayers of the saints up into the presence of Lord." Others in Bible are Gabriel and Michael MESSAGE:
- 29 Prayers of the saints (including us on earth) are made more powerful when mixed with prayers of angels.
- 30 Mountain falling into sea: Ezekiel 10:1-2 (concerning destruction of Jerusalem in 587 BC)/Rev 8:5-8,
- Isaiah 66:20 all pointing to mountain falling into sea (the mountain "Jerusalem" falls into sea of "Gentile
 nations")
- 33 **Symbolic Recapitulation:** First four trumpet blasts are similar to plagues of Egypt; reliving Israel's history
- 34 **<u>Rev 8:10-11:</u>** Lucifer (called *DAYSTAR* in OT) and *WORMWOOD*³; 3RD trumpet=1/3 water on earth
- 35 becomes poisoned, bitter; Jer 9:15: *God fed a stubborn, idolatrous people* <u>*Wormwood*</u> and gave them
- 36 poisonous water to drink.
- 37 <u>Daystar:</u> Satan's name before the fall (envy), then Lucifer (Is 14:12–15, Amos); most beautiful of all of
 38 the angels; Lucifer's *fall from the sky* (Lk 10:18);
- 39 **<u>Rev 9:5th Trumpet</u>**: Fallen star given *key to bottomless pit* (Jews believed where Satan and fallen angels
- 40 imprisoned there (abyss, entrance to *Hades*); *a hole in the rock underneath the temple in Jerusalem*;
- 41 place of those who seek to devour the world); CCC 391-395,
- 42 (https://jewishaction.com/jewish-world/israel/secret-chambers-temple-mount/)
- 43 **MESSAGE:** The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the works of the devil; power of Satan is
- 44 not infinite; he is only a creature, powerful from the fact that he has pure spirit, but still a creature. He
- 45 cannot prevent the building up of God's reign. Although Satan may act in the world out of hatred for God
- 46 and His kingdom in Christ Jesus and although his actions may cause grave injuries of a spiritual nature and
- 47 indirectly even of a physical nature to each man into society, the action is permitted by divine providence,
- 48 which with strength and gentleness guides human history and human and Cosmic History. It is a great

- 49 mystery that Providence should permit diabolical activity, but we know that in everything God works for
- 50 good with those who love Him. (Jeff Cavins, Book of Revelation, ascensionpress.com)
- 51 <u>6th Angel with Trumpet (Rev 9:7-14:</u> Four Angels crossing Euphrates River: King is Apollyon):
- 52 <u>Release the four angels who are bound at the great river Euphrates."</u> "Release the four angels who are
- 53 *bound at the great Euphrates.*" (located in modern day Iraq) Could these be Roman troops?(Josephus)
- 54 Stinging locusts: Five months torture those not marked with a seal (the beginnings of Jewish uprising
- 55 against Rome in 66 AD).
- 56 MESSAGE: Pope) John Paul II, 1987 GOD judges, because He loves, and He judges in view of love."
- 57 <u>Rev 9:20:</u> "The rest of mankind who were not killed by these plagues, did not repent." <u>MESSAGE:</u> GOD's
- 58 judgment was meant to bring about repentance.
- 59 **<u>CCC 1470</u>**: *"When you kneel down in the confessional, the sinner, placing himself before the merciful*
- 60 judgment of God, <u>anticipates in a certain way, the judqment</u> to which he will be subjected at the end of
- 61 his earthly life. For it is now in this life that we are offered the choice between life and death. And it is only
- by the road of conversion that we can enter the kingdom from which one is excluded by great sin in
- 63 converting to Christ through Penance and faith, the sinner passes from death to life and does not come
- 64 into judgment."
- 65 **<u>Rev 10:</u>** No more delay (Jesus Christ)
- 66 1. <u>He holds a scroll, which is symbolic of a covenant</u>. Holds a scroll symbolic of a covenant
- 67 2. <u>Holding a rainbow over his head</u>; sign of GOD's covenant with Noah; picking up his bow, judgment.
- 68 3. Face like the sun. Same as his description in Rev 1:16
- 69 4. One foot on land and the other on the seas: International dominion; land=Israel, sea=Gentile nations.
- 5.<u>His voice is like a lion.</u> Jesus is the lion of the tribe of Judah.
- 71 SCROLLS: Ch 10=little and open; Ch 5: large and sealed
- 72 <u>Verse 4: "</u>Seal up what the seven thunders have said and do not write it down."= what the seven thunders
- 73 spoke is not for John's time, but for the future
- 74 **Verses 5-7:** No more delay; speaks of the mystery of God (Paul to Ephesians "Jews and the Gentiles are coming together."
- 76 **<u>Rev 11:</u>** Measure Temple but not outer court, it is for the Gentiles for 3 ½ yrs. to trodden= persecution
- and attack. (Mini Apocalypse, Luke 21:23-25. *"until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled."*) "...don't
- 78 measure the outer court, that's going to be run over, measure the actual temple itself that is the holy of
- *holies*. So that's what John is going to be measuring here.
- 80 **<u>Rev 21:15: Measurement of Temple</u>** is a perfect cube (Ezekiel 26). <u>ANALOGY:</u> Outer court is the old
- temple, the Old Covenant, that is going to be trampled on and destroyed, and the part John is instructed
 to measure, the Holy of Holies, is the New Jerusalem; the new church.
- 83 **Rev 11:3-12: Two witnesses:** Now he mentions in here in Rev 11:3-12. *"I will grant my two witnesses"*
- power to prophecy for 1260 days and clothed in sackcloth." (Maybe Moses and Elijah? Both present at
 Transfiguration-Luke 9:31-discussing Jesus's exodus from Jerusalem)
- 86 <u>Three Exodus'</u>: Jerusalem Sodom and Egypt. All judged because of their great sin
- 87 <u>7th Angel: Rev 11:15, 19:</u> (in Heaven), *"Then God's temple of heaven was opened."* Ark of His covenant
 88 was seen within His temple...
- 89 **<u>TIMELINE to this moment</u>**: (1) the scroll of heavenly liturgy has been opened, (2) saints have offered their
- 90 prayer, (3) six trumpets have sounded , now the 7th one, (4) testimony of the law and prophets in Moses
- and Elijah, (5) temple is opened at blast of 7th trumpet and now (6) we see the Ark of the Covenant.
- 92 **<u>2 Mac 2:5-8:</u>** Prophet Jeremiah took Ark of Covenant and sealed in a cave; never to return to Temple;
- 93 Holy of Holies is empty; now Heaven opens, John sees the Ark-(Gen 3:15) "The seed of the woman will
- 94 crush the head of the enemy."
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- 99 ²Yeshua in Hebrew is a verbal derivative from "to rescue", "to deliver". Among the Jews of the Second
- 100 Temple Period, the Biblical Aramaic/Hebrew name יֵשׁוּעַ **Yeshua**' was common: the Hebrew Bible
- 101 mentions several individuals with this name while also using their full name Joshua.
- 102 <u>https://bible.org/illustration/jims-prayer#:~:text=Jim%27s%20Prayer,Source%20unknown</u>

103 ³Jim's Prayer

- 104 A minister passing through his church in the middle of the day decided to pause by the altar and see who
- 105 came to pray. Just then the back door opened, a man came down the aisle and the minister frowned as
- 106 he saw the man hadn't shaved in a while. His shirt was shabby and his coat was worn and frayed. Then
- 107 the man knelt, bowed his head, then rose and walked away. In the days that followed, each noon time he
- 108 came, and each time he knelt just for a moment with a lunch pail in his lap. Well, the minister's suspicions
- 109 grew, with robbery a main fear, so he decided to stop the man and ask him, What are you doing here?
- 110 The old man worked down the road and lunch was only half an hour. He told me his lunchtime was his
- 111 prayer time, his time for finding strength and power.
- 112 *I stay only moments, he said, cause the factory is so far away but I kneel here each day talking to the Lord*
- 113 and this is kinda what I say: "Lord, I just came again to tell you how happy I've been since we found each
- 114 <u>other's friendship and you took away my sin. I don't know much of how to pray, but I think about you</u>
- 115 *every day. So, Jesus, this is just Jim checkin' in.*" The minister feeling foolish, told Jim that was fine.
- 116 He told the old man he was welcome to come and pray anytime. <u>*Time to qo*</u>, Jim smiled, said <u>*Thanks*</u>, as
- 117 he hurried to the door. The minister knelt at the altar (he'd never done that before) and his cold heart
- 118 melted now warmed with love; he met Jesus there and as the tears flowed, in his heart he repeated old
- 119 Jim's prayer: "*I just came again to tell you, Lord, how happy I've been, Since we found each other's*
- 120 *friendship and you took away my sin. I don't know much of how to pray, But I think about you every day.*
- 121 So, Jesus, this is me checkin' in."
- 122 Past noon one day, the minister noticed that old Jim hadn't come. As more days passed without Jim, he
- began to worry some. At the factory, he asked about him, learning he was ill. The hospital staff was
- worried, but he'd given them a thrill. The week that Jim was with them, brought changes in the ward.
- His smiles, his joy was contagious. It changed people, and his reward? The head nurse couldn't
- understand why Jim was so glad, When no flowers, calls or cards came, not a visitor he had.
- 127 The minister stayed by his bed, and he voiced the nurse's concern: No friends came to show they cared.
- 128 He had nowhere to turn. Looking surprised, old Jim spoke up and with a winsome smile; <u>The nurse is</u>
- 129 wrong, he said, she couldn't know, that all the while, every day at noon He's here, a dear friend of mine,
- 130 you see, He sits right down, takes my hand, leans over and says to me: "I just came again to tell you, Jim,
- 131 how happy I have been, Since we found this friendship, and I took away your sin. I always love to hear you
- 132 pray, And I think about you every day, And so Jim, this is Jesus checkin' in.

133 ⁴Choirs of Angels:

134 Seraphim: Highest order or choir of angels; attendants or guardians before GOD's throne. They praise 135 GOD calling, "Holy Holy, Holy is the Lord of Hosts" (Is 6:1-7) One touched Isaiah's lips with a live coal from the altar, cleansing him from sin; have six wings, two cover their faces, two cover their feet, and two are 136 for flying. Cherubim: Rank after the seraphim; second highest in the nine hierarchies or choirs of angels; 137 138 OT does not reveal any evidence that Jews considered them as intercessors/helpers of GOD; closely 139 linked in GOD's glory; manlike in appearance/double-winged, guardians of GOD's glory; symbolized GOD's 140 power and mobility. In NT, are alluded to as *celestial attendants* in the Apocalypse (Rev 4-6). Catholic 141 tradition describes them as angels who have an intimate knowledge of GOD and continually praise Him. 142 Thrones: Angels of pure Humility, Peace and Submission; reside in the area of the cosmos where material 143 form begins to take shape. The lower Choir of Angels need the Thrones to access GOD. Dominions: 144 Angels of Leadership; regulate the duties of the angels, making known commands of GOD. Virtues: Spirits of Motion; control the elements; often referred to as <u>"the shining ones</u>."; govern all nature; have control 145 146 over seasons, stars, moon, and sun; in charge of miracles, provide courage, grace, and valor. Powers: 147 Warrior Angels against evil defending the cosmos and humans; known as potentates; fight against evil spirits who attempt to wreak chaos through human beings; chief is said to be either Samael or Camael, 148 149 both angels of darkness. Archangels: "Chief or leading angel" (Jude 9; 1 Thes 4:16); mentioned most 150 often throughout Bible; may be of this or other hierarchies as St. Michael Archangel, who is a princely 151 Seraph. Archangels have a unique role as GOD's messenger to people at critical times in history and 152 salvation (Tb 12:6, 15; Jn 5:4; Rv 12:7-9) as in The Annunciation and Apocalypse. A feast day celebrating 153 the Archangels Michael, Gabriel and Raphael is celebrated throughout the Church Sep 29. A special part 154 of the Byzantine Liturgy invokes the "Cherubic Hymn" which celebrates these archangels and the 155 guardian angels particularly. Of special significance is St. Michael as he has been invoked as patron and 156 protector by the Church from the time of the Apostles. The Eastern Rite and many others place him over 157 all the angels, as Prince of the Seraphim. He is described as the "chief of princes" and as the leader of the 158 forces of heaven in their triumph over Satan and his followers. The angel Gabriel first appeared in the Old 159 Testament in the prophesies of Daniel, he announced the prophecy of 70 weeks (Dn 9:21-27). He appeared to Zechariah to announce the birth of St. John the Baptist (Lk 1:11). It was also Gabriel which 160 proclaimed the Annunciation of Mary to be the mother of our Lord and Savior. (Lk 1:26) The angel 161 Raphael first appeared in the book of Tobit (Tobias)Tb 3:25, 5:5-28, 6-12). He announces, "I am the Angel 162 163 Raphael, one of the seven who stand before the throne of GOD." (Tb 12:15) Principalities: In the New 164 Testament Principalities refers to one type of spiritual (metaphysical) being which are now quite hostile 165 to GOD and human beings. (Rom 8:38; 1 Cor 15:24; Eph 1:21; 3:10; 6:12; Col 1:16; 2:10, 15) Along with the principalities are the powers (Rom 8:38; 1 Cor 15:24; Eph 1:21; 1 Pt 3:22; 2 Thes 1:7); and 166 167 cosmological powers (1 Cor 15:24; Eph 1:21; 3:10; Col 2:15); Dominions (Eph 1:21; Col 1:16) and thrones (Col1:16). The clarity of the New Testament witness helps see that these beings were created through 168 169 Christ and for Him (Col 1:16). Given their hostility to GOD and humans due to sin, Christ's ultimate rule 170 over them (ibid) expresses the reign of the Lord over all in the cosmos. This is the Lordship of Christ, 171 which reveals GOD's tremendous salvation in conquering sin and death at the cross, and now takes place 172 in the Church. (Eph 3:10)<u>Angels:</u> These angels are closest to the material world and human begins. They 173 deliver the prayers to GOD and GOD's answers and other messages to humans. Angels have the capacity 174 to access any and all other Angels at any time. They are the most caring and sociable to assist those who 175 ask for help. 176 ⁵WORMWOOD: The: Plant producing dark green oil used to kill intestinal worms. In Revelation, refers to 177 water being turned into wormwood (made bitter); symbolic of regret, judgment, and doom. (Deu

- 178 **29:18** ; **Prov 5:4** ; **Jer 9:15** ; **Amos 5:7, 6:12,** (**Rev 8:10 -11**)
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