REVELATION The Future Unveiled
A Study on the Book of Revelation

When Heaven Became Silent

The Seventh Seal
Revelation 8 : 1 - 5

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All Scriptures are printed verbatim with translations noted. Pastor Joe's personal commentary is in brackets
modifying the biblical text underlined with dots. You can find this passage in your Pew Bible on page 1196-1197.

REVIEW OF THE SEALS

❶ **The First Seal was a seal of <u>deception</u>—False Christ/false peace**
❷ **The Second Seal was the seal of <u>destruction</u>—War**
❸ **The Third Seal was the seal of <u>destitution</u>—Famine**
❹ **The Fourth Seal was the seal of <u>devastation</u>—Death**
❺ **The Fifth Seal was the seal of <u>persecution</u>—Martyrdom**
❻ **The Sixth Seal was the seal of <u>devastation</u>—Terror**
❍ **A Deliberate Pause—144,00 sealed Jews and the Saved Saints**

"We see God's mercy in the midst of deserved wrath."

Don't waste the time trying to guess the time but be ready all the time because Jesus could come at any time. – Dr. Ed Hindson

1. A Deafening _____.

Revelation 8:1, NIV84 - *[1] When he opened the seventh seal, <u>there was silence in heaven</u> for about half an hour.*

"Heaven is silent" four times in scripture:

1. When sin invaded the earth (Gen. 3)

2. When our Substitute died in our place (The Gospels)

3. When sinners stand before God in judgment (Rev. 20:11-15)

4. When judgment is about to fall on the world. (This passage—Rev. 8:1ff))

2. A Distinguished _____.

Revelation 8:2, NIV84 - *[2] And I saw the seven angels who stand before God, and to them were given <u>seven trumpets</u>.*

Trumpets are the most significant musical instruments in Scripture

- Num. 10:2 – Summon the congregation of Israel
- Num. 10:9 – Sound the alarm for war
- Num. 10:10 – Begin religious feasts
- 1 Sam. 13:3 – Announce good news
- 1 Kings 1:34 – Acclaim new kings
- 1 Chron. 16:6 – Begin worship
- Zeph. 1:14 – Associated with "the day of the Lord"
- 1 Thess. 4:16 – Will announce the Rapture
- Rev. 8:6 – Judgment of God

3. A Divine Supplication

Revelation 8:3–4, NIV84 - *[3] Another angel, who had <u>a golden censer</u>* [Sometimes translated, *fire pan*, Gk: λιβανωτός lit., receptacle that "carries the frankincense''—the gift symbolic of The King] *burning incense, the smoke represented the presence of God in the prayers of the people], came and stood at the altar. He <u>was given</u>* [Gk: δίδωμι, *didōmi;* this verb, "was given", frequently refers to something given by God] *<u>much incense to offer</u>, with the prayers of all the saints, on the golden altar before the throne. [4] The smoke of the incense, together with the prayers of the saints, went up before God from the angel's hand.*

4. A Deserved _____.

Revelation 8:5, NIV84 - *[5] Then the angel took the censer, filled it with fire from the altar, and hurled it on the earth; and <u>there came peals of thunder, rumblings, flashes of lightning and an earthquake</u>.*

The unbelieving world rejected Jesus when He came, it rejects the life-giving message of the gospel now, and will continue to reject the truth even during the future outpouring of God's wrath and judgment. Having gone on "sinning willfully after receiving the knowledge of the truth," wicked people have nothing to look forward to except "a terrifying expectation of judgment and the fury of a fire which will consume the adversaries" (Heb. 10:26–27). But for those who repent of their sins and come to saving faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, the blessed reality is that "God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life," because "He who believes in Him is not judged" (John 3:16, 18; cf. John 5:24; Rom. 5:1; 8:1, 34). - Dr. John MacArthur

Answers to "When Heaven Became Silent" Sermon
Based on Revelation 8:1-5
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1. Silence

2. Symbol

4. Storm