

REVELATION: Lesson 90
Chapter 8:1 Silence in Heaven

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In Revelation chapter 8 the seventh seal is opened to begin the seven trumpet judgments.

The judgments that take place when the Seals are opened (Rev 6) are the result of the absence of the Body of Christ, the salt of the earth (Matthew 5:13). When the only people left on earth are unsaved people, impurity and corruption will prevail unrestrained.

Psalm 2:1-3 illustrates the natural condition of the human heart. People don't want a Holy God to tell them what to do. The human heart hates to be restrained or governed. It longs for "freedom" from holy living.

When the restraints are removed, peace is removed, chaos abounds, war erupts, death, disease, and anarchy (complete lawlessness) results. That's the natural outcome that unfolds under the seal judgments.

The Trumpet judgments (Revelation 8:1)

With the sounding of the trumpets God begins to supernaturally intervene with the events that take place on Earth. By this time there is already worldwide chaos. With each trumpet God, in His anger, sends punishment to the Earth.

SILENCE

When the seventh seal is opened, everyone in heaven can see what God is about to do to those people on Earth who rejected His Son, Jesus Christ. They are speechless for about 30 minutes.

"It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God" (Heb 10:31). Every creature in Heaven has a healthy fear of God and can't speak as they ponder what God is about to do.

People who don't fear God will mock Him and take His name in vain because they don't worry about the consequences. They don't know there are consequences!

Habakkuk 2:18-19 Idols are vain, —"**but the LORD is in his holy temple: let all the earth keep silence before him.**"

People won't stop boasting about their religion or their own goodness or their opinions long enough to hear God.

Isaiah 41:1 "**Keep silence before me, O islands.**" God has everything we need (Isaiah 40:25-32). We need to ask him for those things, but then we need to wait silently for His answer. That's more difficult than it sounds, especially with the many other thoughts we have that get in the way.

Zechariah 2:10-13 **“Be silent, O all flesh, before the LORD.”** What God says is more important than what I say. I should listen to Him.

If we don't spend enough time with the Lord, we won't become accustomed to His presence so that we feel comfortable just being with Him. When you're nervous about being with someone you don't know very well, the tendency is to speak unadvisedly (Luke 9:33).

Zephaniah 1:7 **“Hold thy peace at the presence of the Lord God: for the day of the LORD is at hand...”** The context is the Tribulation and Second Advent.

But it also teaches us that we ought not to be so casual in our dealing with the Lord and with the Lord's service. In honor of the Lord's presence, we ought to offer silence. Christians today don't reverence the Lord as they should.
