

## REVELATION: Lesson 94

### Chapter 8:8-11 The Third Trumpet Judgment / Wormwood Upon the Waters

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**“And there fell a great star from heaven...”** (Vs 10). This is a star, not an angel. This star has a name just as all stars do (Isaiah 40:26). God knows the names of all the stars and not one faileth. God sends this star, called Wormwood, to earth to destroy one third of the waters. Beware the commentaries; most of them try to make Wormwood something other than an actual star.

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**Psalms 147:1-5**      **He telleth the number of the stars; he calleth them all by their names** (vs 4). It is impossible for man to number the stars (Gen 22:17). And yet, God knows the name of every one of them.

In context, God uses the stars as an example of His mighty power to prove that he certainly has the power to meet the needs of the person who is broken hearted or wounded in spirit (vs 3).

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**“It fell upon the third part of the rivers”** (vs 10). It’s important to note that Wormwood fell UPON the waters and not INTO the water. As the star enters Earth’s atmosphere, it will break into many fragments and poison one third of the waters on Earth. If it fell into one body of water, that wouldn’t be possible.

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**Why does God poison the waters?** To remind men that they rejected the Living Water, the Lord Jesus Christ, the well of water springing up into everlasting life (John 4:10, 14).

**Deuteronomy 29:18**      God gave the warning. When peoples’ hearts turn from God, next their feet will follow their heart away from the things of God. Instead of serving God, you’ll devote your life to other things.

The end result is **“A root that beareth gall and wormwood.”** You leave the living waters in search of other pleasures and end up hating it. Worldly pleasures are momentary and end up in bitterness.

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**Jeremiah 9:12-15**      Why these judgments? **“Because they have forsaken my law...not obeyed my voice, neither walked therein”** (vs 13). They **“walked after the imagination of their own heart”** (vs 14). People are not ignorant of God’s truth; they just don’t want it, so they make up their own truth from their imagination. Your imagination will deceive you and lead you down a path of great troubles (Gen 8:21).

If you choose to disobey God and follow your imagination, one day He’ll give you gall and wormwood to drink (vs 15), just like they gave His Son, Jesus Christ (Mt 27:54).

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**Amos 5:7, 12-13**

When you “**turn judgment to wormwood**” and “**leave off righteousness,**” it’s going to kill you just as surely as if you drank poison or tried to grow crops on a rock. If you choose to forsake God’s **RIGHTEOUS** ways, you’ll drink a bitter cup one day.

The unrighteous judgments coming from our courtrooms are causing the greatest damage in individual lives and in societies as a whole.

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**SUMMARY:**

- Trees and green grass will burn up (vs 7)
  - A third part of the seas become blood (vs 8)
  - A third of the sea creatures die (vs 9)
  - A third part of rivers and fountains will be poisoned (vs 10)
    - God’s witnesses will not be affected by poison water (**Mark 16:15-18**)
  - Food will be scarce
  - Pestilence and disease will prevail (Matt 24, Luke 21, Rev 6)
  - Men will harden their hearts and blaspheme God (Rev 16:9)
    - They will not repent because judgment doesn’t lead to repentance (Romans 2:4)
  - The earth will stink with death (fish, animals, people), disease will result
  - The earth, no longer tended by man, will become wild and unkempt (**Isaiah 34:11-15**)
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