

*Rev 8:1 When the Lamb broke the seventh seal,
there was silence in heaven for about half an hour.*

The Lord now reigns

Rev 5:13 And I heard every creature in heaven and
on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and
all that is in them, saying, “To him who sits on the
throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and
glory and might forever and ever!”

The Lord can open the seals

Rev 5:5 And one of the elders said to me, “Weep no more; behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered, so that he can open the scroll and its seven seals.”

nowhere is there safety for the wicked

Rev 6:15 Then the kings of the earth and the great ones and the generals and the rich and the powerful, and everyone, slave and free, hid themselves in the caves and among the rocks of the mountains, 16 calling to the mountains and rocks, “Fall on us and hide us from the face of him who is seated on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb,

seals opened allowing God's wrath (bowls are poured out)

Rev 16:1-2 Then I heard a loud voice from the temple telling the seven angels, "Go and pour out on the earth the seven bowls of the wrath of God."
(2) So the first angel went and poured out his bowl on the earth, and harmful and painful sores came upon the people who bore the mark of the beast and worshiped its image.

silence going forth of Almighty in judgment preceded by
silence –

Hag 2:21-22 “Speak to Zerubbabel, governor of Judah, saying, I am about to shake the heavens and the earth, (22) and to overthrow the throne of kingdoms. I am about to destroy the strength of the kingdoms of the nations, and overthrow the chariots and their riders. And the horses and their riders shall go down, every one by the sword of his brother.

Zec 2:13 Be silent, all flesh, before the LORD, for he has roused himself from his holy dwelling.

time for repentance

Eze 33:11 "Say to them, 'As I live!' declares the Lord GOD, 'I take no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but rather that the wicked turn from his way and live. Turn back, turn back from your evil ways! Why then will you die, O house of Israel?'

2Pe 3:9 The Lord is not slow about His promise, as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing for any to perish but for all to come to repentance.

Rev 8:2 And I saw the seven angels who stand before God, and seven trumpets were given to them.

trumpets are to warn

Eze 33:3 and he sees the sword coming upon the land and blows on the trumpet and warns the people,

- a series of happenings occurring over and over again throughout this dispensation

Rev 8:3 Another angel came and stood at the altar, holding a golden censer; and much incense was given to him, so that he might add it to the prayers of all the saints on the golden altar which was before the throne.

Incense given to him is added to the prayers -

Rom 8:26 In the same way the Spirit also helps our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we should, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for *us* with groanings too deep for words;

Rev 8:4 And the smoke of the incense, with the prayers of the saints, went up before God out of the angel's hand. (5) Then the angel took the censer and filled it with the fire of the altar, and threw it to the earth; and there followed peals of thunder and sounds and flashes of lightning and an earthquake.

The prayers are heard!

God does something about them!

Rev 8:6-7 And the seven angels who had the seven trumpets prepared themselves to sound them. (7)

The first sounded, and there came hail and fire, mixed with blood, and they were thrown to the earth; and a third of the earth was burned up, and a third of the trees were burned up, and all the green grass was burned up.

The 1st angel sounds and 1/3 of the vegetation is destroyed! -- **not all**

It is not yet time for all the earth to be destroyed!

Rev 8:8-9 The second angel sounded, and something like a great mountain burning with fire was thrown into the sea; and a third of the sea became blood, (9) and a third of the creatures which were in the sea and had life, died; and a third of the ships were destroyed.

The 2nd angel sounds and a mountain falls into the sea. 1/3 of the sea and its inhabitants are destroyed! -- **not all**

The movement of the mountains mean terrible trouble

Psa 46:1-2 God is our refuge and strength, A very present help in trouble. (2) Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change And though the mountains slip into the heart of the sea;

Eze 38:20 "The fish of the sea, the birds of the heavens, the beasts of the field, all the creeping things that creep on the earth, and all the men who are on the face of the earth will shake at My presence; the mountains also will be thrown down, the steep pathways will collapse and every wall will fall to the ground.

Rev 8:10 The third angel sounded, and a great star fell from heaven, burning like a torch, and it fell on a third of the rivers and on the springs of waters.

The third angel sounds and a star falls and destroys
1/3 of the fresh water sources

Terrible calamities upon mankind, but all resources
are not destroyed.

**persecuted Christians remember
neither land nor sea nor rivers can
hide evildoers from God**

These persecutions fall from heaven -- to remind
men to turn to God -- to cease persecution of his
righteous saints

*Rev 8:11 The name of the star is called
Wormwood; and a third of the waters became
wormwood, and many men died from the waters,
because they were made bitter.*

wormwood -- bitter sorrow – this from natural
disasters

Rev 8:12 The fourth angel sounded, and a third of the sun and a third of the moon and a third of the stars were struck, so that a third of them would be darkened and the day would not shine for a third of it, and the night in the same way.

The **entire universe** is used by the Lord to warn those who do not serve God and who persecute his children

Rev 8:13 Then I looked, and I heard an eagle flying in midheaven, saying with a loud voice, "Woe, woe, woe to those who dwell on the earth, because of the remaining blasts of the trumpet of the three angels who are about to sound!"

The eagle is a bird of prey

Even as God warned in the destruction of Jerusalem, Mt 24:28 gives us reason to flee in fear