

## Revelation 8

- v. 1 The Lord now reigns (5:13) and can open the seals 5.5 nowhere is there safety for the wicked (6:16)  
seals opened allowing God's wrath (bowls are poured out 16:1ff)  
**silence** going forth of Almighty in judgment preceded by silence - Ha 2:20 Zech 2:13  
time for repentance Lam 3:33, Eze 33:11, II Pet 3:9
- v. 2 trumpets are to warn Eze 33:3 - a series of happenings occurring over and over again throughout this dispensation
- v. 3 Incense given to him is added to the prayers - Rom 8:26
- v. 5 the prayers are heard! God does something about them!
- v. 7 The 1st angel sounds and 1/3 of the vegetation is destroyed! -- **not all**
- v. 8 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 Ps 46:2; Is 34:3, 54:10; Eze 38:20)
- v. 10 The third angel sounds and a star falls and destroys 1/3 of the fresh water sources

**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

- v. 11 wormwood -- bitter sorrow Lam 3:19 natural disasters
- v. 12 The 4th angel sounds and 1/3 of the stars, sun and moon are darkened.  
The entire universe is used by the Lord to warn those who do not serve God and who persecute his children
- v. 13 a bird of prey Mt 24:28 gives us reason to flee in fear