

Events of the End Times, the Three Woes



So, what's going on in the world today? Anything special? Wars in the Middle East; poverty rampant in South Africa; starvation and death in India; Communism in Russia. Seems like everything is pretty much status-quo. How do all these events affect your daily life? Probably not too much, with the exception of the price of gasoline.

Those prices vary on a daily basis and I'm of the thought that the ups and downs of these prices has nothing to do with the price of crude oil. When gas goes up 15 cents a gallon overnight I can't possibly see how changes in the Middle East can be reflected so quickly at the pump. Nobody talks about price gouging on the news any more but I'm sure it's the root of all increases.

That's the **economic side** but how about the **spiritual side**? Throughout the New Testament we're told that **the day of the Lord is at hand**. The Elders of Israel expected it to happen during their life time and that was over 2000 years ago. In the Book of **2nd Peter** they complained that everything is the same, day after day, nothing changes and the Lord is never going to come;

2nd Peter 3:4 And saying, Where is the promise of his coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation. (King James 1611 AV)

The only way that we can find out how close we are to the **end of days** is to look for the signs around us today that will give us that information.

In my mind, one of the biggest things that has happened, in my lifetime, that points to the **end of days**, happened in 1948. It was in May of that year that the United Nations proposed a resolution (181-II) to allow Israel to reestablish her borders again and on 14 May 1948 that resolution was passed, thus fulfilling the prophesy that our Father would plant His people, again, in the land of their forefathers and He will never uproot them again.

The **good and bad fig** began returning to Israel after being scattered by our Father for many years. Those **ten lost tribes** that no one seems to know where they are, no one except our Father;

Jeremiah 24:5 Thus saith the Lord, the God of Israel; Like these good figs, so will I acknowledge them that are carried away captive of Judah, whom I have sent out of this place into the land of the Chaldeans for their good.

Jeremiah 24:6 For I will set mine eyes upon them for good, and I will bring them again to this land: and I will build them, and not pull them down; and I will plant them, and not pluck them up. (King James 1611 AV)

And thus began the **Generation of the Fig Tree**, of which Christ would say, would be the end generation, the last generation. Generations in Scripture are narrowed to three lengths of time: 40 years, 70 years and 120 years.

The 40 years of the Israelites wandering in the desert; the 70 years of Daniel and the 120 years of Genesis. Theoretically speaking, if we use 1948 as the starting point of this generation of the fig tree, only the 70 years of Daniel would fit for someone as old as I am. That would make the day of our Lord's return to be in 2018, only 4 years from the time of this writing. For the Generation X folks that would make it the year 2068.

Of course, this is all harmless speculation and playing with numbers as no one really knows the exact day but I do believe that our Father has given us the **season** of the year for our Lord's return but not the exact year, and that season would be from May through September, the time of the adult stage of the locust.

Do a search on the web and you can find thousands of web pages and sites that claim to have all the right answers and even to the uneducated, many of these sites are just too far out in space.

Do I have all the right answers? Not at all but I surely hope I have some for if what I write is read by you, and I deceive you in some way, the blood of your soul will be on my hands. I will stand before the Father and answer for it so you can bet that I'm going to be pretty sure of what I write here so that I don't shoot myself in my own spiritual foot.

The three woes.

Woes are something a person would like to stay away from because they are never good news, but for our Father's Elect, the woes will unfold some of the truths of His Word and give us a better feel for when the **end of times** may come and what we should look for.

And I want to say at the outset, if you are in good standing with our Father, none of the woes or trumps or seals or plagues or locust armies are going to harm one hair on your body. Armageddon and Hamon-Gog are **spiritual** wars fought between our Father and His angels and Satan and his locust armies.

If you are in good standing with the Father He's not mad or angry with you and you could be standing right in the middle of everything and it would be as though you were standing on an oasis in the middle of a thunderstorm. Not one drop of rain will fall on you.

The first mention of these three woes is in **Revelation 8:13**;

Revelation 8:13 And I beheld, and heard an angel flying through the midst of heaven, saying with a loud voice, Woe, woe, woe, to the inhabitants of the earth by reason of the other voices of the trumpet of the three angels, which are yet to sound! (King James 1611 AV)

The people on this earth are being told about what the next, or last, three angels will bring about when they sound their trumpets. We can see right here that the woes and the trumps are interlocked to each other. Since there are seven trumps and four have already sounded, let's back track to the first angel with the first trumpet and see what happened from then until now so that we don't miss something;

Revelation 8:1 And when he had opened the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven about the space of half an hour. (King James 1611 AV)

There is a time period called the **hour of temptation** but that is somewhat misleading for it is not really an hour but the **five month period** of the reign of Satan in his role as Antichrist. Here we have the space of a half hour, which is one-half of the hour of temptation.

Why is there silence in heaven for that length of time? Because Satan and the 7000 angels are cast to the earth by the Archangel Michael and Satan, that great Accuser, is no longer up there running his mouth every time one of us screws up. From what I know about humanity, myself included, there is a lot for Satan to run his mouth about.

Revelation 8:2 And I saw the seven angels which stood before God; and to them were given seven trumpets. (King James 1611 AV)

Standing at the ready for our Father to give the word.

Revelation 8:3 And another angel came and stood at the altar, having a golden censer; and there was given unto him much incense, that he should offer it with the prayers of all saints upon the golden altar which was before the throne. (King James 1611 AV)

This angel is in addition to the seven. This golden censer is filled with frankincense and the smoke of the incense symbolically represents the "upward movement" of our prayers to the Father.

Revelation 8:4 And the smoke of the incense, which came with the prayers of the saints, ascended up before God out of the angel's hand. (King James 1611 AV)

And so it does. Our Father collects all of our prayers in golden vials, they are precious to Him. Sometimes it doesn't seem as if He answers them but have a little faith and all will turn out according to His will. Not ours.

Revelation 8:5 And the angel took the censer, and filled it with fire of the altar, and cast it into the earth: and there were voices, and thunderings, and lightnings, and an earthquake. (King James 1611 AV)

Going to get their attention. Shaking things up a little.

Revelation 8:6 And the seven angels which had the seven trumpets prepared themselves to sound.

The seven trumpets are sounded in order while the plagues and seals are not. So, everything is set and they are ready to get started.

First Angel—First Trump

Revelation 8:7 The first angel sounded, and there followed hail and fire mingled with blood, and they were cast upon the earth: and the third part of trees was burnt up, and all green grass was burnt up. (King James 1611 AV)

We're going to find out that the first four trumps concern judgments affecting natural objects, such as the earth, trees, grass, rivers, fountains, and the light of the sun, moon and stars.

The last three trumps, which are the "woe trumps" afflict men with pain, death and hell.

Second Angel—Second Trump

Revelation 8:8 And the second angel sounded, and as it were a great mountain burning with fire was cast into the sea: and the third part of the sea became blood;

The word **sea** always represents **people** in prophesy. **As it were** literally means **as if it were**.

Only humans died, it did not affect the other creatures.

Revelation 8:9 And the third part of the creatures which were in the sea, and had life, died; and the third part of the ships were destroyed. (King James 1611 AV)

As I mentioned above, the sea always means the people and so does the **water**.

We also know that we're talking about human beings because of the words "*had life*". Life, in the Greek, means soul;

• *The word **life** is psuche, G5590, breath (by implication, spirit). Root—psucho-G5594, to breathe.*

The **ship** should remind us of the ships of Tarsus and therefore the use here would represent commercialism. One-third of the people with souls and one-third of the commercial business will be destroyed.

Commercialism also includes the four hidden dynasties that Satan uses very well to deceive and place doubt in the minds of the people and these dynasties are: **Religion**, the **Economy**, **Education** and **Politics**. Very, very easy to shape the minds of our little children while they are in the hands of government-run school systems.

And putting the entire population under one government-controlled medical system is a huge move towards socialism in one fell swoop as well.

But I wouldn't worry about it too much for when the angels begin blowing those horns the end is very near and it's coming very quickly and if you don't have your ducks in a row by this time, it's going to be just a little too late.

Third Angel—Third Trump

Revelation 8:10 And the third angel sounded, and there fell a great star from heaven, burning as it were a lamp, and it fell upon the third part of the rivers, and upon the fountains of waters; (King James 1611 AV)

The third trump has now been enacted and when it happened a great star fell from heaven. What or who is this star? The Book of Luke will tell us;

Luke 10:18 And he said unto them, I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven.

And by going to the Book of Isaiah we can trace the name "Satan" back to the name "Lucifer";

Isaiah 14:12 How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations! (King James 1611 AV)

And by looking the word "Lucifer" up in the Strong's Concordance we can see that the word is "star" or "bright morning star";

OT:1966 heylel (hay-lale'); from OT:1984 (in the sense of brightness); the morning-star: (King James 1611 AV)

Pretty cool, huh? I love it when it all comes together like that. Our Father gives us all the info we need, all we have to do is search it out and understand it. It takes work on our part but the benefits in the eternity are tremendous.

Even in the Millennium, God's Election, that's you and I, if you have the seal of God in your forehead, will live just outside the Temple walls; separated from the masses who were just too lazy to study for themselves in this life and now have to be taught during this time.

We will be honored by being allowed inside the Temple, to worship and fellowship with our Lord while the masses cannot. Hey, I'm not being "better than thou" here, if you want to put in the effort in this life you can be right where we are as well. Come on in! All you have to do is put the seal of God in your forehead and take the seal of Satan out of it.

Revelation 8:11 And the name of the star is called Wormwood: and the third part of the waters became wormwood; and many men died of the waters, because they were made bitter. (King James 1611 AV)

Wormwood, in the Greek, means **bitterness**; Satan's name is bitterness.

Back in 1986 there was a meltdown of a Russian nuclear reactor in the town of Chernobyl, whose name in English, means wormwood:

середины chernobyl, тело находятся в хоботе mercedes, де моя деньг.

Does that have any Biblical relationship or meaning? More coincidence than anything, I think. People try to make a connection with the Bible, Communist Russia and wormwood in Revelation but really, the plant, wormwood, which is used in absinth, grows abundantly in the Chernobyl area. It just depends on how you want to look at it, I guess.

Fourth Angel—Fourth Trump

Revelation 8:12 And the fourth angel sounded, and the third part of the sun was smitten, and the third part of the moon, and the third part of the stars; so as the third part of them was darkened, and the day shone not for a third part of it, and the night likewise.

Alright, let's summarize things so far;

1st Angel—First Trump = Fire and hail come down from heaven and 1/3 of the trees and ALL the grass is burnt up. Where did the fire come from? Off the altar of God. Fire consumes things, like 1/3 of the trees and all the grass but also know this;

Hebrews 12:29 For our God is a consuming fire. (King James 1611 AV)

2nd Angel—Second Trump = A great burning mountain was thrown down onto the earth among the people and there was a lot of blood.

No one knows, for a surety, what this great burning mountain is but spiritually it must represent destruction, or the coming of destruction, which will happen at the 7th trump when Satan and his locust armies are destroyed.

A real interesting parallel to the seven trumps and the seven angels concerns Joshua and the city of Jericho. On the **seventh** day, at the **seventh** time, when the **seven** priests blew the **seven** rams' horn **trumpets**, the people shouted, and the walls fell flat; then ensued the **blood-shedding** of the foe.

And something else that you might not know about the walls of Jericho; when the walls fell, they didn't just fall in a heap on the ground; they fell **into** the ground, so that the ground remained flat; they didn't have to be climbed over to get to the city. My, my.

3rd Angel—Third Trump = Satan falls like a star from heaven, to the earth and among the people of the earth. Satan in his role as the Antichrist.

4th Angel—Fourth Trump = This trump is simply warning us that since Satan is already here, from the 3rd trump, that the next three trumps will be woe trumps. Let me remind you again, if you are one of our Fathers' Election you have absolutely nothing to worry about. If you know that this first messiah is the fake messiah you are in excellent shape.

It should really give you a feeling of total security to know that, spiritually speaking, you will be in a protective bubble and all that is happening around you cannot harm or touch you. Our Father guarantees that.

It also says that the sun was darkened for a half a day, as well as the moon; pretty much the same thing happened on the day Christ was crucified;

Luke 23:44 And it was about the sixth hour, and there was a darkness over all the earth until the ninth hour.

Luke 23:45 And the sun was darkened, and the veil of the temple was rent in the midst. (King James 1611 AV)

The first four trumps were given, not only in chronological order, but in sequential order as well, as far as being written down that way, in chapter 8. The fifth trump and first woe comes at the beginning of chapter 9 and within this chapter we are given a closer look at the workings of Satan.

This fifth angel was given a key to the bottomless pit, he unlocked it, and from within out came locusts which are a representation of Satan's army. These are not actually locusts but just representative of the men and women of this world that teach the falsehoods of religion.

This pit, or abyss, also loosed the devils and demons that will help Satan perform his miracles during this five month period that he has been given by our Father Himself.

Nothing is out of control; our Father is overseeing everything. Not only that but He is allowing Satan and his army of deception to do what they do. Our Father is in total control.

Earlier in this lecture I told you that we pretty much know the season when our Lord will return and it will be at the end of a period of time that may be from May through September. And here we are given

the time period within which our Father allows Satan and his followers and his army to function and tempt those of us here on earth and that five month period will be from May through September:

*Revelation 9:5 And to them it was given that they should not kill them, but that they should be tormented **five months**: and their torment was as the torment of a scorpion, when he striketh a man. (King James 1611 AV)*

To be sure that we really get this, this time period is repeated again in verse 10;

Revelation 9:10 And they had tails like unto scorpions, and there were stings in their tails: and their power was to hurt men five months. (King James 1611 AV)

We know that this is happening when the fifth angel sounds the fifth trump because it told us at the beginning of this chapter 9, but how do we know that this is the first woe?

*Revelation 9:12 **One woe is past; and, behold, there come two woes more hereafter.***

That's how we know.

Alright. Our Father told Satan/Antichrist that he could torment and jerk around everybody on earth with the exception of those people that had the seal of God in their forehead. He was certainly told that he did not have the right to kill anyone.

*Revelation 9:4 And it was commanded them that they should not hurt the grass of the earth, neither any green thing, neither any tree; but only those men **which have not the seal of God in their foreheads.***

I'll say it again:

To have the seal of God in your forehead you have to know that the false messiah, Satan/Antichrist, comes before the true Messiah.

Now, many people will tell you that to buy and sell during this period you have to have the mark of the beast. Many years ago it started out as a tattoo on the back of your hand or on your forehead but here in recent times, with the invention of the computer, it's now supposed to be a computer chip imbedded under the skin that can be scanned before you are allowed to purchase something.

How absurd. This mark does not change with the times because it's not **ON** your forehead, it's **IN** your forehead. A lot of people that believe differently will argue about this until the sun comes up the next morning but it's all fruitless and useless and it is what it is. Believe what you will.

The important thing is that you understand that the fake messiah comes five months before the true messiah. Now you're covered with our Father's graces.

This locust army is going to be running around with golden crowns and *their faces were as the faces of men* **because they were men**. It's all about deception, deception, deception.

So, the first woe shows us the opening of the pit or abyss, the evil spirits of Satan's army coming out symbolically as locusts; they could hurt everything except those men that had the seal of our Father in their forehead; they could not kill anybody.

These **locusts**, having a dreadful description given of them, when in fact, they were nothing but men, human beings that followed Satan, either willfully or by deception.

This whole time period of the locust army was to be **only five months**. Could you survive that if you were not able to buy or sell during that time? You could if you were prepared for it.

Just the knowledge of what is actually happening, given to us by the Scriptures, takes away most of the concern because what mankind fears most is what he doesn't understand. Fear of the unknown. Knowing that it will last for only five months helps too for indefinite time periods can really wear on you

nerves. Ever had a power outage during an ice storm and had to sit in a dark house for days on end, not knowing when the lights will come on again?

The description of the first woe ends in **chapter 9:12**. The second woe ends in **11:14**. The **10th chapter** in between is almost entirely a **parenthetical chapter** that zooms in on the Angel of the Lord with a **little book**; so whatever the second woe is it must fall in the beginning verses of chapter 11.

Chapter 11 is called the **two witnesses chapter**. These two entities, whether they are souls in a spiritual body or actual human beings, and I personally don't think that they are human beings, people like you and me but rather two angels whose assigned mission it is to perform these tasks.

Some people think that these two may be the spirits of Elijah and Moses but no one really knows for sure so don't get taken in by some "good" reasons as to why they should be these two saints.

These two witnesses are given some great powers by our Father and their powers will last until they are killed by the Antichrist.

They will have power for 1,260 days; they have the power to shut heaven which means that the souls of anyone dying on earth during this period will not be allowed into Paradise; they have the power to stop it from raining during this period; they will be able to turn water into blood and they can put plagues on any and all parts of this world any time they choose and for as long as they want.

And Satan has the kahunah's and the stones to kill these two? Good grief.

Yep, Satan will kill these two but what he doesn't realize is that in exactly **3 ½ days** they will rise up from the ground and ascend towards the sky and heaven;

Revelation 11:7 And when they shall have finished their testimony, the beast that ascendeth out of the bottomless pit shall make war against them, and shall overcome them, and kill them.

And these two prophets will be the **ONLY** ones that will be **raptured up to heaven** before the second coming of Jesus Christ.

These two sons of oil will lay in a grassy area in Jerusalem with cameras and reporters from all over the world watching them. The entire world, with the exception of those with the seal of God in their forehead, will party down because they are just too Bible-stupid to understand what is going on;

Revelation 11:10 And they that dwell upon the earth shall rejoice over them, and make merry, and shall send gifts one to another; because these two prophets tormented them that dwelt on the earth.

How did these two prophets **torment** the entire world? By telling everyone that the **messiah** that's been around for the last four months, three weeks and 3 ½ days, this **messiah** that has solved everyone's problems, forgiven all debts and convinced everybody that he is the true Messiah, the true Jesus Christ, is really just a fake that's going to take them all to hell with him.

They sure don't want to hear that but when these two stand up, after being dead for 3 ½ days, and walk around just like they used to, their hearts and minds just won't be able to handle it. They will pray for mountains to fall on them, they will hide in holes and caves because they will know without doubt that they have been deceived.

Revelation 11:14 The second woe is past; and, behold, the third woe cometh quickly.

The third woe and the seventh trump is coming quickly.

Revelation 11:15 And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever.

In the second woe the beast of the bottomless pit made war against the two saints and killed them.

This woe will be the destruction of the locust army. This five month period of the Antichrist is the first tribulation.

Revelation 11:19 And the temple of God was opened in heaven, and there was seen in his temple the ark of his testament: and there were lightnings, and voices, and thunderings, and an earthquake, and great hail.

Lightning's and thundering's and earthquakes and great hail. The battles of Armageddon and Hamon-Gog. These are the spiritual wars that will destroy that army of Satan. This will be the second tribulation.

The Lord will descend from Heaven with a shout, these two battles will be fought and every human being that is still alive at that time, and there will be billions of us, will transform into our spiritual body and this earthly body will never be seen of or heard from again.

This day is called **the Lord's Day**. It is the last day of this dispensation; the last day of this earth/heaven age; the end of human life and the first day of the Millennium.

Don't be upset about **the end of human life**. It's not the same as the death of a loved one because the entire world will be transformed. These pathetic, frail, sickly, earthly bodies have done their job and thank God for that.

The spiritual body is beautiful and it will never get sick or die unless our Father chooses to do so because of our own actions in this life or those decisions some of us will make during the Millennium.

We are our Father's children and these three woes give us nothing to fear. Only the scoffers and the unbelievers should have cause for worry.

The three woes are the same as the fifth, sixth and seventh trump. They are the actions of those trumps and those children that have the seal of God in their forehead will be as safe as ever throughout all of it.

Times a 'wastin. Don't get caught in a place that you can't get out of. When these events occur you will have to have a good spiritual foundation to fall back on for the deception of the Antichrist will be very strong. So strong, in fact, that our Lord shortened the time of this tribulation from 3 ½ years to just five months;

Mark 13:19 For in those days shall be affliction, such as was not from the beginning of the creation which God created unto this time, neither shall be.

Mark 13:20 And except that the Lord had shortened those days, no flesh should be saved: but for the elect's sake, whom he hath chosen, he hath shortened the days.

There you have the three woes from the Book of Revelation. Simple and straight forward; nothing complicated or scary about it.

You need to start building that spiritual foundation right now, today. Don't put it off like you do so many other things in your life.

Maybe you have a church family with a local church somewhere and its comfortable being with them on Sunday morning and singing hymns that you've sung from childhood. Your pastor may preach what comes from his heart but if it doesn't align with the Word of God you've got a real problem.

And it's not **HIS** problem; it's **YOUR** problem. You alone will stand before our Father.