

## **THE SIGN OF THE TIMES: THE SEVEN TRUMPETS**

### **Part 1**

I stand before you this day to bear witness to the GREATNESS of our God, יהוה. He has but ONE Son, and Zechariah 14:9 says: And the LORD, יהוה, shall be king over all the earth: in that day (meaning this day) shall there be one LORD, and his NAME one. יהוה has made His Son, בן יהוה, king over all the earth, and there is but ONE יהוה בן יהוה.

Through all my research, all my studies, I can stand here and boldly proclaim that there is not one like Him in all the earth. I have read and studied most of this world's "most" creditable publications, written by some of the best, most respectable, and notable scholars, and I have not found one who can challenge His "divine" mind; not one who can begin to approach His "divine" intellect. No, NOT "ONE." I have not found nor have I heard of ONE who can perform the miracles that I have "seen" Him perform in my lifetime.

I bear witness to the greatness of יהוה בן יהוה. I have seen Him raise the dead. Dead by definition means "brain dead, incapable of being emotionally moved; unresponsive; no longer functioning, operating, or productive." All these things we were, before the coming of יהוה בן יהוה into our lives. I have seen Him give sight to the blind. Sight means "mental

perception; vision.” יהוה בן יהוה is the only one who has given us a vision. He has given us a vision of who we are: that we are Israel, the chosen people of God, יהוה, something that the whole world did not want us to know.

He has given us a mental perception of our history, language, culture, name and, most of all, He has given us a vision of the “promised land”--where there are squatters sitting on it even today. But don’t worry nor fret, because our Savior, יהוה בן יהוה, has come to restore us to our Promised Land. **And He shall not fail nor be discouraged, till he have set judgment in the earth . . .** (Isaiah 42:4). One of the greatest works of יהוה בן יהוה is that He taught us that the name of our God is יהוה--the God of the Hebrews. Praise יהוה בן יהוה!

יהוה בן יהוה is so great that He can heal the sick. Isaiah 1:5 tells us that our whole head is sick, and the whole heart faint. There was no “good” in our minds. But, our Great, Good, and terrible God, יהוה, had mercy upon us and has sent יהוה בן יהוה to heal our sick minds. I am glad about it! Thank you, יהוה בן יהוה.

We can ALL bear witness that He can cast our devils. . . because He is yet casting out devils out of our minds. In fact, He likes to cast out devils. To tell the truth, He was the one who cast that old serpent, called the Devil,

and Satan, which to this day is deceiving the whole world, and not only did He cast out that old serpent, but he also cast his angels out with him.

And let me tell you, I have also witnessed with my own two eyes, how He has cleansed the lepers. A leper is one who has been rejected, ostracized for unacceptable behavior, opinions, character, or the like; one looked upon as an outcast. But that's all right, our Savior, יהוה בן יהוה, has come and He has taught us that if we hearken diligently unto the voice of the LORD our God, יהוה, and observe and to do all His commandments which He commands us to do this day, that "OUR" God, יהוה, will set us on high above all nations of the earth (Deuteronomy 28:1). Praise יהוה for the GREATNESS of יהוה בן יהוה, for there no one like Him in all the earth. Praise יהוה!

We shall begin today's seminar entitled "**The Sign of the Times: The Seven Trumpets,**" **Part 1**, by giving all praises to our God, whose name is יהוה, and we shall thank Him for His mercy today and forever.

Welcome to our Twenty-Third Annual Feast of Weeks in the solar year of our Lord, יהוה, 6006. Let us open our Bible to the Book of Revelation, Chapter 8, and read verse 2:

*And I saw the seven angels which stood before God, יהוה;  
and to them were given seven trumpets.*

This Scripture establishes the fact that seven angels stood before God, יהוה, and in His presence were given seven trumpets. Now let us read Verses 6 and 7, which is our text to be decoded:

*And the seven angels which had the seven trumpets prepared themselves to sound. 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.*

Now let us analyze these two verses from a literal perspective: We see that there were seven angels, which stood before יהוה, and in His presence they were given seven trumpets. They were not prepared to sound the trumpets, so they had to prepare “themselves.” After preparing “themselves,” the first angel sounded the trumpet. And when he did, there followed hail and fire mingled with blood; and the hail and fire mingled with blood were cast upon the earth (semicolon). As a result of doing this, the **“third part”** of the trees was burnt up, and **“all” green grass** was burnt up also.

The sound that came from this first angel’s trumpet sounds like something terrible to me. If all this happened after the first angel sounded, I don’t know what will be the result after all the seven angels have sounded their trumpets. But, let us make a diligent investigation into exactly what sound came from the trumpet of this “first” angel.

To find out, we shall begin to decode Revelation, Chapter 8, verse 6, which reads:

***And the seven angels which had the seven trumpets prepared themselves to sound. . . .***

**And** is a conjunction, **the** and **seven** are adjectives, and **angels** is the subject, and a plural noun. Take note that in Revelation, Chapter 8, twelve of the thirteen verses begin with the word and, which alerts us to the fact that the word **and** serves as a significance of something.

So let us go to the books of understanding, the dictionaries, and find out what it is. In accordance with *Microsoft Encarta College Dictionary*, copyright 2001, on page 49, it states that: “**and** is a conjunction; using **and** at the beginning of a sentence can often be an effective way of drawing attention to what follows.” So the conjunction **and** was put at the beginning of this Scripture as an “effective” way of **drawing our attention** to what follows the actions of *these seven angels, which had the seven trumpets*.

In addition, in the *Random House Webster’s Unabridged Dictionary*, Computer Software, copyright 1999, **and** is defined as, “also; used to introduce a sentence, implying continuation; the connective used in conjunction.” On page 283, **conjunction** is defined as, “a member of a small class of words functioning as connectors between sentences.”

What we have learned from these additional definitions of the word **and**, is when the “first” angel sounds his trumpet, you will begin to see a continuing action that will follow, and this action will also be connected to the actions of the other six angels when they sound their trumpets.

The next word we shall examine is **the**, in regard to “**the**” seven angels and “**the**” seven trumpets. Referenced in the *Webster’s Encyclopedic Unabridged Dictionary of the English Language*, copyright 2001, on page 1965, **the** is “used to mark a noun as being used generically; one of many of a class.” In *Merriam-Webster’s Collegiate Dictionary*, Computer Software, copyright 2000, **generic**, the root of the word generically, means “having the rank of a biological genus.” In the same source, **genus** is defined as, “a group marked by one common characteristic.”

In other words, the word “**the**” was placed in these positions to mark or to distinguish that these seven angels have a common biological characteristic. Given the fact that they are able to stand before our Father, יהוה, we can conclude that they were called before Him for a particular purpose. Let us turn to Romans, Chapter 8, and read verses 28-30:

*And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, יהוה, to them who are the called according to His purpose.*

*For whom He did foreknow, He also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of His Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.*

*Moreover whom He did predestinate, them He also called: and whom He called, them He also justified: and whom He justified, them He also glorified.*

These Scriptures add credence to the fact that these seven angels are marked by one common characteristic; and that is, they conform to the image of the Son of יהוה: יהוה בן יהוה.

We shall now move on to the next words in Verse 6--**seven** and **angels**. First, the word seven. In the *Random House Webster's Unabridged Dictionary*, Computer Software, copyright 1999, the word **seven** is defined as, "a set of this many persons." In *The New Strong's Exhaustive Concordance of the Bible*, copyright 1990, in the Greek Dictionary of the New Testament, **angel** (Reference #32), is describe as, "(to bring tidings); a messenger." In agreement with the *American Heritage Dictionary*, Fourth Edition, copyright 2000, Computer Software, **tidings** is defined as, "a piece of information or news." In the same source, a **messenger** is "a prophet." A **prophet** is characterized as, "a person who speaks by divine inspiration or as the interpreter through whom the will of a God is expressed; a person gifted with profound moral insight and exceptional powers of expression." In the *Hebrew-Greek Key Word Study Bible*, Lexical Aids of the New Testament,

on page 1680, **angel** (Reference #32) is defined as “to declare or speak beforehand.”

Therefore, these seven angels (from a set of many angels) are persons who have the characteristics of יהוה בן יהוה. They have a piece of information or news from יהוה that they must convey. They will **not** speak their own words, but rather, they shall speak by “divine inspiration,” for they are the interpreters through whom the will of יהוה shall be expressed. Since these are the seven angels who are called to stand before יהוה and are given seven trumpets, they are gifted with “*profound*” moral insight and “*exceptional*” power to say exactly what “He,” יהוה, tells them to declare or to speak beforehand.

Now continuing with the last part of Verse 6, which reads:

***. . . WHICH had the seven trumpets prepared themselves to sound.***

Let us begin to reduce this information to its lowest expression by examining the pronoun ***which*** from a grammatical point of view. In *Random House Webster’s Unabridged Dictionary*, Computer Software, copyright 1999, it states: “contrary to the teachings of some usage guides, ***which*** introduces both restrictive and nonrestrictive clauses.”

In this case, the restrictive clause, *which had the seven trumpets*, was added to restrict these seven angels (from among the many others) to the ones **which had** been given the **“seven trumpets.”** Now without the restrictive clause in Verse 6, this Scripture would read: And *the seven angels prepared themselves to sound*. However, with the **restrictive clause**, these seven angels are distinguished from among all the other angels because they are the only ones given the seven trumpets.

The next word we shall define is **had**, (“ . . . which **HAD** the seven trumpets, . . .”). Referenced in *The New Strong’s Exhaustive Concordance of the Bible*, copyright 1990, in the Greek Dictionary of the New Testament, **had** (Reference #2192) means, “to hold (such as possession).” In the *American Heritage Dictionary*, Computer Software, Fourth Edition, copyright 2000, **hold** is defined as, “to maintain control over.”

These are the seven gifted angels with “profound” moral insight and “exceptional” power of expression to say exactly what יהוה gives them to say “beforehand.” They all have the ability to maintain control over the trumpets that they are given. With this being the case, let us now find out what the word trumpet actually means or represents.

Referring back to *The New Strong’s Exhaustive Concordance of the Bible*, **trumpet** (Reference #4536) is defined as, “(through the idea of

reverberation): a trumpet.” Trumpet has something to do with the “idea” of reverberation. In *Merriam-Webster’s Collegiate Dictionary*, Computer Software, copyright 2000, an idea is “a formulated thought.” According to the *American Heritage Dictionary*, Computer Software, Fourth Edition, copyright 2000, **reverberate**, the root of the word reverberation, means, “to have a prolonged or continuing effect; to be repeatedly reflected.”

Now we can gather from this information that a trumpet symbolizes a formulated thought that is repeatedly reflected (or expressed), and has a prolonged and continuing effect upon the mind. Let us continue with the word trumpet.

In *Merriam-Webster’s Collegiate Dictionary*, Computer Software, **trumpet** also means, “a stentorian voice; or a penetrating cry.” We see now that this formulated idea takes on a stentorian voice. In this same source, **stentorian** is defined as, “extremely loud.” Referenced in *The Oxford Dictionary and Thesaurus*, copyright 1996, on page 1723, **voice** is defined as to “give utterance to.” Documented in the *Random House Webster’s Unabridged Dictionary*, Computer Software, copyright 1999, **penetrate**, the root of the word penetrating, means “to arrive at the truth; to understand; or to comprehend.” On the authority of *The Oxford Dictionary and Thesaurus*,

on page 339, the word **cry** is described as to “make a loud sound, especially to express pain or grief.”

Therefore, these seven trumpets are used here to symbolize extremely loud utterances. The message these seven angels shall utter will be “*repeatedly*” reflected (or expressed) and have a *prolonged* and *continuing* effect upon the minds of the people. What these seven angels will utter shall also cause the people to arrive at a conclusion that is based on truth: this truth will help the people to understand or comprehend a mystery concerning the pain and grief upon the Earth.

The seven angels who shall sound the seven trumpets are **trumpeters**. In accordance with *Merriam Webster’s Collegiate Dictionary*, Computer Software, a **trumpeter** is “one that gives signals with a trumpet.” **Signal** is described as, “something that conveys notice or warning.” Therefore, these seven angels will be used by יהוה to give signals conveying notice or warning of things to occur beforehand about the pain and grief that shall come upon the people of the Earth.

A **trumpeter** is also described as, “one who proclaims, publishes, or denounces.” In the *Random House Webster’s Unabridged Dictionary*, Computer Software, copyright 1999, **denounce** by definition is “to announce, esp. as something calamitous.” *Webster’s New World College*

*Dictionary*, Fourth Edition, copyright 1999, on page 206, defines **calamity**, the root of the word calamitous, as “any extreme misfortune bringing great loss and sorrow; disaster.” Referenced in *The American Heritage College Dictionary*, Third Edition, copyright 1993, on page 394, **disaster** is described as “an occurrence causing widespread destruction and distress.”

From these definitions, we can add that these seven angels shall proclaim loudly, publish widely, and announce openly beforehand the pain and grief that shall come upon the Earth. This message shall give notice or warning to the people of an extreme misfortune that shall bring about great loss and sorrow. This occurrence will cause widespread destruction and distress upon them.

Now before the seven angels sound these notices or warnings, they did something that was very important. Let us read the next part of the Scripture in Revelation, Chapter 8, verse 6, to see what they did:

*And the seven angels which had the seven trumpets  
**PREPARED** themselves.*

They **PREPARED** themselves. In accordance with *The New Strong's Exhaustive Concordance of the Bible*, copyright 1990, in the Greek Dictionary of the New Testament, **prepared** (reference #2090) means, “to make ready.” They made **“themselves”** ready. So how did the seven angels

make themselves ready before warning the people of the widespread destruction that was to come?

The seven angels had to first master the Ten-Step Study Method of יהוה בן יהוה in the exercise of 2 Timothy 2:15, which reads:

*Study to show thyself approved unto God, יהוה, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.*

Upon mastering the Ten-Step Study Method of יהוה בן יהוה in the exercise of 2 Timothy 2:15, the seven angels made themselves “ready” to speak the words of יהוה by studying so they could rightly divide the word of truth. To prove this point, let us find out what the word **ready** means.

According to *The Random House College Dictionary*, Revised Edition, copyright 1988, on page 1099, **ready** is defined as “prompt or quick in perceiving, comprehending, speaking, writing, etc.” By studying the word of יהוה and using the Ten Step Study Method of יהוה בן יהוה, the seven angels are able to promptly perceive and quickly comprehend the interpretation of the Scriptures. By following this procedure, they are also able to decode the hidden mysteries in the Bible, which qualifies them to speak and write with great confidence the warnings that יהוה said would come upon the people--“beforehand.”

Let us move now to the next word in the Scripture, which is sound. In the *Random House Webster's Unabridged Dictionary*, Computer Software, copyright 1999, **sound** means, “the sensation produced by stimulation of the organs of hearing by vibrations transmitted through the air or other medium.” **Sound** also means, “the auditory effect of sound waves as transmitted or recorded by a particular system of sound reproduction.” It means “news; and to convey a certain impression when heard or read.”

These facts show that the seven messengers shall transmit the news of יהרה through the air or some other medium. Specifically, their messages shall be recorded by a particular system of sound reproduction, which is duplicated and presented in the form of news. These messages shall convey a certain impression upon the minds of the people when heard and/or read.

Now, let us find out what these mediums or systems of sound reproductions are. In *Webster's II New College Dictionary*, copyright 1999, on page 680, **medium** is “a means of mass communication as magazines, newspapers, or television.”

These facts suggest that the seven messengers shall transmit messages from יהרה warning the people of the earth of the widespread destruction and distress that shall come upon them “beforehand.” These messages shall be

read in magazines, newspapers, and on the Internet, as well as heard on television and/or radio.

After they had prepared themselves to publish the Word of יהוה, Revelation 8:7 tells us what happened next:

*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.*

Notice, there was a “divine” **order**: This is what happened when the “**first**” angel expressed the will of יהוה: “. . . *there followed hail and fire mingled with blood, and they were cast upon the earth: . . .*” Let us find out what this is all about. In accordance with *Random House Webster’s Unabridged Dictionary*, Computer Software, copyright 1999, **followed** is defined as, “result from.” In the same source, **result** means “something that happens as a consequence; or outcome.”

The outcome of what will happen as a consequence of the first messenger of יהוה proclaiming His “divine” will throughout the world will be “. . . *hail and fire mingled with blood, . . .*” This sounds like something bad to me. So we had better consult the books of understanding, the dictionaries, to understand what this is all about. But before we do this, let us read Exodus 9:24:

*So there was hail, and fire mingled with the hail, very grievous, such as there was none like it in all the land of Egypt since it became a nation.*

*And the hail smote throughout all the land of Egypt all that was in the field, both man and beast; and the hail smote every herb of the field, and brake every tree of the field.*

*Only in the land of Goshen, where the children of Israel were, was there no hail.*

*And Pharaoh sent, and called for Moses and Aaron, and said unto them, I have sinned this time: the LORD, יהוה, is righteous, and I and my people are wicked.*

*Entreat the LORD, יהוה, (for it is enough) that there be no more mighty thunderings and hail; and I will let you go, and ye shall stay no longer.*

יהוה is bringing down hail today just as He did in the day of Moses.

Now let us find out exactly what hail is. Referenced in the *Dictionary of Biblical Imagery*, copyright 1998, on page 359, **hail** is described “in terms of divine weaponry.” And in accordance with *Holman Bible Dictionary for Windows*, copyright 1994, **hail** is described as, “precipitation in the form of small balls consisting of layers of ice and compact snow, regarded as a plague by biblical writers. Hailstones generally have a diameter of half an inch to one inch. Large hailstones can destroy crops and kill livestock and persons caught in the open. The Bible speaks of hail to speak of divine presence, action, and punishment.” Document in *Random House Webster’s*

*Unabridged Dictionary*, copyright 1999, Computer Software, **plague** is defined as, “any widespread affliction or calamity, esp. one regarded as a direct punishment by God.”

When the first angel sounds his trumpet, it shall be a warning expressed repeatedly of the divine presence, action, and punishment of יהוה.

This is a warning that יהוה shall use His “divine” weaponry to punish the people of the earth with hail, which is precipitation in the form of small balls consisting of layers of ice and compact snow. In the Bible, hail is a widespread affliction and calamity regarded as a direct punishment by יהוה. Large hailstones generally have a diameter of half an inch to one inch, which can destroy crops, kill livestock, and even persons who are caught in the open. Let us read Ezekiel 13:13:

***Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD, יהוה; I will even rend it with a stormy wind in my fury; and there shall be an overflowing shower in mine anger, and great hailstones in my fury to consume it.***

יהוה shall *rend* the earth with a stormy wind in His fury. **Rend** in the *Random House Webster’s Unabridged Dictionary*, copyright 1999, Computer Software, is “to disturb the air sharply with loud noise.” יהוה shall disturb the air sharply with loud noises from stormy winds--as

hurricanes and tornados. As a result of his anger, there shall be overflowing showers along with great hailstones to consume the land.

The anger of יהוה shall pour down upon the Earth, and will have the effect of an overflowing shower. What does this mean? In *The Synonym Finder* by J. I. Rodale, copyright 1978, on page 1107, **shower** is synonymous to torrent, deluge. According to *The Random House College Dictionary*, Revised Edition, copyright 1988, on page 1387, **torrent** means, “a violent downpour of rain.” In the same source, on page 352, **deluge** is defined as, “a great flood of water.” At the sound of the first trumpet, the divine weaponry of יהוה shall also come down upon the earth in the form of a violent down pouring of rain and great floods of water. Let us read Jeremiah 47:2:

*Thus saith the LORD, יהוה; Behold, waters rise up out of the north, and shall be an overflowing flood, and shall overflow the land, and all that is therein; the city, and them that dwell therein: then the men shall cry, and all the inhabitants of the land shall howl.*

On the authority of the *Random House Webster's Unabridged Dictionary*, copyright 1999, Computer Software, **north** is defined as, “**the North**, the northern area of the United States . . . lying to the north of the Ohio River, and usually including Missouri and Maryland; see North Country.” In the same source, **North Country** is defined as, “Alaska and the

Yukon territory of Canada.” And the word **overflow** is described as, “to pass from one place or part to another.”

Thus, as result of the first angel sounding his trumpet, יהוה shall cause water to rise up out of Alaska and the Yukon territory of Canada, and it shall pass from one part of Canada to the northern area of the United States, lying to the north of the Ohio River, including Missouri and Maryland. This overflowing flood shall overflow the land, and them that dwell therein. And this flood shall have a prolonged and continuing effect upon the minds of the people.

Now here is what we have learned thus far from the first sentence in Revelation 8:2: “*And the seven angels which had the seven trumpets prepared themselves to sound.*” This sentence implies a series of continuing and connective actions that shall follow when the first angels sounds his trumpet.

The seven angels have the rank of a group marked by one common biological characteristic that distinguishes them from a set of many persons. These seven angels are messengers of יהוה, and they shall speak by divine inspirations and they shall serve as interpreters through whom the will of יהוה will be expressed. These messengers are gifted with profound moral insight and exceptional powers of expression. They will not speak their own

words. יהוה has given these angels seven trumpets on which to convey their messages. They shall maintain full control over these trumpets. These trumpets are symbolic of formulated thoughts from יהוה, that are to be repeatedly reflected in such a manner that they will have a prolonged and continuing effect upon the minds of the people.

These formulated thoughts shall be expressed with extremely loud utterances. These messages shall convey beforehand the pain and grief that shall come upon the earth. Their expressions will be so graphic that they will have a deep effect and a devastating impact upon the minds of the people, so much so that they shall cause them to weep and shed tears. These messages shall convey notices or warnings to signal extreme misfortunes that shall bring about great loss and sorrow; as well as widespread destruction and distress like never before.

However, before expressing these warnings, these angels made themselves ready by studying (2 Timothy 2:15), and mastering the “divine” Ten Step Study Method of יהוה בן יהוה. By diligent study and mastering the method, they were able to promptly and quickly perceive, comprehend, speak, and write the divine inspirations they received from יהוה. Subsequently, they prepared these messages that יהוה gave them that they

might be read in magazines, newspapers, and on the Internet, as well as heard on television and/or radio.

Since we know what **hail** is, now let us decipher the next part of the Scripture, which says: *fire mingled with blood, and they were cast upon the earth*. In Greek “*fire*” according to *The New Strong’s Exhaustive Concordance of the Bible*, copyright 1990, in the Greek Dictionary of the New Testament, (reference #4442) on page 63, **fire** is described as pur (pronounced, poor), and it means lightning; and fiery fire.”

Stated in the *Dictionary of Biblical Imagery*, copyright 1998, on page 512, under the word lightning, it reads: “lightning is fire on a supernatural scale with a supernatural purpose. Lightning symbolizes at once both the untamable power and unapproachable presence of God. As proof that God attends his chosen people in battle, lightning routs his enemies.”

The *Random House Webster’s Unabridged Dictionary*, copyright 1999, Computer Software, **attend** is defined as, “watch over.” In the same source, **rout** is documented as “to force or drive out.” From all of these definitions we can gather that fire is lightning on a supernatural scale and with a supernatural purpose which is to force or drive out the enemies of יהוה. Lightning is used to symbolize the untamable power and unapproachable presence of יהוה, and He uses it as proof that He watches

over His chosen people in battle. Let us read 2 Samuel, Chapter 22, verses 14 and 15:

*The LORD, יהוה, thundered from heaven, and the most High uttered his voice. And he sent out arrows, and scattered them; lightning, and discomfited them.*

This Scripture tells us that יהוה thundered from heaven and sent out lightning and discomfited or defeated his enemies in battle. Now before we examine the next definition of **fire**, let us take a quick look at what **thunder** means.

Documented in The American Heritage Talking Dictionary, Computer Software, copyright 1997, **thunder** is defined as “the crashing or booming sound by rapidly expanding air along the path of the electrical discharge of lightning.” In this same source, **discharge** means, “to cause the release of stored energy from.” From these facts we can logically deduce that the crashing or booming sound which is produced by rapidly expanding air along the path of an electrical release of stored energy caused by lightning is from heaven and belongs to יהוה. This is what you shall see upon the earth when the first angel sounds his trumpet. And to further prove this point, let us read Psalm, Chapter 77, verse 18 and Psalm, Chapter 97, verse 4, which says:

*The voice of thy thunder was in the heaven: the lightnings lightened the world: the earth trembled and shook.*

***His lightnings enlightened the world: the earth saw, and trembled.***

**Enlightened** in the Hebrew and Chaldee Dictionary of *The New Strong's Exhaustive Concordance of the Bible*, copyright 1990, on page 9, (reference #215) means to “set on fire.” Therefore, these Scriptures tell us that after the first angel sounds his trumpet, יהוה will use His lightning on a supernatural scale for a supernatural purpose and, that is, to set on fire the world so as to force or drive out His enemies. When He does this, the people will hear loud crashing rumbling and piercing booming sounds that will cause the earth to tremble and shake; and the people shall see smoke ascending up, and they shall tremble.

Now let us examine our next definition of “**fire**,” which is **fiery fire**. **Fiery** in *Random House Webster's Unabridged Dictionary*, Computer Software, copyright 1999, is described as, “causing a burning sensation, as certain liquors; inflamed, as a tumor or sore.” *Webster's Collegiate Dictionary*, Third Edition, copyright 1916, on page 576, renders **liquor** as, “any liquid.” In accordance with *Merriam Webster's Collegiate Dictionary & Thesaurus*, copyright 2000, Computer Software, **inflamm** the root of inflamed is defined as “to cause inflammation in (bodily tissue).” Stated in the *American Heritage Dictionary*, Computer Software, **fire** denotes “the

discharge of firearms or artillery; the launching of a missile, rocket, or similar ballistic body.”

Therefore, based upon these definitions, we can assert from these facts that after the first angel sends forth his message throughout the world, יהוה will use His lightning as a sign to set the world on fire. When this sign is seen conflicts between the different countries will intensify so greatly that they will increase the use of their dangerous firearms and use of heavy artillery against one another by launching missiles, rockets, and other similar ballistic bodies. The liquids from these ballistic bodies will cause a burning sensation, inflammation in bodily tissues as tumors and sores to appear all over the body.

According to *Webster's Encyclopedic Dictionary*, on page 721, **fire** is also, defined as “fever or inflammation; ordeal.” Validated in the *Random House Webster's Unabridged Dictionary*, Computer Software, copyright 1999, **inflammation** is, “redness, swelling, pain, tenderness, heat, and disturbed function of an area of the body, esp. as a reaction of tissues to injurious agents.” **Ordeal** in the same source is described as, “a primitive form of trial to determine guilt by subjecting the accused person to fire, poison, or other serious danger, the result being regarded as a divine judgment.”

This additional information lets us know that when the first angel proclaims that which יהוה has revealed to him by “divine” inspiration, then the people will be subjected to what is considered a primitive form of trial to determine their guilt. After guilt has been determined, the accused people who have been found guilty will experience fire, poison, or other serious dangers. The residue from these weapons will cause the people to suffer fevers, redness, swelling, pain, tenderness, heat, and disturbed functions of other areas in their bodies as a reaction of bodily tissues harmed due to injurious (chemical) agents. This terror in which the people shall feel is appointed by, יהוה, and is regarded as His “divine” judgment. Let us read Leviticus, Chapter 26, verse 16, which says:

*I also will do this unto you; I will even appoint over you terror, consumption, and the burning ague, that shall consume the eyes, and cause sorrow of heart: and ye shall sow your seed in vain, for your enemies shall eat it.*

This terror shall cause so much sorrow of mind it shall consume the eyes with ...*fire mingled with blood*. In *The Synonym Finder* by J. I. Rodale, copyright 1978, on page 412, **fire** is synonymous to flame. On page 415, **flame** is tantamount to conflagration. In the *Flip Dictionary*, copyright 2000, on page 143, **conflagration** is synonymous to conflict, inferno, **war**, burning, or holocaust. In the *Random House Webster's Unabridged Dictionary*, Computer Software, copyright 1999, **holocaust** means, “the

systematic mass slaughter of European Jews in Nazi concentration camps during World War II. Referenced in this same source, mingle is defined as, “to associate . . .” and **associate** is described as, “anything usually accompanying another.” Documented in *The New Strong’s Exhaustive Concordance of the Bible*, copyright 1990, in the Greek Dictionary of the New Testament (reference #129) on page 8, **blood** means, “bloodshed.” In accordance with the *Random House Webster’s Unabridged Dictionary*, Computer Software, copyright 1999, **bloodshed** means, “destruction of life, as in murder.”

We see from these facts that *fire mingled with blood* is describing a war conflict between nations, which will result in a roaring inferno, intense burning, and the systematic mass slaughter of people, liken to that of the mass slaughter of European Jews in Nazi concentration camps during World War II. The outcome of these wars will show ruthless destruction of life as in murder that the loss of life is incalculable. The shedding of blood by injuries, wounds, etc., shall be massive, that a great number of human beings will lose their lives because help will not arrive in time. After the first angel sounds his trumpet, these things will be the beginning of sorrows according to Matthew, Chapter 28, verses 7 and 8, which reads:

***For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and***

*earthquakes, in divers places. All these are the beginning of sorrows.*

There is no question about it when the first angel sounds his trumpet this will be a sign warning the people of a period in time where in they will suffer trials and troubles. This period is called the **“great” Tribulation**, and it will be an ordeal unlike any ordeal since the beginning of the world to this time, according to Matthew, Chapter 24, verse 21, and it reads:

*For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be.*

The last part of Revelation, Chapter 8, verse 7 tells us where this great tribulation takes place: “. . . *and they were cast upon the earth: and the third part of trees was burnt up, and all green grass was burnt up.* This “great tribulation shall be “*cast*” upon the earth.

And this is the point at which we will stop today. So join us next feast when we will finish our decoding of Revelation, Chapter 8, verse 7. Praise יהוה! Shalom.