

Chapter 9

Seven Trumpets

Global conflict now rapidly unfolds.

Any nation undergoing attack has an overriding interest in destroying an opponent's nuclear missiles and bombs that could soon be launched against them. Therefore, many of the initial strikes during a nuclear conflict target land-based aircraft and missiles. Other land-based targets would also be struck—setting countless thousands of square miles of land ablaze. This is what occurs at the first trumpet.

Nuclear blasts above the ocean can destroy warships—even entire fleets. Therefore, the second major round of nuclear weapons strikes the oceans in attempts to destroy warships and submarines. This is what occurs at the second trumpet.

The next round of strikes deploys dirty nuclear weapons. These bombs spread nuclear contamination over a large area; these weapons do not require a nuclear explosion. Even if detonated with simple conventional explosives, the impact of such a bomb could contaminate the land for decades—even hundreds of years. This is what happens at the third trumpet.

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TABLE 9-1: NUCLEAR DELIVERY SYSTEMS

TARGET	TYPE	VULNERABILITY	LAUNCH ORDER
Land Targeted	Aircraft with nuclear bombs	Must get launch within a few minutes of a massive nuclear attack, or they are likely to be destroyed on the ground.	<u>TRUMPET #1</u> Launch early—aircraft can be recalled
	Land-Based Missiles	Must also launch within a few minutes of a nuclear attack, or are at risk for being destroyed.	Launch slower—cannot recall
Ocean Targeted	Missiles and Bombs	Aircraft carriers deploy fighter aircraft that carry nuclear weapons. Submarines hide missiles deep in the ocean.	<u>TRUMPET #2</u> Delay launches; hide and hold in reserve for later strikes.
Civilians Targeted	Radio-logical Bomb (Dirty Bomb)	Use by underdeveloped nations and/or terrorists. Harm due to nuclear contamination	<u>TRUMPET #3</u> Delayed use—can hide and therefore hold in reserve.

TRUMPET #1: *The first angel sounded his trumpet, and there came hail and fire mixed with blood, and it was hurled down upon the earth. A third of the earth was burned up, a third of the trees were burned up, and all the green grass was burned up.* (Revelation 8:7)

The initial trumpet brings *hail and fire mixed with blood ... hurled down upon the earth ...* and a *third of the earth* will be *burned*. This is a description of nuclear attacks against land-based targets. Such targets include yet-to-be-launched nuclear missiles still on the ground—and those somewhat protected in silos beneath the ground. Countless other land targets will be in flames.

TRUMPET #2: *The second angel sounded his trumpet, and something like a huge mountain, all ablaze, was thrown into the sea. A third of the sea turned into blood, a third of the living creatures in the sea died, and a third of the ships were destroyed.* (Revelation 8:8-9)

Yet-to-be-launched nuclear missiles located on board warships and submarines are targeted in the second round of missile attacks, with *a third of the ships ... destroyed*. Attacks on the ocean destroy surface ships—to include aircraft carriers. Many submarines have extensive nuclear missile launching capabilities. Submarine missiles use satellite navigation; they are as accurate as land-based missiles.

In addition to destroying ships and submarines, *a third of the living creatures in the sea died*. Jesus described the oceans during the end-times saying, “*nations will be in anguish and perplexity at the roaring and tossing of the sea.*” (see Luke 21:25)



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Nuclear Missile Launch

The battle rages over oceans

TRUMPET #3: *The third angel sounded his trumpet, and a great star, blazing like a torch, fell from the sky on a third of the rivers and on the springs of water – the name of the star is Wormwood. A third of the waters turned bitter, and many people died from the waters that had become bitter.* (Revelation 8:10-11)

With this trumpet, a *star* falls *from the sky*. Note the impact—on *a third of the rivers and on the springs of water*. This contamination is so extensive that a *third of the waters* are contaminated, *and many people died from these contaminated waters*.

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This trumpet depicts the detonation of a bomb made from nuclear material, designed solely to maximize the spread of radioactive contamination. Governments and terrorists incapable of exploding a nuclear bomb can more easily build such a low-technology weapon. Sometimes referred to as a “dirty” bomb, it can spread radioactivity using only conventional explosives. Such a *great star*, blasted above the earth, would magnify the geographical area contaminated. In the end, there are contaminated rivers, lakes, and ultimately drinking water.

The *name of the star is Wormwood*. Wormwood is a group of plants found around the world. In Russian and Ukrainian language, wormwood translates as “chernobyl.” The Chernobyl Nuclear Power Plant accident in resulted in the greatest radioactive contamination in history. This power plant was named after the wormwood plants growing in the area. This would be similar to an English-speaking country naming its nuclear power plant Ragweed. Today “Chernobyl” (wormwood) is synonymous with nuclear contamination.

Wormwood полин, чорнобиль; гiркота, прикрiсть
[wormwood polyn, chornobyl?; hirkota, prykrist’]

Chernobyl (Ukrainian: Чорнобиль, Russian: Чернобыль)

Wormwood belongs to the Asteraceae plant family. Scripture forecasted the Asteraceae plant family, which was derived from the word aster, the Greek word for *star*. Aster is the word from which asterisk (*, star symbol) was derived. Remember that when the *third angel sounded his trumped ... a great star ... fell from the sky*. (see Revelation 8:10) Also consistent is that Wormwood has a bitter taste; the *star* turned water *bitter*.

Revelation was written in Greek; wormwood translates as chernobyl in both the Ukrainian and Russian languages; scientists of multiple languages classified wormwood in the Asteraceae or “star” family. Clearly, John did not coordinate with the scientists who would later place wormwood in the Asteraceae (star) plant family. Scientists did not coordinate their naming of the plant, or its family with those who would name the power plant. The fact that this star plant family member turns water *bitter* also perfectly fits. No person coordinated any of this nomenclature with the nuclear disaster that inevitably followed.

When John wrote Revelation, he did not understand the concept of nuclear power. However, today the words he wrote can be directly tied to nuclear contamination.



Chernobyl Nuclear Accident (Photographer Unknown)

TRUMPET #4: *The fourth angel sounded his trumpet, and a third of the sun was struck, a third of the moon, and a third of the stars, so that a third of them turned dark. A third of the day was without light, and also a third of the night.* (Revelation 8:12)

A *third* of light from the sky is lost. This darkness could be from smoke, or possibly due to increased volcanic activity.

Next comes a warning from an eagle. The following three “woes” harm only those who have rejected God: *As I watched, I heard an eagle that was flying in midair call out in a loud voice: “Woe! Woe! Woe to the inhabitants of the earth, because of the trumpet blasts about to be sounded by the other three angels!”* (Revelation 8:13)

TRUMPET #5: *The fifth angel sounded his trumpet, and I saw a star that had fallen from the sky to the earth. The star was given the key to the shaft of the Abyss. When he opened the Abyss, smoke rose from it like the smoke from a gigantic furnace. The sun and sky were darkened by the smoke from the Abyss. And out of the smoke locusts came down upon the earth and were given power like that of scorpions of the earth. They were told not to harm the grass of the earth or any plant or tree, but only those people who did not have the seal of God on their foreheads. They were not given power to kill them, but only to torture them for five months. And the agony they suffered was like that of the sting of a scorpion when it strikes a man. During those days men will seek death, but will not find it; they will long to die, but death will elude them.* (Revelation 9:1-6; Woe #1)

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What is seen is an angel (*star*) with the key to a bottomless pit inside the earth—called the Abyss. This angel releases other demons that have been bound—unable to harm people—for thousands of years. But at this point in the end-time story, the bottomless pit is opened, and *smoke rose from it like the smoke from a gigantic furnace*. Moreover, *from out of the smoke locusts came down upon the earth*.

God gives notice to the unsaved world—with a warning that is unparalleled in history. Demons bound on earth are released from the Abyss to serve God’s purposes. This demonic attack warns unrepentant people of what an eternity in hell will be like. These demonic loci are not the usual pests—as locust normally attack crops—but these loci have power to sting like *scorpions*.

The locust attacks the enemies of God—attack *people who did not have the seal of God on their foreheads*. The torture the locust produce is *agony—for five months*. People hurt so badly they desire to commit suicide—but are unable. A foretaste of hell, where people *will long to die, but death will elude them*.

The locusts looked like horses prepared for battle. On their heads they wore some thing like crowns of gold, and their faces resembled human faces. Their hair was like women’s hair, and their teeth were like lions’ teeth. They had breastplates like breastplates of iron, and the sound of their wings was like the thundering of many horses and chariots rushing into battle. They had tails and stings like scorpions, and in their tails they had power to torment people for five months. They had as king over them the angel of the Abyss, whose name in Hebrew is Abaddon, and in Greek, Apollyon.
(Revelation 9:7-11)

Demons from the counterfeit kingdom possess pseudo (false) human and animal characteristics. The *name* of the lead demon translates, “destroyer.”

TABLE 9-2: SEVEN TRUMPETS

TRUMPET		
1	Nuclear strikes against land-based targets burn a third the earth.	
2	Nuclear strikes against ocean-based targets—described as a fiery mountain thrown into the sea.	
3	Nuclear contamination of water; in English such contamination is named <i>Wormwood</i> ; in the Ukraine it is called “Chernobyl.”	
4	Darkness covers the earth.	
5	An angel descends from heaven to the center of earth; smoke pours from the Abyss; demonic locusts come out of the smoke.	THE THREE WOES
6	Four angels riding horses are released; 200,000,000 soldiers from the East cross the Euphrates heading toward Israel; fire, smoke, sulfur kill a third of mankind.	
7	Signals the resurrection of two witnesses, the rapture of Laodicea church, and harvesting of Israel. (Revelation 14:17-20; Zechariah 12:10)	

TRUMPET #6: *The sixth angel sounded his trumpet and I heard a voice coming from the horns of the golden altar that is before God. It said to the sixth angel who had the trumpet, “Release the four angels who are bound at the great river Euphrates.” And the four angels who had been kept ready for this very hour and day and month and year were released to kill a third of mankind. The number of the mounted troops was two hundred million. I heard their number.*
 (Revelation 9:13-16, Woe #2)

Four angels who are today bound at the Euphrates River will be released to kill a third of mankind. It is important to note that actual deaths occur here—we are told that *a third of mankind was killed by the three plagues of fire, smoke and sulfur.* People die in tremendous numbers at this point. The released *angels* are riding *horses*—just as the angels of the first four seals rode horses. That the four angels are bound at the *Euphrates* River points to Iraq—the nation through which most of this river flows.

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There is an army advancing against Israel—with *two hundred million* members! China is capable of raising such a force; India also has a population well over one billion people. While the Soviet Union has dissolved into multiple nations—a disbanded China would still be tied to a shared ethnic and cultural history over thousands of years. Accordingly, this army could be from an alliance of eastern nations—with new nations from China's twenty-two provinces. Even the so-called rebel province of Taiwan could be included, along with Special Administrative Regions such as Hong Kong.

The destruction of the earth is now rapidly moving forward.

The horses and riders I saw in my vision looked like this: Their breastplates were fiery red, dark blue, and yellow as sulfur. The heads of the horses resembled the heads of lions, and out of their mouths came fire, smoke and sulfur. A third of mankind was killed by the three plagues of fire, smoke and sulfur that came out of their mouths. The power of the horses was in their mouths and in their tails; for their tails were like snakes, having heads with which they inflict injury. (Revelation 9:17-19)

To believe a delusion—is to believe what is false despite overwhelming evidence to the contrary. The God-rejecting world is stupid—stuck in bad religion. To believe in a religion that is *magic arts* after powerful prophecy has been validated by world events—is definitely to believe a delusion.

*The rest of mankind that were not killed by these plagues still did not repent of the work of their hands; they did not stop worshiping demons, and idols of gold, silver, bronze, stone and wood—*idols that cannot see or hear or walk.* Nor did they repent of their murders, their magic arts, their sexual immorality or their thefts.* (Revelation 9:20-21)

Faith in a supernatural designer and creator is easy given the complexity of an eye, or bat radar, or upon seeing a caterpillar become a butterfly. Unfortunately, for most people it will be too late; gentile non-believers worldwide will have accepted the mark of the beast.

Yet Israel was protected from the beast the first three and a half years. There still is hope for Israel!