

## The Revelation

### Chapters 8-10

- 8:1 the seventh seal issues in the seven trumpets
- 8:2-5 the altar of incense before the throne (the Temple had altar of sacrifice and altar of incense)
- prayers of the saints, and the souls under the altar, calling out for judgment on the evil
- 8:7 "defoliation" is a military tactic employed to weaken and dishearten a besieged town or area
- 8:8-9 "a great mountain burning with fire" could quite possibly indicate a volcano or volcanic activity
- 8:10-11 reflective of the effects of a meteor impacting earth, possibly breaking apart on entry
- 8:12 *(Matt. 24:22) "If those days had not been cut short, no one would survive, but for the sake of the elect those days will be shortened."*
- 8:13 the last three trumpets consist of escalating judgments against rebellious mankind
- 9:1-12 the locust swarms in Joel 1-2 are used by the Lord to draw the hearts of His people back to Him
- Abaddon means "destruction or ruin"; Apollyon means "exterminator or destroyer"
- 9:13-21 the four angels and the specific death toll demonstrates that God imposes limits on the demons
- "mankind" in 18 and 20 represent those who do not have the seal of God on their forehead
- 10:1-11 the second Interlude
- may be Ezekiel's scroll on which were written words of lament, mourning, and woe (*Ezek. 2:9-10*)