

Revelation 8:1-13

A. The Seventh Seal—8:1

- Sequence: 6 Thunderous Seals in Ch. 6; interlude in Ch. 7; In Ch. 8 the 8th seal begins with silence.
- Irony of the silence—perhaps a new topic emerging or maybe silence to hear the prayer of the saints.

B. The Power of Prayer—8:2-6

- 7 archangels in Apocryphal Books (Tob. 12:15; 1 En. 20:1-8)
- Trumpets; worship/ signal for battle.
- Incense symbolic of the prayers of the saints
- Prayers of vindication: Now and in the Future.
- Prayerful Intervention; Where does God's will and our prayers meet?

C. Punishment by the Plagues—8:7-12 (Seven Angels Sounding the Trumpets)

- Group of 4 plagues outlined: just as the four horses in Ch. 6
- Plagues resembling those sent upon Egypt—(Exodus)
- Those who are marked by the blood of the Paschal Lamb are protected.
- 1st Plague—Hail, Fire, Blood—trees and grass burned—no fruit and the animals left with no food—no meat, milk, cheese.
- 2nd Plague—Falling Star—Contaminated the Water Supply; Wormwood—Bitter (Prov. 5:4), and also a metaphor for sin (Deut. 29:18)
- 3rd Plague—Light in day and night was reduced.

D. Transitional Warning—8:13