

Revelation Lesson 96  
The Fourth Trumpet: The Dimmer and The Woes

Revelation 8:12-13 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. 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!

We noted last week how a possible Comet Wormwood would strike the Rivers and fountains and also what could lead to many drinking Bitter waters. Tonight we observe what will happen as the 4<sup>th</sup> Trumpet sounds.

**And the fourth angel sounded,** - Now the 4<sup>th</sup> angel in line blows his Trumpet in Heaven.

**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,** - Again my dearly beloved, there is only one way to see the interpretation of this verse and that is literally! When others understand these words symbolically, a strange interpretation begins to spring forth from the minds of men and those interpretations vary thus with each man's thoughts. Consider how Matthew Henry interpreted the above and how he said this had to be “either the guides and governors of the church, or of the state, who are placed in higher orbs than the people, and are to dispense light and benign influences to them”

Some wonder how will this happen? I do not gather it will be atmospheric due to the actual heavenly bodied being “smitten.” This will be a miracle which God will orchestrate!

**and the day shone not for a third part of it, and the night likewise.** - When I look in the Old Farmer's Almanac I see that on January 1, 2016 the length of the Day is 9 hrs. and 9 minutes. By January 31, 2016 it will be 9 hours and 57 minutes in length. When we arrive at March 20, 2016 – the Vernal Equinox – the Day will be 12 hours and 9 minutes in length. By the way the Vernal Equinox is the date when Spring starts. Also on that day (the equinox) day and night are about the same in length. Come June 20, 2016 we arrive at the First Day of Summer which is the Summer Solstice and Day will be 15 hours and 18 minutes in length. The Solstices are when the Day is the longest (in the Summer) and the shortest (in the Winter). We move on ahead to September 22, 2016 the Autumnal Equinox and the Day is 12 hours and 9 minutes in length (as it was on March 20, 2016. When we arrive at December 21, 2016 it is the Winter Solstice and that gives us the shortest Day, coming in at 9 hours and 5 minutes in length.

If we look at Genesis 1:4-5 “And God saw the light, that it was good: and God divided the light from the darkness. 5 And God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And the evening and the morning were the first day.” Here we understand that these days are: 1.) the first, the second, the third – ever because of the use of the definite article THE. 2.) the wording: “the evening and the morning” in Hebrew points to a literal 12 hour night “evening” and a literal 12 hours day “morning” hence these days of the Creation are 24 hours in length.

So if we take the “standard” division of 12 and 12, we see here, that the Bible states that the day (or daytime) shone not for a third part of it. That being the case when we divide 12 by 3 we arrive at 4. Hence we take away 4 hours of daylight from the day and add it to the night – per this verse and we then have 8 hours of Daytime or Daylight and 16 hours of Nighttime or Darkness. If Sunrise was at 6AM, it'd get dark at 2PM!

Imagine that now. How much the temperature would drop? Global Warming my eye! These guys don't know what they're talking about! Oh we'll see some global warming but not yet – first there's going to be some global cooling! So a third less of sunlight reaches the earth which means the growing seasons will be effected. Internal clocks in people and animals will be effected. Solar Powered machines, etc. will run less due to less charging from the sunlight. Indeed things are going to get bad. Since the sun will be a third darkened so too will the reflected sunlight being reflected by the Moon. We will have a darkened Moon!

The stars, 1/3 of them will grow dark. What will that entail for some of our Constellations? Will the big dipper be seen anymore? This will unnerve many throughout the world no doubt!

**And I beheld,** - John says he saw this.

**and heard** – Here John says he also heard the following – again showing us that John is not in a trance or a dream but that this is actual event!

**an angel flying through the midst of heaven,** - The midst of Heaven implied here is the 1<sup>st</sup> Heaven. Though John is IN the 3<sup>rd</sup> Heaven, this angel flies throughout the 1<sup>st</sup> Heaven announcing the coming judgments of God as if to say: You ain't seen nothing yet!

**saying with a loud voice,** - This literal voice is audibly heard by all those “inhabiters” upon the earth! Let's try to imagine what those upon the earth would hear (PLAY LEFT BEHIND CLIP!)

**Woe, woe, woe,** - The word WOE is OUAI (G3759) (sounds like: OO WA EEE) and means a strong grief and mourning over a disaster.

**to the inhabitants of the earth** – The Revelation Online Commentary reminds us that this phrase: “...consistently [shows them] throughout the Revelation as enemies of God and the objects of God's wrath.”

**by reason of the other voices of the trumpet of the three angels, which are yet to sound!** - Thus the announcement is made for the 5<sup>th</sup> Trumpet (Revelation 9:12), 6<sup>th</sup> Trumpet (Revelation 11:14) and the 7<sup>th</sup> Trumpet (Revelation 12:12) It kind of puts one in mind of Jacob Marley announcing the 3 Ghosts of Christmas that were to visit Ebenezer Scrooge, the sad thing is that unlike Mr. Scrooge, who repented and changed his ways, the inhabitants of the earth will continue to curse God and worship their idols and live in sin!