

Judgment Pending: Seventh Seal **Revelation 8:1-5**

I. EXPECTANT HUSH: "the seventh seal" (v.1)

A. Scroll: "He broke the seventh seal" (v.1a)

B. Signal: "silence for about half an hour" (v.1b)

1. Heaven: Zephaniah 1:7

2. Earth: Zechariah 2;13

II. EXACT HOLINESS: "seven trumpets" (v.2)

A. Position: "seven angels" (v.2a)

1. Prepared: "who stand"

2. Privileged: "before God"

B. Purpose: "seven trumpets" (v.2b)

1. Assembling: Numbers 10:2

2. Alerting: Joel 2:1 (Numbers 10:8-10)

3. Announcing: Zephaniah 1:14-18

III. EXTREME HARM: "another angel" (vv.3-5)

A. Inward: "at the altar" (v.3)

1. Firepan: "holding a golden censer"

2. Fragrance: "much incense was given"

B. Upward: "out of the angel's hand" (v.4)

1. Results: "the smoke"

2. Requests: "the prayers"

C. Downward: "took the censer" (v.5)

1. Responsibility: "he fulfilled it with fire"

2. Release: "he threw it to the earth"

3. Reaction: "there followed..."