

5: Jesus revealed to the Nations. 8:6- 14:5.

Through their generations, the nations have lived in an ignorant idolatry. Whether it is by human religion and its man-made customs as Talmudic Judaism had developed, or it is by fleshly indulgence in sinful immorality, violence, and thefts (Rev. 9:21), earth's people lived as if they were their own "gods" on this earth. So, Jesus Mashiach now reveals the spiritual darkness covering human existence. To live "normal" lives in this dark godlessness would be to share in God's judgment over these dark powers. Until now, the spiritual reality of the world was hidden.

But now, the spiritual reality of the Kingdom has taken territory in the land of Israel. Israel now bears witness of the One true God and the coming Kingdom of His Son, Jesus Mashiach. Holy fire now burns in the Temple, as the holy people pray for God's judgment upon the dark world and its lord Satan.

Thus, the Lord God responds from heaven with "seven trumpets" uncovering the mystery of the earth's sin and its inevitable judgment. Satan, the dark lord, has long ruled the earth as a land of dark sin and death. Living in Satan's dark world by the flesh condemns one under God's judgment. So, both fleshly religion that rejects the rule of Jesus Mashiach as well as sinful idolatry deserve God's judgment and wrath.

When God's seven trumpets reveal the true reality of Satan's darkness and judgment, the people of the earth are urged to repent, lest they share in Satan's doom. For, as the first trumpet sounds, the fallout of Satan's defeat and judgment are already revealed on the earth. These judgments are meant to shock a humanity that has grown accustomed to the darkness, thinking that lawless sin and idolatry are natural to human life.

So, the first four trumpets reveal the **(1) Poisonous Defilement** of Satan's spiritual darkness. Satan's lie that sin leads to happiness and true life is exposed as Satan and his dark hosts are thrown to earth, having been defeated and cast out of heaven (Rev. 12:8). The first trumpet unleashes the fallout of spiritual battle as celestial debris scorches earth's trees and grass (8:7). The fallen angels themselves poison earth's "seas" by their polluting presence (8:8), and Satan's fall makes toxic the "rivers" and "springs of water" (8:10). Even the celestial sky is darkened by Satan's fall (8:12). Thus, the poisonous presence of these fallen powers should instruct humanity that even their spiritual presence is similarly poisoned, leading to the certain death of those who follow their sinful ways.

Lest anyone think that the dark spiritual powers of the world are benign and helpful guides to humanity, the next two trumpets reveal the **(2) Predatory Cruelty** of Satan and his fallen angels. At the fifth trumpet, Satan was allowed to release venomous demons on the earth (9:2), whose mission is to "harm" the people of the earth and "torment" them for five months (9:4-5). And, when these predatory demons are loosed upon the earth, their dark nature inspires a murderous rampage that kills a third of the earth's people (9:16, 18). Thus, Jesus shows the people of the earth the true malevolence of Satan and his demons.

Finally, Jesus Mashiach reveals himself to be the rightful Lord of this earth, for He has already cast Satan out of heaven, proving him to be a mere **(3) Pretentious Idolator**. Hidden from humanity's generations, Satan now is shown to be the "dragon" who seeks to be worshipped like God himself (13:4). However, the Lamb shows that Satan is defeated, and his followers will join him in judgment.

5.1. Jesus Revealed as Lamb of Judgment to Nations in Darkness: 8:6-12.

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5.2. Jesus Revealed as Lamb Judging Demonic Hosts to Nations in Danger: 8:13-9:21

- Revelation (v.1)

5.3. Jesus Revealed as Lamb Judging Satan to Nations Ruled by Devil: 10:1-13:18.

- Revelation (v.1)