

Today's Theme

“So It Begins #7”

Series Title

“The Future - From Jesus”

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1. This seal did not *open as usual*.

(1) The seventh seal is *happening as of now!*

Rev 8:1 When he opened the seventh seal,

(2) An unexpected *reaction* to its opening.

Rev 8:1 . . . there was silence in heaven . . .

(3) This *calm* before the *storm* lasted 30 min.

Rev 8:1 . . . for about half an hour.

2. John witnesses something *different*.

(1) These angels appear to be an *unique* group.

Rev 8:2 And I saw the seven angels who stand before God, . . .

(2) A *presentation of 7 trumpets* is made to them.

Rev 8:2 . . . and seven trumpets were given to them.

3. A new angel appears to *pray & prepare*.

(1) This angel (another) has a *special* designation.

Rev 8:3 Another angel, who had a golden censer, came and stood at the altar . . .

(2) The incense *added* to the *prayers* of others.

Rev 8:3 . . . He was given much incense to offer, with the prayers of all God's people, on the golden altar in front of the throne. 4 The smoke of the incense, together with the prayers of God's people, . . .

(3) These prayers went *directly* to God.

Rev 8:4 . . . went up before God from the angel's hand.

4. The *storm* that is to come *begins*.

(1) The *mood* of heaven is *changed* dramatically.

Rev 8:5 Then the angel took the censer, . . .

(2) This angel now *sends a fireball* at earth.

Rev 8:5 . . . filled it with fire from the altar, and hurled it on the earth . . .

(3) *Silence* ends & *judgment* begins with a bang.

Rev 8:5 and there came peals of thunder, rumblings, flashes of lightning and an earthquake.