### Revelation

## Chapter 8

1Well, after he opened the 7th seal, the skies went silent for about a half hour.  
  
2Then I saw seven trumpets that were being distributed among seven of the messengers that were standing before God.  
  
3And at that, another messenger arrived that was carrying a gold incense bowl. So he stopped in front of the Altar and he was given a large quantity of incense that was to be offered on the gold Altar that was in front of the throne, along with the prayers of all the Holy Ones.  
  
4The smoke from the incense that was being offered by the messenger thereafter kept arising before God along with the prayers of the Holy Ones.  
  
5Well after that, the messenger then took the incense bowl and filled it with some of the fire [that was burning on] the Altar, and he threw it down to the earth, which caused thunder, voices, lightning, and a great shaking.  
  
6And that’s when the seven messengers prepared to blow the seven trumpets:  
  
  
7So the first one blew his trumpet, and hail and fire that was mixed with blood was thrown down to the earth, which caused 1/3 of the lands, 1/3 of the trees, and 1/3 of all of the green plants to be burned.  
  
  
8Then the 2nd messenger blew his trumpet, and something that looked like a huge burning mountain was thrown down into the sea, which caused 1/3 of the sea to turn into blood, 9and this killed 1/3 of the creatures that live in the seas and it destroyed 1/3 of the ships [that were traveling there].  
  
  
10Then the 3rd messenger blew his trumpet, and a huge star that was burning like a lamp fell out of the sky onto 1/3 of the rivers and onto 1/3 of the springs of water.  
  
11I was told that the name of this star was Wormwood.  
  
So, 1/3 of the water turned into wormwood, and many people died from the water, because it had become so bitter.  
  
  
12Well when the 4th messenger blew his trumpet, 1/3 of the sun was then struck, as was 1/3 of the moon and 1/3 of the stars, which brought darkness upon 1/3 [of the earth], so that the day didn’t appear over 1/3 of [the earth], nor did the night.  
  
13It was then that I saw an eagle that was flying high in the sky, and I heard it shout:  
  
 ‘Woe, woe, woe to those who are living on the earth, for there are three more trumpet blasts that the three messengers are getting ready to blow!’