



Catholicism

7 Trumpets—part 4

REVELATION 8:10— “AND THE THIRD ANGEL SOUNDED, AND THERE FELL A GREAT STAR FROM HEAVEN, BURNING AS IT WERE A LAMP, AND IT FELL UPON THE THIRD PART OF THE RIVERS, AND UPON THE FOUNTAINS OF WATERS.”

3RD TRUMPET—CHRISTIANITY COMPROMISED/PAPAL ROME

Great Star from Heaven = Fallen Angel, Satan

“And he said unto them, I beheld Satan as lightning **fall from heaven**” (Luke 10:18).

“And his tail drew the third part of **the stars of heaven**, and did cast them to the earth” (Revelation 12:4).

As it Were = As if to Be

“And no marvel; for satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works” (2 Corinthians 11:14, 15).

Lamp = God’s Word

“Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path” (Psalm 119:105).

Lamp that Burneth = Salvation

“For Zion’s sake will I not hold my peace, and for Jerusalem’s sake I will not rest, until the righteousness thereof go forth as brightness, and the salvation thereof as a lamp that burneth” (Isaiah 62:1).

Fell Upon = Take Hold Of

Third Part = Deceived/Wicked —Revelation 12:3 [see above]

Rivers = Kings/Leaders

“The king’s heart is in the hand of the LORD, as the rivers of water: he turneth it whithersoever he will” (Proverbs 21:1).

“And there came one of the seven angels which had the seven vials, and talked with me, saying unto me, Come hither; I will shew unto thee the judgment of the great whore that sitteth upon many waters: With whom the kings of the earth have committed fornication, and the inhabitants of the earth have been made drunk with the wine of her fornication” (Revelation 17:1, 2).



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Fountains of Water = Righteous Falling Before the Wicked

“A righteous man falling down before the wicked is as a troubled fountain, and a corrupt spring” (Proverbs 25:26).

Symbols Summarized:

- Great = Derogatory to God
- Star = Satan
- As it Were = Impostor, Counterfeit
- Lamp = Word of God
- Burning lamp = Salvation
- Third Part = Deceived
- Rivers = Kings/ Leaders
- Fountains of Waters = Righteous Falling Away; Apostasy

Summary—Satan as a fallen angel (great star fell from heaven) uses the Bible/religious guise/ false salvation (burning as it were a lamp) to take hold of (fall upon) and deceive (third part) leaders (rivers) and even the righteous (fountains of waters).

Present Truth (History Repeated)—Today Satan works in a religious guise to misinterpret the Bible perverting the message of salvation and taking hold of leaders and even righteous people with his deceptions.

REVELATION 8:11—“AND THE NAME OF THE STAR IS CALLED WORMWOOD; AND THE THIRD PART OF THE WATERS BECAME WORMWOOD; AND MANY MEN DIED OF THE WATERS, BECAUSE THEY WERE MADE BITTER.”

Wormwood = Apostasy, Affliction, Unrighteousness

“Lest there should be among you man, or woman, or family, or tribe, whose **heart turneth away this day from the LORD our God, to go and serve the gods of these nations; lest there should be among you a root that beareth gall and wormwood**” (Deuteronomy 29:18).

“Remembering mine **affliction and my misery, the wormwood and the gall**” (Lamentations 3:19).

“Ye who turn judgment to **wormwood, and leave off righteousness** in the earth” (Amos 5:7).

Water = Peoples, Nations, Multitudes and Tongues

“And he saith unto me, The waters which thou sawest, where the whore sitteth, are peoples, and multitudes, and nations, and tongues” (Revelation 17:15).

Symbols Summarized:



- Wormwood = Apostasy, Affliction, Unrighteousness in the Earth
- Waters = Peoples, Nations, Multitudes and Tongues
- Men Died = Persecution

Summary—Satan is filled with apostasy and bitterness (wormwood). He deceives (third part of) peoples, nations, multitudes and tongues (waters) making them become apostates--afflicted, bitter, and unrighteous, (wormwood) bringing death to peoples, nations, multitudes and tongues (waters) because they are made bitter.

Present Truth (History Repeated)—Today Satan is filled with bitterness against those for whom Christ died. He afflicts and deceives the nations through apostasy and unrighteousness bringing death to the world and making many people bitter.

HISTORICAL NOTES—“Paganism, while appearing to be vanquished, became the conqueror. Her spirit controlled the church. Her doctrines, ceremonies, and superstitions were incorporated into the faith and worship of the professed followers of Christ “(*The Great Controversy*, p. 50).

“This compromise between paganism and Christianity resulted in the development of ‘the man of sin’ foretold in prophecy as opposing and exalting himself above God. That gigantic system of false religion is a masterpiece of Satan’s power—a monument of his efforts to seat himself upon the throne to rule the earth according to his will” (*The Great Controversy*, p. 50).

“Satan once endeavored to form a compromise with Christ... Christ rebuked the presumptuous tempter and forced him to depart. But Satan meets with greater success in presenting the same temptations to man. **To secure worldly gains and honors, the church was led to seek the favor and support of the great men of earth; and having thus rejected Christ, she was induced to yield allegiance to the representative of Satan—the bishop of Rome”** (*The Great Controversy*, p. 50).

“It is one of the leading doctrines of Romanism that the pope is the visible head of the universal church of Christ, invested with supreme authority over bishops and pastors in all parts of the world. More than this, the pope has been given the very titles of Deity. **He has been styled ‘Lord God the Pope,’** and has been declared infallible” (*The Great Controversy*, p. 50).

“In the early part of the fourth century the emperor Constantine issued a decree making Sunday a public festival throughout the Roman Empire. The day of the sun was revered by his pagan subjects and was honored by Christians; it was the emperor’s policy to unite the conflicting interests of heathenism and Christianity. He was urged to do this by the bishops of the church, who, inspired by ambition and thirst for power, perceived that if the same day was observed by



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both Christians and heathen, it would promote the nominal acceptance of Christianity by pagans and thus advance the power and glory of the church. But while many God-fearing Christians were gradually led to regard Sunday as possessing a degree of sacredness, they still held the true Sabbath as the holy of the Lord and observed it in obedience to the fourth commandment” (*The Great Controversy*, p. 53).

“The archdeceiver had not completed his work. He was resolved to gather the Christian world under his banner and to exercise his power through his vicegerent, the proud pontiff who claimed to be the representative of Christ. Through half-converted pagans, ambitious prelates, and world-loving churchmen he accomplished his purpose. Vast councils were held from time to time, in which the dignitaries of the church were convened from all the world. In nearly every council the Sabbath which God had instituted was pressed down a little lower, while the Sunday was correspondingly exalted. **Thus the pagan festival came finally to be honored as a divine institution, while the Bible Sabbath was pronounced a relic of Judaism, and its observers were declared to be accursed**” (*The Great Controversy*, p. 53).

“Satan strives to turn men from their allegiance to God, and from rendering obedience to His law; therefore he directs his efforts especially against that commandment which points to God as the Creator” (*The Great Controversy*, p. 54).

Burning as it were a lamp—

“They were taught not only to look to the pope as their mediator, but to trust to works of their own to atone for sin. Long pilgrimages, acts of penance, the worship of relics, the erection of churches, shrines, and altars, the payment of large sums to the church--these and many similar acts were enjoined to appease the wrath of God or to secure His favor; as if God were like men, to be angered at trifles, or pacified by gifts or acts of penance!” (*The Great Controversy*, pp. 55, 56).

Men died because the waters were made bitter—

“In the sixth century the papacy had become firmly established. Its seat of power was fixed in the imperial city, and the bishop of Rome was declared to be the head over the entire church. Paganism had given place to the papacy. The dragon had given to the beast ‘his power, and his seat, and great authority.’ Revelation 13:2. And now began the 1260 years of papal oppression foretold in the prophecies of Daniel and the Revelation. Daniel 7:25; Revelation 13:5-7. Christians were forced to choose either to yield their integrity and accept the papal ceremonies and worship, or to wear away their lives in dungeons or suffer death by the rack, the fagot, or the headsman’s ax” (*The Great Controversy*, p. 54).