

The Divine Destruction of Earth's Ecology

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I. Introduction.

A. Text: Revelation 8.

B. The Day of the Lord is coming when God comes and takes over, but until then the World will be Satan's dominion. The Day of the Lord is the final component of God's wrath.

C. John depicts great detail about the coming judgment through the trumpet judgments in Revelation.

II. The angels have been waiting for these judgments since the fall.

III. The four trumpet judgments have to do with the earth.

A. The first sends hail and fire. (Isaiah 28:2, Job 38:22-23, Genesis 19)

1. The result will be that a third of the earth will be burnt up.
2. The earth is devastated and the world is scorched.
3. This is a suitable judgment for man. (Romans 1)

B. The second deals with the sea.

1. Man has worshipped the sea as an idol, so God rids this source of provision as well.
2. Some sun the size of the continent will drop into the ocean.
3. A mad disruption of commerce will occur. (Zephaniah 1:3)

C. The third deals with the collapse of the skies.

1. These events are really devastating. Fresh water will be wiped out. (Luke 21)
2. The waters will be poisoned with wormwood. (Jeremiah 9)

D. The fourth deals with heavenly bodies.

1. The Lord will block out a third of the sun, the moon and the stars.
2. All the terror is culminating to this point. (Luke 21:35)
3. Worse would come with the next trumpets because of humanity's rejection of Christ.

Application Questions:

1. How would you respond to someone having troubles dealing with God's violence in these sections?

2. Why is it important not to soften God's judgment?

3. How should Christians think differently when reading these sections? Explain.
