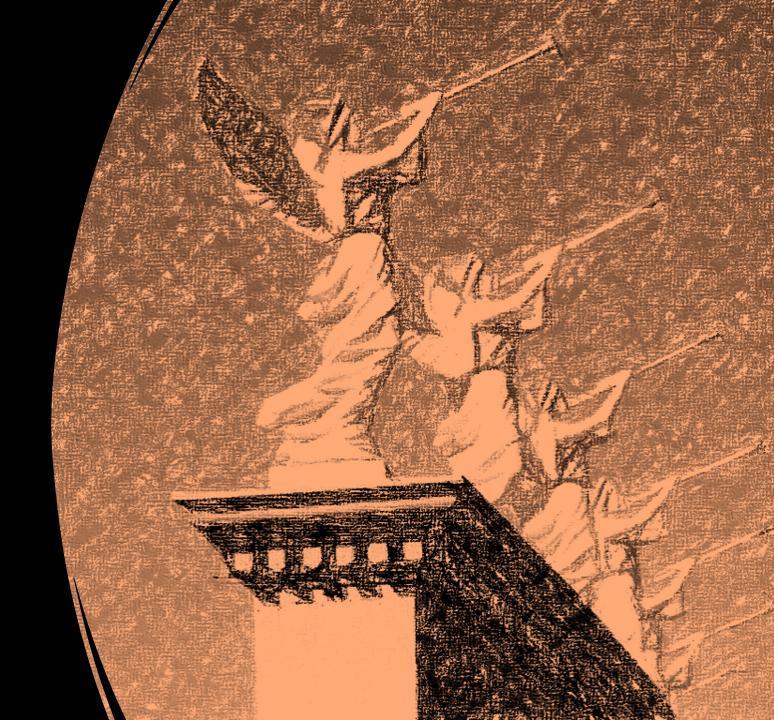
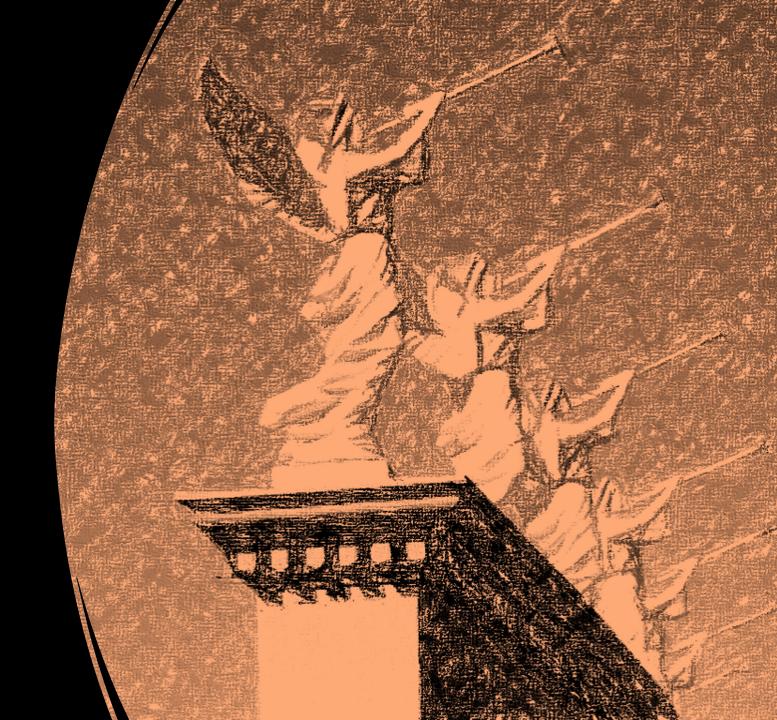
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Call to the Word



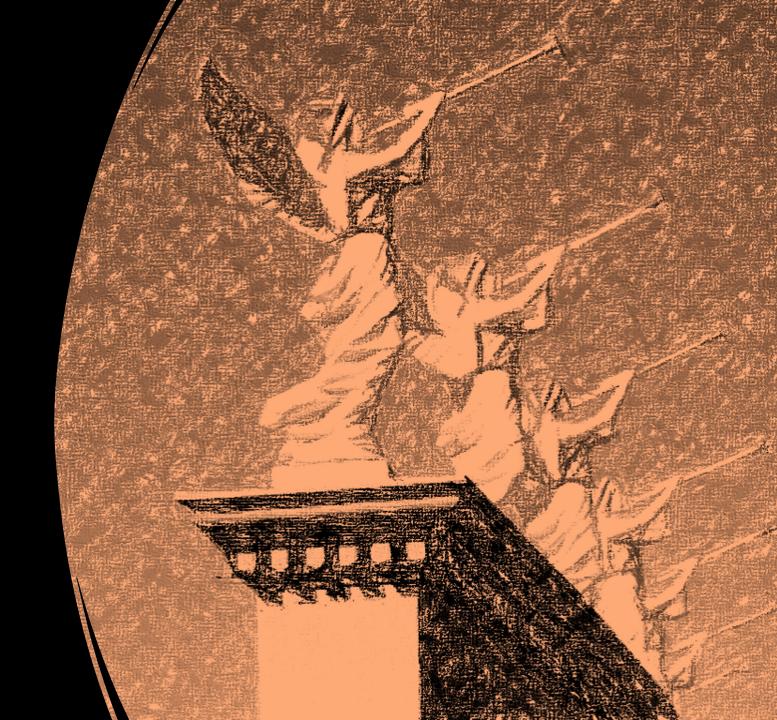
Rev 8:1-6

When He opened the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven for about half an hour. And I saw the seven angels who stand before God, and to them were given seven trumpets. Then another angel, having a golden censer, came and stood at the altar. He was given much incense, that he should offer it with the prayers of all the saints upon the golden altar which was before the throne.

Rev 8:1-6

And the smoke of the incense, with the prayers of the saints, ascended before God from the angel's hand. Then the angel took the censer, filled it with fire from the altar, and threw it to the earth. And there were noises, thunderings, lightnings, and an earthquake. So the seven angels who had the seven trumpets prepared themselves to sound.

introduction



The Curious Case of George Wilson

background

"God whispers to us in our pleasures, speaks in our conscience, but shouts in our pains: it is His megaphone to rouse a deaf world."

(C.S. Lewis)

The major purpose of God's judgments in Revelation is to seize the world's attention when it refuses to listen.

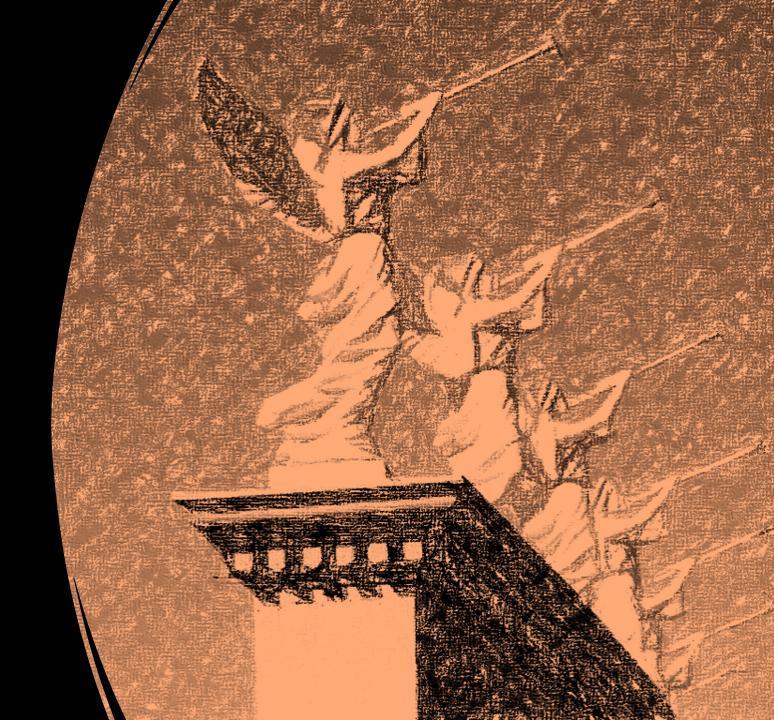
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The Greek term used for "trumpet" refers to an instrument of pronouncement, alarm, or call to arms.

Blow the trumpet in Zion And sound an alarm in My holy mountain! Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble; For the day of the LORD is coming, For it is at hand...

Joe 2:1

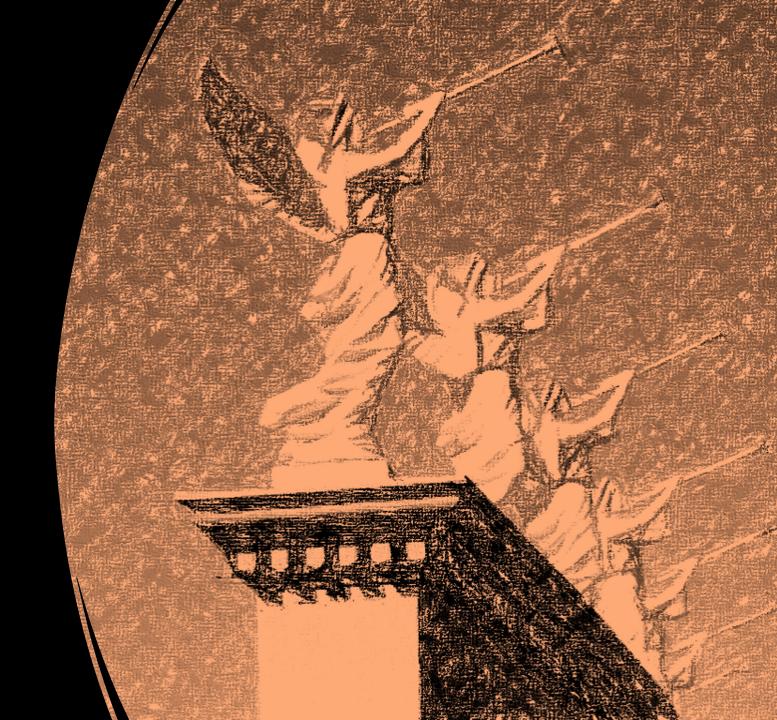
Revelation 8:1 silence in heaven



This silence in heaven demonstrates a sober, awestruck silence at the judgments to come

Zep 1:7 Be silent in the presence of the Lord GOD; For the day of the LORD *is* at hand...

Revelation 8:2-3
seven angels
& seven
trumpets



Mal'akh HaPanim: angels of the presence

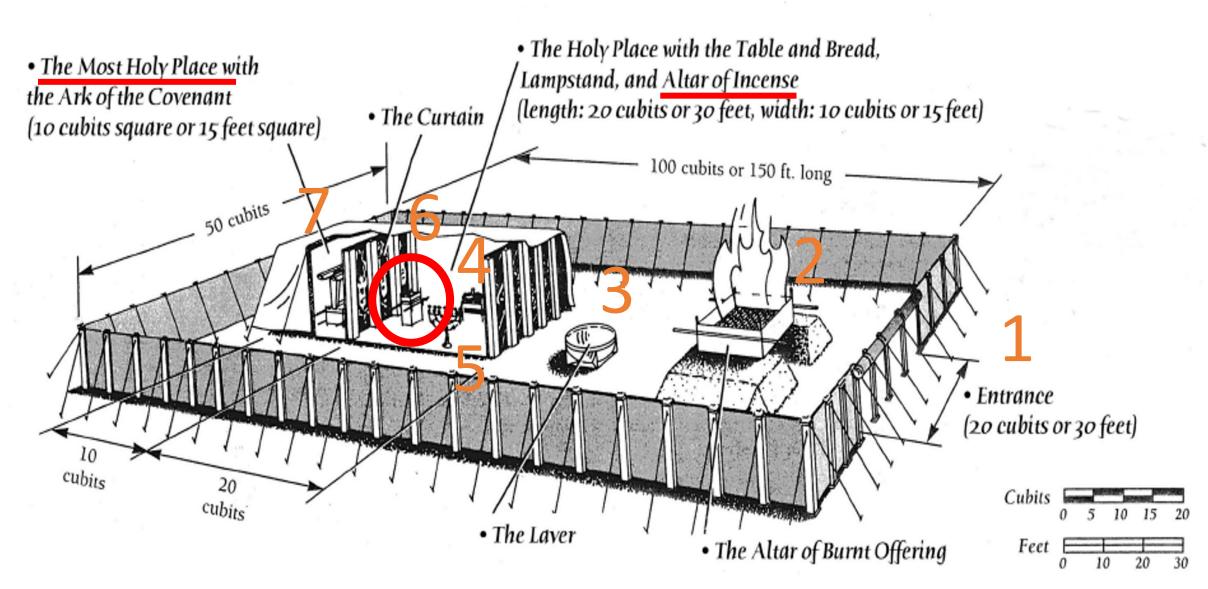
Parallels with Joshua

Seven priests... seven trumpets...

Jos 6:13, Rev 8

Two witnesses...

Jos 2, Rev 11



"The NT is in the OT contained; the OT is in the NT explained" Henrietta Mears

One: The idea is that just as incense is precious, pleasant, and drifts to heaven, so do our prayers.

Psa 141:1-2

Jn 16:23-24

Luk 12:31-32

Two: God's delays are not His denials. Unanswered prayers are sometimes stored up until God chooses to answer them in His perfect timing.

Rev 6:10-11

Three: the prayers of God's people set in motion the coming consummation of history.

2Pe 3:10-12

"More potent, more powerful than all the dark and mighty powers let loose in the world, more powerful than anything else, is the power of prayer set ablaze by the fire of God and cast upon the earth." (Torrance)

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