

TRUTH BE TOLD

Session 5



# THE 7 TRUMPETS

Part 1



In Part 1 of This Bible Study we look at

**The First Four Trumpets of  
Revelation**

**THE DOWNFALL OF THE  
WESTERN ROMAN EMPIRE**



HISTORY AND PROPHECY  
MUST AGREE



PROPHECY IS HISTORY IN  
ADVANCE

# Distinctions between the seven trumpets and the seven last plagues

7 trumpets

7 Last plagues

Before probation

time

After probation

Nearly all fulfilled

All yet to be fulfilled

Symbolic description

nature

Literal description

Stretched over a period of many "days"

duration

Arrive in "one day" or "hour"

# Questions to Consider

- What do Trumpets Symbolize?
- Why were they blown?
- Upon Which Nation?
- Why That Nation?



**What do Trumpets  
Symbolize & Why were  
they blown?**

# Assembly and Alarm – Numbers 10:1-10

- 10:1 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,
- 10:2 Make thee **two trumpets of silver**; of a whole piece shalt thou make them: that thou mayest use them for **the calling of** the assembly, and for the journeying of the camps.
- 10:3 And when they shall blow with them, all the assembly shall assemble themselves to thee at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation.
- 10:4 And if they blow [but] with one [trumpet], then the princes, [which are] heads of the thousands of Israel, shall gather themselves unto thee.
- 10:5 **When ye blow an alarm**, then the camps that lie on the east parts shall go forward.
- 10:6 **When ye blow an alarm** the second time, then the camps that lie on the south side shall take their journey: they shall blow an alarm for their journeys.
- 10:7 But when the congregation is to be gathered together, ye shall blow, but ye shall not sound an alarm.
- 10:8 And the sons of Aaron, the priests, shall blow with the trumpets; and they shall be to you for an ordinance for ever throughout your generations.
- 10:9 And if ye go to war in your land against the enemy that oppresseth you, then ye shall blow an alarm with the trumpets; and ye shall be remembered before the LORD your God, and ye shall be saved from your enemies.
- 10:10 Also in the day of your gladness, and in your solemn days, and in the beginnings of your months, ye shall blow with the trumpets over your burnt offerings, and over the sacrifices of your peace offerings; that they may be to you for a memorial before your God: I [am] the LORD your God.

## Holy Convocation – Leviticus 23:24-25

- 23:24 Speak unto the children of Israel, saying, In the seventh month, in the first [day] of the month, shall ye have a sabbath, a memorial of **blowing of trumpets, an holy convocation.**
- 23:25 Ye shall do no servile work [therein]: but ye shall offer an offering made by fire unto the LORD.

# Deliverance - Leviticus 25:9-13

- 25:9 Then shalt thou cause the **trumpet of the jubilee** to sound on the tenth [day] of the seventh month, in the day of atonement shall ye make the trumpet sound throughout all your land.
- 25:10 And ye shall hallow the fiftieth year, and **proclaim liberty throughout** [all] the land unto all the inhabitants thereof: it shall be a jubilee unto you; **and ye shall return every man unto his possession, and ye shall return every man unto his family.**
- 25:11 A jubilee shall that fiftieth year be unto you: ye shall not sow, neither reap that which groweth of itself in it, nor gather [the grapes] in it of thy vine undressed.
- 25:12 For it [is] the jubilee; it shall be holy unto you: ye shall eat the increase thereof out of the field.
- 25:13 **In the year of this jubilee ye shall return every man unto his possession.**

## Wrath and Distress – Zephaniah 1:14-18

- 1:14 The great day of the LORD [is] near, [it is] near, and hasteth greatly, [even] the voice of the day of the LORD: the mighty man shall cry there bitterly.
- 1:15 That day [is] **a day of wrath, a day of trouble and distress, a day of wasteness and desolation, a day of darkness and gloominess, a day of clouds and thick darkness,**
- 1:16 A day of the trumpet and alarm against the fenced cities, and against the **high towers.**

- 6:20 So the people shouted when [the priests] **blew with the trumpets**: and it came to pass, when the people heard the **sound of the trumpet**, and the people **shouted with a great shout**, that the **wall fell down flat**, so that the people went up into the city, every man straight before him, and they took the city.
- 6:21 And they **utterly destroyed all that [was] in the city**, both man and woman, young and old, and ox, and sheep, and ass, with the edge of the sword.

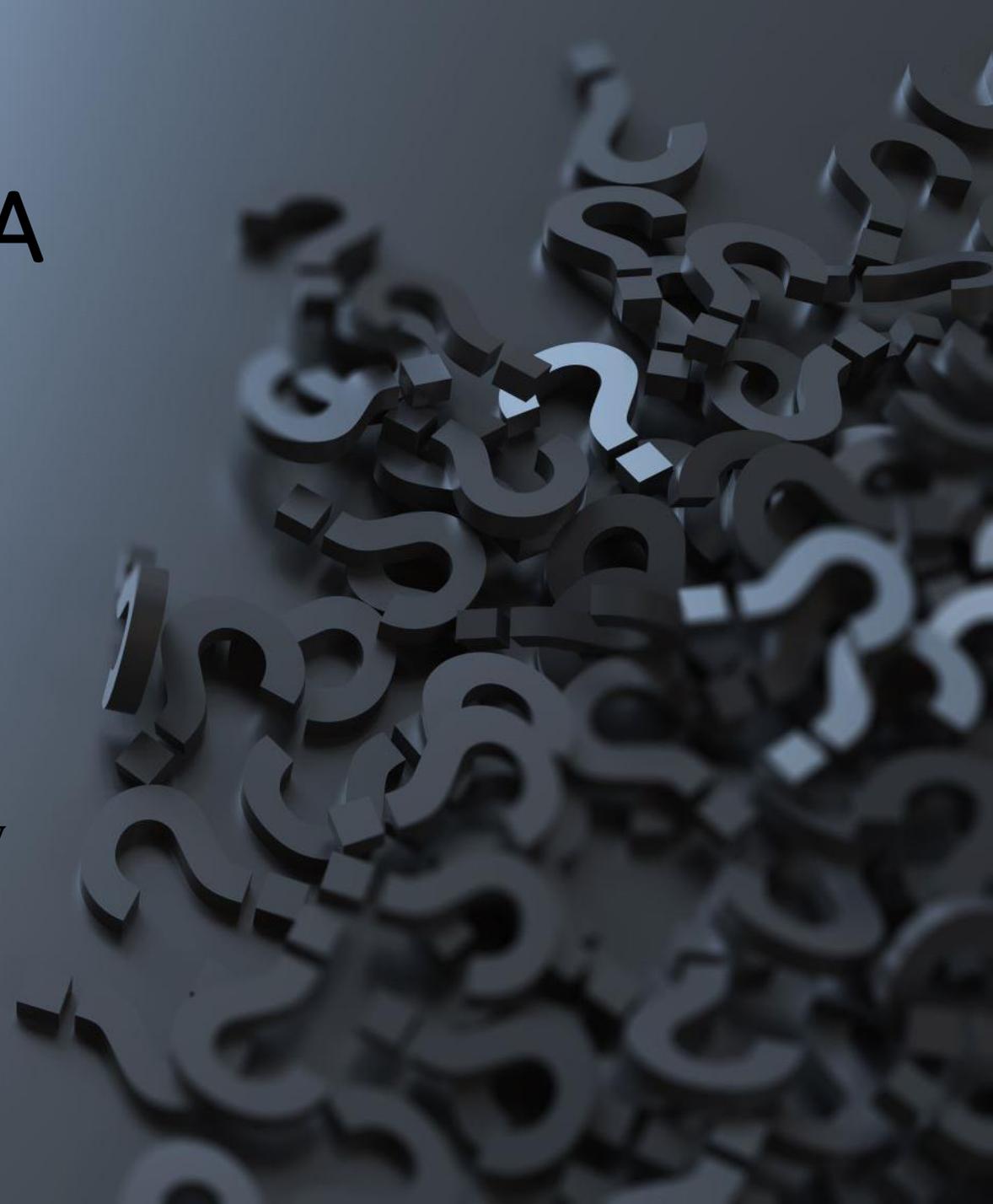
- **Assembly and Alarm**
- **Holy Convocation**
- **Deliverance**
- **A Day of Wrath and Distress**
- **The Downfall of or Judgment of an Empire**

# Q & A

- Where is Christ when these Trumpets begin to sound?

Answer:

- Holy Place of the Heavenly Sanctuary



Psalm 77:13

Thy way, O God, [is] in the sanctuary:  
who [is so] great a God as [our] God?

# How Do we know that Christ is in the Holy Place of The Heavenly Sanctuary?

## Revelation 8:1-5

- And when he had opened the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven about the space of half an hour.
- And I saw the seven angels which stood before God; and to them were given seven trumpets.
- And another angel came and stood at **the altar, having a golden censer**; and there was given unto him much **incense, that he should offer [it] with the prayers of all saints upon the golden altar which was before the throne.**
- And the smoke of the incense, [which came] with the prayers of the saints, ascended up before God out of the angel's hand.
- And the angel took the censer, and filled it with fire of the altar, and cast [it] into the earth: and there were voices, and thunderings, and lightnings, and an earthquake.

# Q & A

- **Upon Which Nation were these Trumpets blown?**

Answer: Rome

- **WHY???**



# History Lesson

## Edict of Constantine

On 3 March **321**, [Constantine I](#) decreed that **Sunday** (*dies Solis*) will be observed as the Roman day of rest [CJ3.12.2]:

- On the venerable day of the Sun let the magistrates and people residing in cities **rest, and let all workshops be closed**. In the country however persons engaged in agriculture may freely and lawfully continue their pursuits because it often happens that another day is not suitable for grain-sowing or vine planting; lest by neglecting the proper moment for such operations the bounty of heaven should be lost.<sup>[33]</sup>
- Constantine's decree was most likely modeled on pagan [sun worship](#), though it is probable that he also intended to benefit the church, which already met for worship on Sunday.<sup>[16]</sup>
- In the 4th century, [Socrates Scholasticus](#) stated that the Christians of [Alexandria](#) and [Rome](#) partook of the "mysteries" (the love feast or Eucharist) on the first day of the week (Saturday evening), though they also held **worship meetings on Sabbath like almost all other churches**.<sup>[11]</sup> By the 5th century, [Sozomen](#) stated that most churches, such as at Constantinople, met both on Sabbath and first day (Saturday evening), but that Rome and Alexandria met only on the first day (Saturday evening) and no longer on Sabbath.<sup>[12]</sup>

Apostacy (Sunday Rest By Law) is  
followed by national ruin”

## Consider:

Because there was a national declaration that the Law of God would not be acknowledged ( Sunday Law) then we have to look for distress on Rome (national ruin) some time after  
**321AD**

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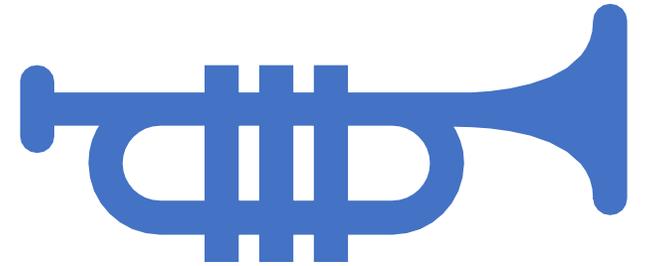
History will and is being repeated, as we see the papacy being set up for the sole purpose of declaring a national day of rest (national Sunday law) we should expect national ruin to follow.

As was then so is now

We are studying the first 4  
Trumpets of Revelation 8

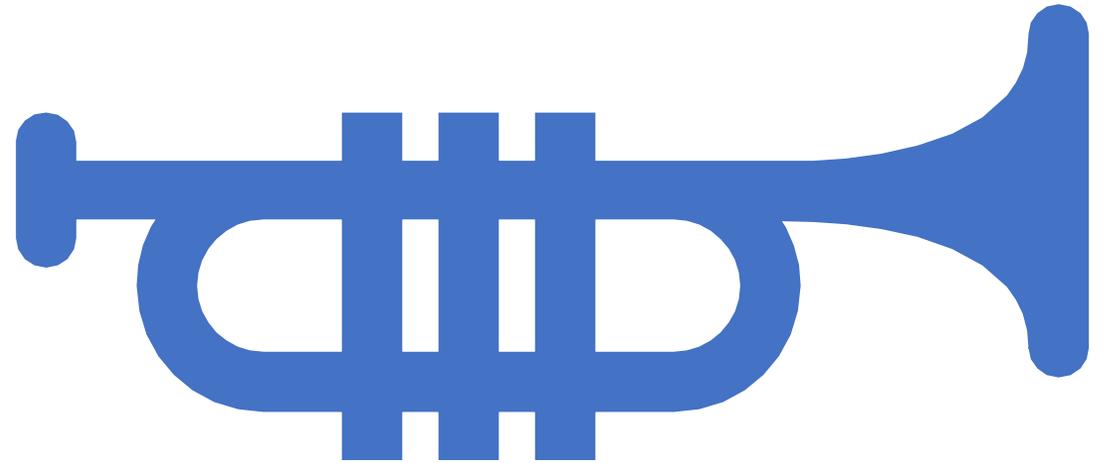
## Revelation 8:6

And the seven angels which had the seven trumpets prepared themselves to sound.



Trumpet – The Earth  
Smitten – General Torment

Aleric and the Goths –  
395 AD



## Revelation 8:7

The first angel sounded, and there followed hail and fire mingled with blood, and they were cast upon the earth: and the third part of trees was burnt up, and all green grass was burnt up.

# Hail – Cold Region

Job 38:22

- Hast thou entered into the treasures of the snow? or hast thou seen the treasures of the hail,

Isaiah 28:17

- Judgment also will I lay to the line, and righteousness to the plummet: and the hail shall sweep away the refuge of lies, and the waters shall overflow the hiding place.

# Earth – All Inhabitants

Revelation 7:1,2

- And after these things I saw four angels standing on the four corners of the earth, holding the four winds of the earth, that the wind should not blow on the earth, nor on the sea, nor on any tree.

Revelation 14:16

- And he that sat on the cloud thrust in his sickle on the earth; and the earth was reaped.

# Trees / Grass

Isaiah 40:7

- The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: because the spirit of the LORD bloweth upon it: surely the people [is] grass.

Pslam 92:12

- The righteous shall flourish like the palm tree: he shall grow like a cedar in Lebanon.

A wide-angle photograph of the Great Pyramids of Giza in Egypt. The pyramids are constructed from large, weathered limestone blocks. The Great Pyramid of Giza is the largest and most prominent, with the Pyramid of Khafre and the Pyramid of Menkaure visible behind it. The pyramids are set in a vast, sandy desert landscape under a clear blue sky with a few wispy clouds. The text "HISTORY LESSON" is overlaid in the center of the image.

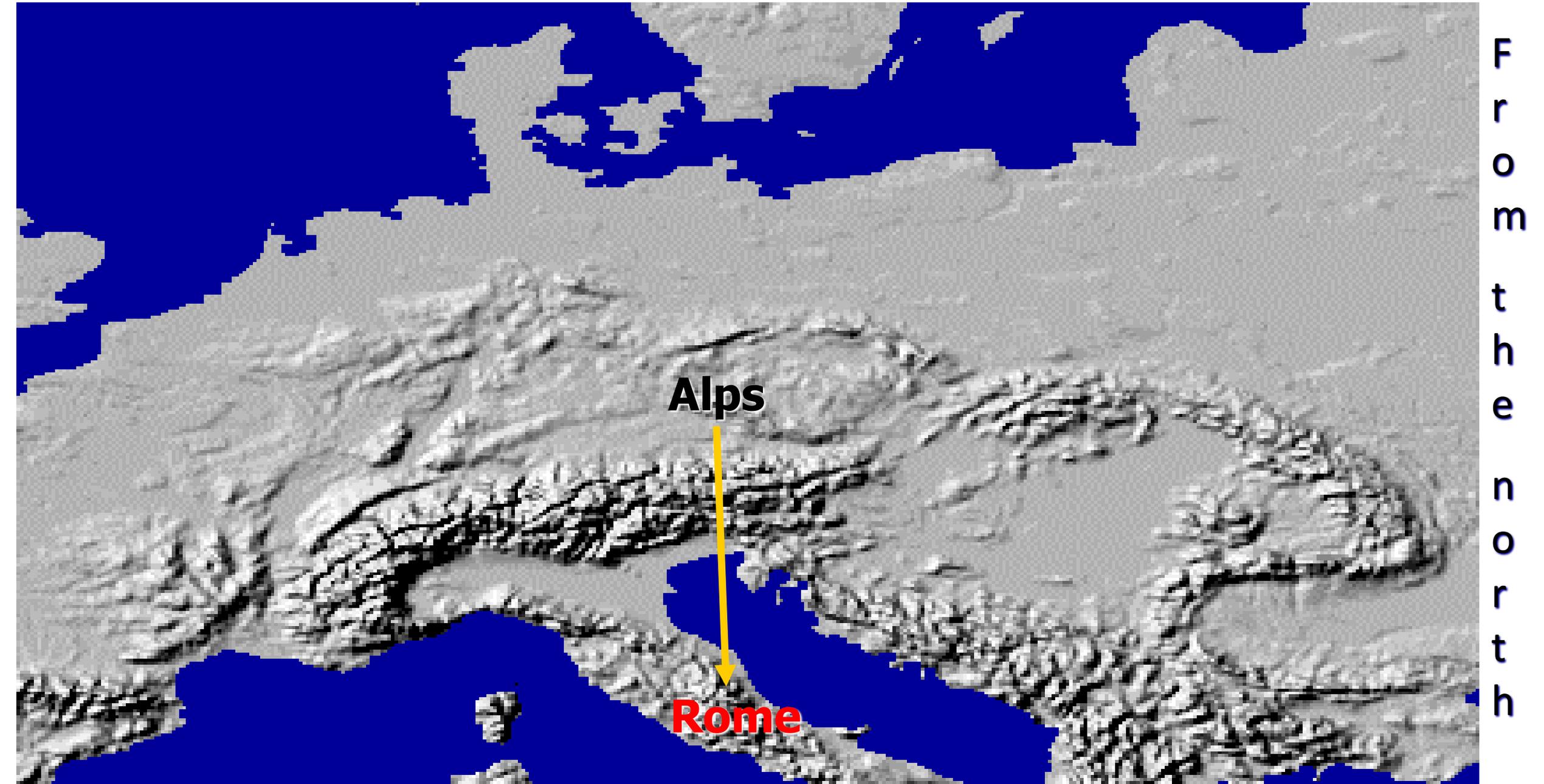
# HISTORY LESSON

Alaric the Goth penetrated to the city of Rome and pillaged it in the years 408 and 410 A.D.

“...when Alaric was marching against Rome, a monk of Italy besought him to spare the city, and not to become the author of so many calamities. Alaric, in reply, assured him that he did not feel disposed to commence the seize, but *found himself compelled by some hidden and irresistible impulse to accomplish the enterprise.*” -  
*Ecclesiastical History*, Book 9, Chap. 6 by Sozomen



# Gothic invasion of the Roman empire



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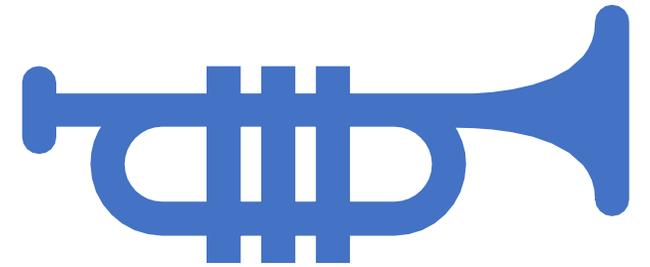
“...this prophecy began to be fulfilled about the death of Theodosius, AD 395. For in this very year (saith he) Alaricus [i.e. Alaric] the king of the Goths brake into Macedonia, with a great army went into Thessalia, and so into Achaia, Peloponnesus, Corinth, Argos, Sparta, **burning**, wasting, and ruining all places...”

**Mathew Poole's New Testament Commentary**

Edward Gibbon, "History of the Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire"

“The deep and **bloody** traces of the march of the Goths could easily be discovered after several years. The whole territory of Attica was blasted by the baneful presence of Alaric. The most fortunate of the inhabitants of Corinth, Argos, and Sparta were saved by death from **beholding the conflagration of their cities**. In a season of such extreme heat that the beds of the rivers were dry, Alaric invaded the dominion of the West. A secluded 'old man of Verona' [the poet Claudian], pathetically lamented **the fate of his contemporary trees, which must blaze in the conflagration of the whole country**; and the emperor of the Romans fled before the king of the Goths.”

**Trumpet - The Sea Smitten –  
Special people group tormented  
Vandals under Genseric 428-468 AD**



## Revelation 8:8,9

And the second angel sounded, and as it were a great mountain burning with fire was cast into the sea: and the third part of the sea became blood;

And the third part of the creatures which were in the sea, and had life, died; and the third part of the ships were destroyed.

## Mountain - Nation

### Jeremiah 31:23,24

- Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; As yet they shall use this speech in the land of Judah and in the cities thereof, when I shall bring again their captivity; The LORD bless thee, O habitation of justice, [and] **mountain** of holiness.
- And there shall dwell in Judah itself, and in all the cities thereof together, husbandmen, and they [that] go forth with flocks.

# Sea - Peoples

## Isaiah 57:20,21

- But the wicked [are] like the troubled **sea**, when it cannot rest, whose waters cast up mire and dirt.
- [There is] no peace, saith my God, to the wicked.

## Isaiah 60:5

- Then thou shalt see, and flow together, and thine heart shall fear, and be enlarged; because the abundance of the **sea** shall be converted unto thee, the forces of the Gentiles shall come unto thee.

# Wealth Business

## **Revelation 18:19**

- And they cast dust on their heads, and cried, weeping and wailing, saying, Alas, alas, that great city, wherein were made rich all that had ships in the sea by reason of her costliness! for in one hour is she made desolate.

## **Isaiah 60:9**

- Surely the isles shall wait for me, and the ships of Tarshish first, to bring thy sons from far, their silver and their gold with them, unto the name of the LORD thy God, and to the Holy One of Israel, because he hath glorified thee.

# HISTORY LESSON



“The arctic quarter scarcely found  
repose, When towards the other pole a  
tempest rose, Lest any should escape  
thy triumph’s round, The trumpet from  
the south began to sound.”

Contemporary Roman poet of that time,  
Claudian

# VANDALS INVADE NORTH AFRICA 429 A.D.

**Genseric, 'the monarch of the sea'**  
crosses the straits of Gibraltar.



# Vandal invasions on the Rome Empire



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**Carthage**

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**Rome**

Attack from the South



“When he was asked by his pilot what course he should steer, 'Leave the determination to the winds,' replied the barbarian, with pious arrogance - 'they will transport us to the guilty coast whose inhabitants have provoked the divine justice.’”

*The words of Genseric, History of the Later Roman Empire, Vol. 1, pp. 32, 33*

In course of time, he (Genseric) literally destroyed *a third* of the Roman navy (1,100 out of 1,300 ships) by *fire* during a night raid.

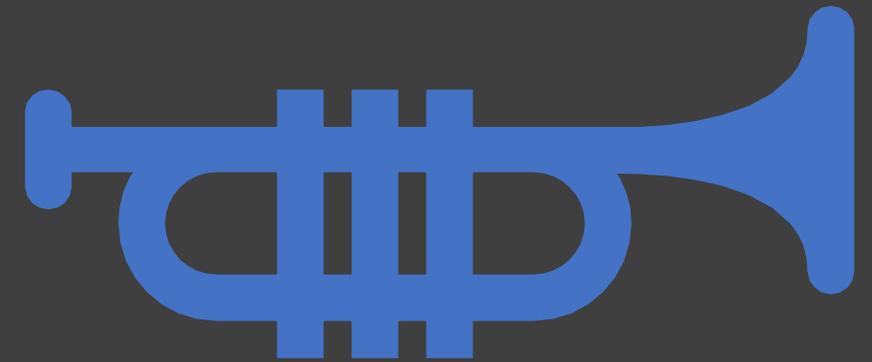
- ...and **the third part** of the ships were destroyed.



“The Roman empire, after Constantine, was divided into three parts; and hence the frequent remark “a third of men,” etc., in allusion to the third part of the empire which was under scourge. This division of the Roman kingdom was made at the death of Constantine, among his three sons, Constantius, Constantine II, and Constans.

Constantius possessed the East, and fixed his residence at Constantinople, the metropolis of the empire. Constantine the Second held Britain, Gaul and Spain. Constans held Illycium, Africa, and Italy.”

**3<sup>rd</sup> Trumpet – The Rivers  
Smitten – Peace disturbed  
Attila the Hun 429-451**



## Revelation 8:10,11

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;

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.

# Rivers – Peace / Peace disrupted

## Isaiah 66:12

- For thus saith the LORD, Behold, I will **extend peace to her like a river**, and the glory of the Gentiles like a flowing stream: then shall ye suck, ye shall be borne upon [her] sides, and be dandled upon [her] knees.

## Isaiah 48:18

- O that thou hadst hearkened to my commandments! then had thy **peace been as a river**, and thy righteousness as the waves of the sea:

# **Star – Angel – Messenger, Leader**

## **Revelation 1:20**

- The mystery of the seven stars which thou sawest in my right hand, and the seven golden candlesticks. The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches: and the seven candlesticks which thou sawest are the seven churches.

## **Job 38:7**

- When the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy?

## **Matthew 2:1,2**

- Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judaea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem, Saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him.

# Wormwood – Judgment for Rebellion

- **Lamentations 3:19**

Remembering mine affliction and my misery, the **wormwood** and the gall.

- **Jeremiah 9:14,15**

But have walked after the imagination of their own heart, and after Baalim, which their fathers taught them:

Therefore thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; Behold, I will feed them, [even] this people, **with wormwood**, and give them water of gall to drink.

- **Amos 5:7**

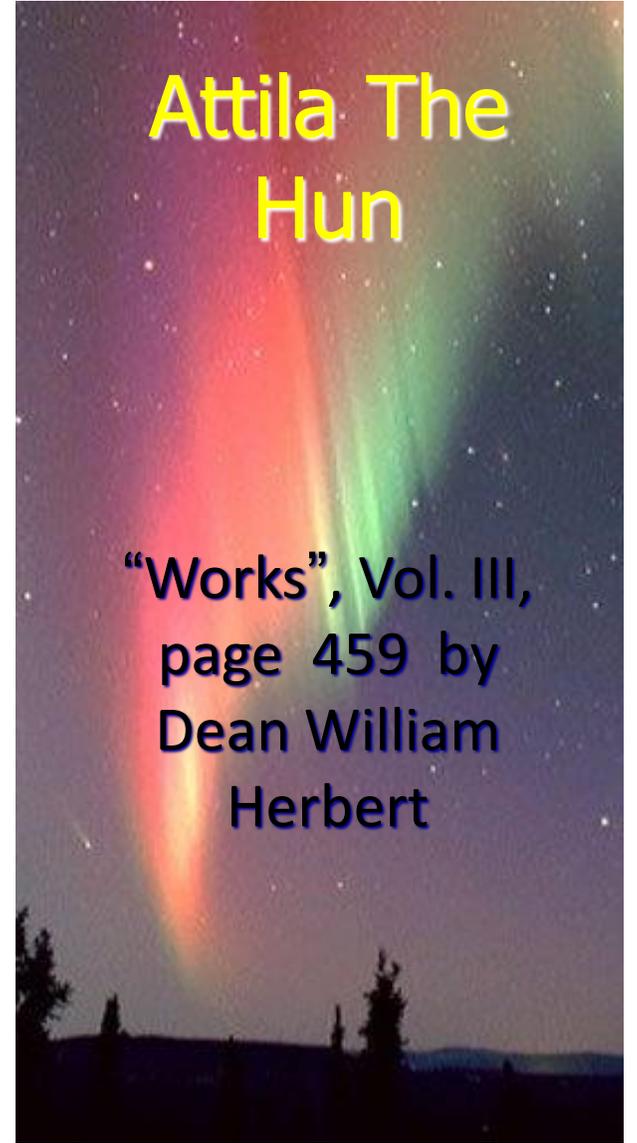
Ye who turn judgment to **wormwood**, and leave off righteousness in the earth,

# HISTORY LESSON





◦ “A star is falling  
before me and the  
earth trembling. Lo,  
I am the hammer of  
the world.”



## Attila The Hun

“Works”, Vol. III,  
page 459 by  
Dean William  
Herbert

"One of his lieutenants chastised and almost exterminated the Burgundians of the Rhine. The Thuringians served in the army of Attila; they traversed, both in their march and in their return, the territories of the Franks; and they massacred their hostages as well as their captives. Two hundred young maidens were tortured with exquisite and unrelenting rage; their bodies were torn asunder by wild horses, or were crushed under the weight of rolling wagons; and their unburied limbs were abandoned on public roads, as a prey to dogs and vultures." - Alexander Keith,



ATTILA, WITH GOAT HORNS  
16th c. medallion at Pavia, Italy

- “ ‘The scourge of God' was a name that he appropriated to himself, and inserted among his royal titles.”
- Uriah Smith, *Daniel and the Revelation*



"The race of the Huns, fiercer than ferocity itself, flamed forth."

“...as a matter of fact the principal operations of Attila as relates to the Western Empire, were in the regions of the Alps, and on the portions of the empire whence the rivers flow to the greater part of Europe in all directions. It was emphatically the region of “the fountains of waters.”

The Great Nations of To-day (1901) pp. 39, 40 by Alonzo T. Jones

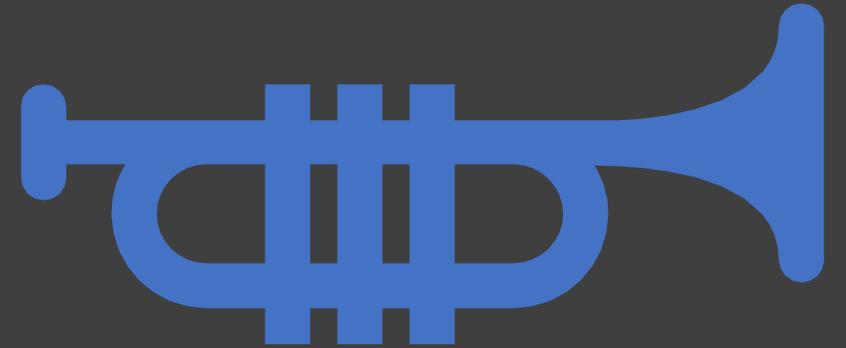
# Sudden demise of Attila 451 - 453 AD

**“He came from the East gathering his Huns, and poured them down...with the rapidity of a flashing meteor, suddenly on the empire.”** Albert Barnes, Notes on Revelation 8

- **“The rise of the great Hunnic power, which threatened European civilization in the fifth century, was as sudden and rapid as its fall.”**

From 395 – 453 AD (the first 3 trumpets) Western Rome has been under severe attack from the Barbarian hordes. The empire was now struggling to maintain its Political, Military and Economic prowess

**4<sup>th</sup> Trumpet – The Sun, Moon  
& Stars Smitten – Torment to  
governance / leaders  
Heruli under Odoacer 476**



# Revelation 8:12

- And the fourth angel sounded, and the **third part of the sun was smitten, and the third part of the moon, and the third part of the stars;** so as the third part of them was darkened, and the day shone not for a third part of it, and the night likewise.



# Sun Moon & Stars – Hierarchal structure of leaders

- Genesis 37:9-11

And he dreamed yet another dream, and told it his brethren, and said, Behold, I have dreamed a dream more; and, behold, **the sun and the moon and the eleven stars made obeisance to me.**

And he told [it] to his father, and to his brethren: and his father rebuked him, and said unto him, What [is] this dream that thou hast dreamed? **Shall I and thy mother and thy brethren indeed come to bow down ourselves to thee to the earth?**

And his brethren envied him; but his father observed the saying.



# HISTORY LESSON

# Odoacer



**“The Sciri warrior, Odoacer with his tribesmen deposed Romulus Augustulus in the year 476 AD in Ravenna and became Roman patricius. He considered himself has King of Italy.”**



Last reigning Roman emperor

- ROMULUS AUGUSTULUS GIVING UP THE CROWN



“...Romulus Augustus...abdicated; and the senate sent away the imperial insignia to Constantinople, professing to the emperor of the East that one emperor was sufficient for the whole of the empire. Thus of the Roman imperial sun, that third which appertained to the Western Empire was eclipsed, and shown no more. I say that third of its orb which appertained to the Western empire; for the Apocalyptic fraction is literally accurate. In the last arrangement between the two courts, the whole of the Illyrian third had been made over to the Eastern division. Thus in the West ‘the extinction of the empire’ had taken place; the night had fallen.” - *E.B. Elliott, Horae Apocalypticæ*

Rome had fallen an empire ruled by emperors.

This demise made way for the rise and establishment of the Eastern portion of the Roman empire (The Papacy or Papal Rome, The Rome of

God used pagan powers to bring down Pagan Rome.

At 538 AD Rome has evolved into a religio-political entity.

What or who would use to be a judgment on this power

## Revelation 8:13

And I beheld, and heard an angel flying through the midst of heaven, saying with a loud voice, **Woe, woe, woe**, to the inhabitants of the earth by reason of the other voices of the trumpet of the three angels, which are yet to sound

AMEN

Truth Be Told

Session 6 – The Last 3 Trumpet Woes

