

Discussion 13

The Seventh Seal

(The Sounding of Trumpets)

Primary Reading:

- Revelation Chapters 8 & 9

Passages for Comparison:

- DoS Section 45a (LDS DaC 77) v13
- Revelation 8:1-6 => Zenos 10:18-23 :: 7th Seal - The Trumpets Prepare to Sound
- Revelation 8:7 => Zenos 3:32-33 :: The 1st Trumpet
- Revelation 8:8-9 => Zenos 4:4-5 :: The 2nd Trumpet
- Revelation 8:10-11 => Zenos 6:11-12 :: The 3rd Trumpet
- Revelation 8:12-13 => Zenos 7:14-16 :: The 4th Trumpet
- Revelation 9:1-12 => Zenos 8:6-11 :: The 5th Trumpet, the First Woe
- Revelation 9:13-21 => Zenos 9:53-59 :: The 6th Trumpet, the Second Woe (begins)

Objectives:

- Apply our knowledge of the angels and their dispensations to the vision of the Trumpets in search of deeper understanding.

Reading:

Q and A - DoS Section 45a (LDS DaC 77)

Questions	Answers
45a:13 [77:13] <i>Question:</i> When are the things to be accomplished which are written in the Chapter 9 of Revelation?	<i>Answer:</i> They are to be accomplished after the opening of the seventh seal, before the coming of Christ.

8:1-6 :: 7th Seal - The Trumpets Prepare to Sound

Revelation	Zenos	Discussion Ideas
8:1. And when he [<i>the Lamb</i>] had opened the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven about the space of half an hour.	18. And it shall come to pass that when Ariel shall open the seventh seal, there will be silence in the heavens for a short time.	When would you say Ariel opened the seventh seal (or will open it)?
8:2. And I saw the seven angels which stood before God; and to them were given seven trumpets.	19. And it came to pass that I saw as it were the seven angels of the seven dispensations which stood before YHVH Elohim; and to them were given seven shofars.	

<p>8:3. 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.</p>	<p>20. And it came to pass that another angel came and stood at the altar, and there, with the burning of frankincense, he offered the prayers of all the kaddish upon the golden altar which was before the throne of Elohim.</p>	<p>This appears to be the only time in the Zenos record where an angel does something, and Zenos doesn't tell us the name of the angel. Any thoughts on that?</p>
<p>8:4. And the smoke of the incense, which came with the prayers of the saints, ascended up before God out of the angel's hand.</p>	<p>21. And the smoke of the incense, which came with the prayers of the kaddish, ascended up before YHVH Elohim out of the angel's hand.</p>	
<p>8:5. 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.</p>	<p>22. And the angel took fire from off the altar and cast it into the earth which did bring thunder, and lightning, and an earthquake.</p>	
<p>8:6. And the seven angels which had the seven trumpets prepared themselves to sound.</p>	<p>23. And it came to pass that the seven angels of the seven dispensations placed their shofars to their lips prepared to sound again, for this shall be the final dispensation before the coming of Yahshua HaMashiach.</p>	<p>This makes it sound like they already each sounded their trumpets once, but now they are lining up to do it again. Is that how you interpret this?</p>

8:7 :: The 1st Trumpet

Revelation	Zenos	Discussion Ideas
<p>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.</p>	<p>32. And it came to pass that I saw Michael sounding his shofar, and there followed hail and fire mingled with blood,</p> <p>33. And the abaddon were cast lose upon the earth, and they burnt up the third part of the trees and all the green grass.</p>	

8:8-9 :: The 2nd Trumpet

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<p>8:8. 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;</p> <p>8:9. 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.</p>	<p>4. And it came to pass that Zaphkiel who is Metatron sounded his shofar, and I saw as it were a great mountain burn with fire, and it was cast into the sea,</p> <p>5. And the third part of the sea became blood; and death became the third part of the creatures which were in the sea; yea, and a third part of the ships were destroyed.</p>	

8:10-11 :: The 3rd Trumpet

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<p>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;</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>11. And it came to pass that Gabriel sounded his shofar, and there fell a great fire from heaven, and it fell upon the third part of the waters on the earth, and a third part of the waters beneath the earth;</p> <p>12. And the waters came forth as a great flood, and many died because of the waters, that there should be a new birth from the cleansing.</p>	

8:12-13 :: The 4th Trumpet

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<p>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.</p>	<p>7:14. And it came to pass that Raphael blew upon his shofar, and the third part of the sun, and of the moon, and of the stars were smitten;</p> <p>7:15. Yea, and as the third part of them was darkened, and the day shone not for a third part of it, and the night likewise, and the earth was covered in darkness for it would receive not the light.</p>	
<p>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!</p>	<p>7:16. And it came to pass that I saw the angel Moroni flying through the midst of heaven, saying with a loud voice: Woe unto the inhabitants of the earth for there are three more angels yet to sound!</p>	

9:1-12 :: The 5th Trumpet, the First Woe

Revelation	Zenos	Discussion Ideas
<p>9:1. And the fifth angel sounded, and I saw a star fall from heaven unto the earth: and to him was given the key of the bottomless pit.</p> <p>9:2. And he opened the bottomless pit; and there arose a smoke out of the pit, as the smoke of a great furnace; and the sun and the air were darkened by reason of the smoke of the pit.</p> <p>9:3. And there came out of the smoke locusts upon the earth: and unto them was given power, as the scorpions of the earth have power.</p>	<p>8:6. And it came to pass that Haniel sounded his shofar, and I saw as it were a star fall from heaven unto the earth, and the key to the bottomless pit was given him.</p> <p>8:7. And it came to pass that Haniel opened the bottomless pit; and there arose a smoke out of the pit, as the smoke of a great furnace; and the sun and the air were darkened by the smoke of the pit.</p> <p>8:8. And there came out of the smoke ten plagues upon the earth, and unto them was given power to harm the men that would keep Israel from her Elohim.</p>	
<p>9:4. And it was commanded them that they should not hurt the grass of the earth, neither any green thing, neither any tree; but only those men which have not the seal of God in their</p>	<p>8:9. And they were commanded that they should not hurt the grass of the earth, neither any green thing, neither any tree;</p>	

<p>foreheads.</p> <p>9:5. And to them it was given that they should not kill them, but that they should be tormented five months: and their torment was as the torment of a scorpion, when he striketh a man.</p> <p>9:6. And in those days shall men seek death, and shall not find it; and shall desire to die, and death shall flee from them.</p>	<p>8:10. But only those men which have not the seal of YHVH in their foreheads, yea even those that did not observe the Passover, yea even they without the blood of the Lamb upon their doors.</p> <p>8:11. And it came to pass that in those days did men seek death, yet did not find it, for though they desired to die, death fled from them; and thus were the avaddon loosed upon the earth.</p>	
<p>9:7. And the shapes of the locusts were like unto horses prepared unto battle; and on their heads were as it were crowns like gold, and their faces were as the faces of men.</p> <p>9:8. And they had hair as the hair of women, and their teeth were as the teeth of lions.</p> <p>9:9. And they had breastplates, as it were breastplates of iron; and the sound of their wings was as the sound of chariots of many horses running to battle.</p> <p>9:10. And they had tails like unto scorpions, and there were stings in their tails: and their power was to hurt men five months.</p> <p>9:11. And they had a king over them, which is the angel of the bottomless pit, whose name in the Hebrew tongue is Abaddon, but in the Greek tongue hath his name Apollyon.</p> <p>9:12. One woe is past; and, behold, there come two woes more hereafter.</p>		<p>This passage from Revelation which seems to go with the verses leading up to it is not included in the Zenos account. Do you see any reason for that?</p>

9:13-21 :: The 6th Trumpet, the Second Woe (begins)

Revelation	Zenos	Discussion Ideas
<p>9:13. And the sixth angel sounded, and I heard a voice from the four horns of the golden altar which is before God,</p> <p>9:14. Saying to the sixth angel which had the trumpet, Loose the four angels which are bound in the great river Euphrates.</p> <p>9:15. And the four angels were loosed, which were prepared for an hour, and a day, and a month, and a year, for to slay the third part of men.</p> <p>9:16. And the number of the army of the horsemen were two hundred thousand thousand: and I heard the number of them.</p> <p>9:17. And thus I saw the horses in the vision, and them that sat on them, having breastplates of fire, and of jacinth, and brimstone: and the heads of the horses were as the heads of lions; and out of their mouths issued fire and smoke and brimstone.</p>	<p>9:53. And it came to pass that Zadkiel sounded his shofar, and I heard a voice from the four horns of the golden altar which is before Elohim, saying to Zadkiel: Loose the four angels which are bound in the great river Euphrates.</p> <p>9:54. And it shall come to pass that the four angels shall be loosed, which were prepared for an hour, and a day, and a month, and a year, for to slay the third part of men;</p> <p>9:55. And the number of the army of the horsemen were too numerous than I could count, nor could I number them.</p>	
<p>9:18. By these three was the third part of men killed, by the fire, and by the smoke, and by the brimstone, which issued out of their mouths.</p> <p>9:19. For their power is in their mouth, and in their tails: for their tails were like unto serpents, and had heads, and with them they do hurt.</p> <p>9:20. And the rest of the men which were not killed by these plagues yet repented not of the works of their hands, that they should not worship devils, and idols of gold, and silver, and brass, and stone, and of wood: which neither can see, nor hear, nor walk:</p> <p>9:21. Neither repented they of their murders, nor of their sorceries, nor of their fornication, nor of their thefts.</p>	<p>9:56. And it shall come to pass that by these will the third part of mankind be killed, by the fire, and by the smoke, and by the brimstone, which shall be issued out of their mouths;</p> <p>9:57. And their power is in their mouth, and upon their tongues, and in their tails; for their tails were like unto serpents whipping about, and their heads with sharp teeth, and with these they do hurt.</p> <p>9:58. And it came to pass that the rest of mankind which were not killed by these plagues yet repented not of the works of their hands, that they should not worship devils, and idols of gold, and silver, and brass, and stone, and of wood, which neither can see, nor hear, nor walk;</p> <p>9:59. Neither repented they of their murders, nor of their priestcrafts, nor of their fornication, nor of their thefts.</p>	

Discussion:

If the events of the trumpets all occur as part of the 7th seal's events, why are they associated with specific dispensation angels? Why have 7 trumpets, when it all happens in succession?

In Joseph Smith's question, he asks about the events in "Chapter 9". He didn't include 8 in the question, but the Trumpets begin sounding in chapter 8. Only the last few are recorded in chapter 9. Do you feel that the question / answer applies to all of the trumpets, or only those few?