



How God Wins the War

There is a war between good and evil on our earth. Jewish rulers and Roman soldiers killed Jesus, and they persecuted the first Christians. Many Christians died. Others escaped. Later, Roman soldiers force them to make a choice. Will they worship the Roman Emperor or die? John saw seven angels with seven trumpets, warning what God would do to those who hurt His people. How will God answer their prayers?

God rescued the Israelites from slavery in Egypt long ago, and now He will save His people again.

FIRST TRUMPET When God stopped protecting Jewish leaders, Roman soldiers destroyed Jerusalem.

- Rev 8:7 _____ and _____ mixed with _____ was thrown to earth. One _____ of all trees were burned up and all the _____
- Exodus 9:23 The seventh plague in Egypt was thunder, and hail and _____
- Exodus 9:25 and all the _____ of field struck and every tree was _____

ONE THIRD OF THE TREES WERE BURNED UP?

- Ezekiel 5:1-5 Prophet Ezekiel cut off his hair and divided it into three bundles. He burned one third, cut up one bundle of hair with a sword, and threw away the rest. In verse 5 God said this would be like the punishment for the city of _____
- Luke 3:9 The people of Israel and in Jerusalem were like trees. God wanted them to bear fruit, and if they didn't, they would be thrown into the _____

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SECOND TRUMPET Roman Empire is around the Mediterranean Sea. It forgets God and persecutes Christians. It also falls.

Rev 8:8 When the second angel blew his trumpet, a great _____

Rev 8:8 burning with _____ was thrown into the _____

Rev 8:9 A third of the sea became _____ and a third of the living _____ in the sea died, and a third of the _____ were destroyed.

Exodus 7:20 In the first plague in Egypt the rivers and water turned into _____

The Emperor Domitian sent John to Patmos Island prison. Christians would not worship the Emperor or his idols, so Roman soldiers killed many. God stopped protecting the Roman Empire around the Mediterranean Sea. Barbarian tribes conquered Rome and its warships.

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1 Peter 5:13 What did the Apostle Peter call Rome when he lived there? _____

Jeremiah 51 How did God describe the destruction of Babylon?

verse 24-25 a. Babylon is a destroying _____ that God will _____

verse 42 b. She will be drowned in the _____

verse 11 c. It will happen because she destroyed God's _____

Revelation 17:15 What is this "sea" that will drown the Roman Empire? The angel told the apostle John it is the people, multitudes, _____ and languages where she rules from.

Rome was called "Babylon" by the early Christians. King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon destroyed and burned down the Old Testament temple. Jewish people built it again. Seventy years after Jesus was born, General Titus, the man who would become Emperor of Rome, destroyed and burned 4 God's Temple. Then Roman soldiers persecute the first Christians. Many of them died. God stopped protecting Rome. Around 300 years after Jesus was born, Barbarian tribes attacked the Roman Empire on land and sea, until in 476 AD, they conquered the city of Rome.

MY CHOICE: I want follow Jesus and I want God to protect me.

NO / YES
(circle your answer)

JOHN OF PATMOS

