

## **SEVEN TRUMPETS AND THREE WOES**

### ***Trumpets***

#### **Assembly and Alarm**

Numbers 10:1–10

#### **Holy Convocation**

Leviticus 23:24–25

#### **Deliverance**

Leviticus 25:9–13

#### **A Day of Wrath and Distress**

Zephaniah 1:14–18

#### **The Downfall of an Empire**

“In prophetic scripture, the sounding of trumpets is always used to denote the downfall of some empire, nation, or place, or some dreadful battle, which may decide the fate of empires, nations, or places. . . .” “The last three trumpets will claim our attention in his discourse; the first four having their accomplishment under Rome Pagan; to the last three under Rome Papal. These three trumpets and three woes are a description of the judgments that God has sent and will send on this Papal beast, the abomination of the whole earth.” William Miller’s Works, volume 2, page 115–116. Revelation 8:1-6

#### **Component Of Daniel**

Daniel 2:33, 40 cf. Daniel 7:7

### ***Rome Was Divided Into East and West***

#### **Three Divisions**

“The Roman empire, after Constantine, was divided into three parts; and hence the frequent remark, "a third part of men," etc., in allusion to the third part of the empire which was under the 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 Illyricum, Africa, and Italy.” Uriah Smith, Thoughts on Daniel and the Revelation, 479.

### ***Four Trumpets***

Revelation 8:7-12

#### **The First Trumpet—Goths**

**Alaric—395**

“The first sore and heavy judgment which fell on Western Rome in its downward course, was the war with the Goths under Alaric, who opened the way for later inroads. The death of Theodosius, the Roman emperor, occurred in January, 395, and before the end of the winter

the Goths under Alaric were in arms against the empire." Uriah Smith, Thoughts on Daniel and the Revelation, 478.

## **The earth was smitten**

### **The Second Trumpet—Vandals**

**Genseric—428–468**

"If the sounding of the first four trumpets relates to four remarkable events which contributed to the downfall of the Roman empire, and the first trumpet refers to the ravages of the Goths under Alaric, in this we naturally look for the next succeeding act of invasion which shook the Roman power and conduced to its fall. The next great invasion was that of 'the terrible Genseric,' at the head of the Vandals. His career occurred during the years A.D. 428–468." Uriah Smith, Thoughts on Daniel and the Revelation, 481.

## **The sea was smitten**

### **The Third Trumpet—Huns**

**Attila—429–451**

"It is here premised that this trumpet has allusion to the desolating wars and furious invasions of Attila against the Roman power, which he carried on at the head of his hordes of Huns." Uriah Smith, Thoughts on Daniel and the Revelation, 486. Wormwood ! "The third angel sounded, and there fell a great star from heaven, burning as it were a lamp." For nearly one hundred years previous to the final downfall of Rome, the Huns, one of the wildest of the Scythian tribes, had pressed upon the empire, spreading themselves from the Volga to the Danube. For a time they commanded the alternative of peace or war, with both the eastern and western divisions of the empire. In the days of AETIUS, a general of the West, sixty thousand Huns marched to the confines of Italy; but retreated when paid the sum which they cared to demand. Theodosius, the emperor of the East, bought peace by paying an annual tribute of three hundred and fifty pounds of gold, and bestowing the title of general upon the king of the Huns. There was still a senate at Rome, and it purchased peace of the Huns.

This was a part of the "wormwood" which Rome was caused to drink. In 433 Attila and his brother became joint rulers of the barbarians, and in a treaty with the emperor, the Huns "dictated the conditions of peace; each condition was an insult on the majesty of the empire. Besides the freedom of a safe and plentiful market on the banks of the Danube, they required that the annual contribution should be augmented from three hundred and fifty pounds of gold to seven hundred pounds of gold; that a fine, or ransom, of eight pieces of gold should be paid for every Roman captive who had escaped from his barbarian master; that the emperor should renounce all treaties and engagements with the enemies of the Huns; and that all the fugitives who had taken refuge in the court, or provinces of Theodosius, should be delivered to the justice of their offended sovereign." Thus was the Roman Empire made to realize that its power was gone, and that the proud Romans were subject to the most cruel of all barbarians. This was "wormwood? indeed." Story of the Seer of Patmos, 155.

## **The fresh water was smitten**

### **The Fourth Trumpet—Heruli**

**Odoacer—476**

“We understand that this trumpet symbolizes the career of Odoacer, the barbarian monarch who was so intimately connected with the downfall of Western Rome. The symbols sun, moon, and stars—for they are undoubtedly here used as symbols—evidently denote the great luminaries of the Roman government,—its emperors, senators, and consuls. Bishop Newton remarks that the last emperor of Western Rome was Romulus, who in derision was called Augustulus, or the ‘diminutive Augustus.’ Western Rome fell A.D. 476.” Uriah Smith, Thoughts on Daniel and the Revelation, 488.

**The sun, moon, and stars were smitten**

**This brought the Western Pagan Roman empire to an end.**

### ***Woe, Woe, Woe***

Revelation 8:13, 9:1-21

### **The Fifth Trumpet—Saracens**

#### **The First Woe: Islam**

**Mohammed—628: the battle of Nineveh**

“For an exposition of this trumpet, we shall again draw from the writings of Mr. Keith. This writer truthfully says: ‘There is scarcely so uniform an agreement among interpreters concerning any other part of the Apocalypse as respecting the application of the fifth and sixth trumpets, or the first and second woes, to the Saracens and Turks.’ It is so obvious that it can scarcely be misunderstood. Instead of a verse or two designating each, the whole of the ninth chapter of the Revelation in equal portions, is occupied with a description of both.” Uriah Smith, Thoughts on Daniel and the Revelation, 488.

#### **Key**

The Battle of Nineveh - Dec. 12, 627

#### **Bottomless Pit**

Arabian Desert

Chains of Circumstance

#### **Smoke**

Teachings of Islam that eclipsed the Gospel

#### **Locusts**

Saracen army

The locusts have no king, yet go they forth all of them by bands. Proverbs 30:27

## **Five Months**

150 years - July 27, 1299

Battle of Bapheum, the entering of Nicomedia "But when did Othman make his first assault on the Greek empire? - According to Gibbon, Decline and Fall, etc., "Othman first entered the territory of Nicomedia on the 27th day of July, 1299."

"The calculations of some writers have gone upon the supposition that the period should begin with the foundation of the Ottoman empire; but this is evidently an error; for they were not only to have a king over them, but were to torment men five months. But the period of torment could not begin before the first attack of the tormentors, which was, as above stated, July 27, 1299." Uriah Smith, Thoughts on Daniel and the Revelation, 507.

## **A King Over Them**

Othman (Ottoman Empire)

## **The Sixth Trumpet—Turks & France**

### **The Second Woe: Islam & Atheism**

**Othman**

**Napoleon—1798**

"And the same hour was there a great earthquake, and the tenth part of the city fell, and in the earthquake were slain of men seven thousand: and the remnant were affrighted, and gave glory to the God of heaven. The second woe is past; and, behold, the third woe cometh quickly." Revelation 11:13, 14.

## **Four Angels**

### **Four principle Sultans - Aleppo, Iconium, Damascus, Bagdad**

"The first woe was to continue from the rise of Mohammedanism until the end of the five months. Then the first woe was to end, and the second to begin. And when the sixth angel sounded, it was commanded to take off the restraints which had been imposed on the nation, by which they were restricted to the work of tormenting men, and their commission was enlarged so as to permit them to slay the third part of men. This command came from the four horns of the golden altar. "These were the four principal sultans of which the Ottoman empire was composed, located in the country watered by the great river Euphrates. These sultans were situated at Aleppo, Iconium, Damascus, and Bagdad. Previously they had been restrained; but God commanded, and they were loosed." Uriah Smith, Thoughts on Daniel and the Revelation, 508.

### **391 Yrs. & 15 Days**

July 27, 1449 - Aug. 11, 1840

### **Fire, Smoke, Brimstone**

Gunpowder (Explosives) ! "...gunpowder, 'that mixture of saltpeter, sulphur, and charcoal..." Elliott, Horae Apocalypticae, Vol. I, 482-484

**Constantinople fell May 16, 1453—Islam Deadly Wound February 10, 1798—Dragon Power (Atheism)**

## ***Two Lines***

### **First Woe**

#### **The Demise Of Eastern Rome - A Sealing Time**

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 foreheads. Revelation 9:4.

### **Second Woe**

#### **The Demise Papal Rome - A Sealing Time**

**1840 through 1844**

**August 11, 1840**

Saying to the sixth angel which had the trumpet, Loose the four angels which are bound in the great river Euphrates. 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. Revelation 9:14, 15.

### **October 22, 1844**

But in the days of the voice of the seventh angel, when he shall begin to sound, the mystery of God should be finished, as he hath declared to his servants the prophets. Revelation 10:7.

The second woe is past; and, behold, the third woe cometh quickly. Revelation 11:14.

And the temple of God was opened in heaven, and there was seen in his temple the ark of his testament: and there were lightnings, and voices, and thunderings, and an earthquake, and great hail. Revelation 11:19.

### **Not Yet Done Sounding**

"I then beheld, a multitude coming up out of the earth, and some of them I knew whose names were enrolled in the church books on earth, some of whom I had seen communing with the saints of different orders, and some which had professed to be preachers of the gospel. Although they had high professions, yet they were not found worthy, but cried for mercy, and sunk with those who had blasphemed. As we passed the bar, we entered upon a boundless place which was lighted up with great brightness. Near the place through which we passed I beheld a mighty angel clothed in pure white raiment, having a crown of brightness on his head. He appeared to be gazing through the bar, and his eyes like lamps of fire, were fixed with steadfastness upon the earth. He stood with his right foot placed before him, as though walking; and his object appeared to be, to reach the earth. But three steps remained for him to take. Against his breast, and across his left hand, was as it were, a trumpet of pure silver; and a great and terrible voice came from the midst of the boundless place, saying, "The sixth angel hath not yet done sounding." CHRISTIAN EXPERIENCE AND VISIONS OF WILLIAM E. FOY, 17.

## **Woe Message Empowers The Millerites**

“In the year 1840 another remarkable fulfillment of prophecy excited widespread interest. Two years before, Josiah Litch, one of the leading ministers preaching the second advent, published an exposition of Revelation 9, predicting the fall of the Ottoman Empire. . . . “At the very time specified, Turkey, through her ambassadors, accepted the protection of the allied powers of Europe, and thus placed herself under the control of Christian nations. The event exactly fulfilled the prediction. When it became known, multitudes were convinced of the correctness of the principles of prophetic interpretation adopted by Miller and his associates, and a wonderful impetus was given to the advent movement. Men of learning and position united with Miller, both in preaching and in publishing his views, and from 1840 to 1844 the work rapidly extended.” The Great Controversy, 332–335.

## **To The Very Letter**

“I am often referred to the parable of the ten virgins, five of whom were wise, and five foolish. This parable has been and will be fulfilled to the very letter.” Review and Herald, August 19, 1890.

## **Last Three Trumpets**

### **Trumpets Or Woes?**

“The second and third woes come in consequence of the voices of the sixth and seventh angels.” J. N. Andrews, The Judgment, its Events and Their Order, 56.

“The third woe comes by reason of the voice of the seventh angel. Revelation 8:13.” J. N. Andrews, The Judgment, its Events and Their Order, 93. **See William Foy quote**

“The reason why the third woe...does not commence at once when the seventh angel begins to sound, is the fact that a period of days is occupied in finishing the mystery of God. In this period the warning of the third angel is given, that every one who has an ear to hear may escape the vials of the wrath of God; and in this period, also, the Saviour completes his work in the Sanctuary in heaven.” J. N. Andrews, The Three Messages of Revelation Fourteen, 134.

## **The Empowerment Of The Message Of The Hour**

“The termination of the hour, day, month and year of the sixth angel marks the conclusion of the second woe, August 11, 1840. Revelation 9:15. “At the close of the sixth angel’s voice a mighty angel descends from heaven to herald the sounding of the seventh trumpet. He has a little book open in his hand; and he places his right foot upon the sea, and his left foot on the earth, and cries with a loud voice, as when a lion roareth. The seven thunders utter their voices, but John is forbidden to write what they utter. The angel, having made proclamation to the inhabitants of the earth, lifts his hand to heaven, and swears that time shall be no longer, but that in the days of the beginning of the seventh angel’s voice the mystery of God should be finished, as he hath declared to his servants the prophets. Revelation 10:1–7.” J. N. Andrews, The Judgment, its Events and Their Order, 56.

**Revelation 10:1–7 - August 11, 1840 Through October 22, 1844**

**August 11, 1840 the second woe ends**  
**October 22, 1844 the sixth trumpet ends**  
**October 22, 1844 the seventh trumpet begins**  
**The Seven Thunders—Past**

Revelation 10:1–7 - August 11, 1840 Through October 22, 1844

“The special light given to John which was expressed in the seven thunders was a delineation of events which would transpire under the first and second angels’ messages.” The Seventh day Adventist Bible Commentary, volume 7, 971.

## **The Seven Thunders—Present**

### **The Sealing of The 144,000**

“After these seven thunders uttered their voices, the injunction comes to John as to Daniel in regard to the little book: ‘Seal up those things which the seven thunders uttered.’ These relate to future events which will be disclosed in their order.” The Seventh-day Adventist Bible Commentary, volume 7, 971.

## ***The Woes***

### **Fifth Trumpet**

Revelation 9:1-12

### **The First Woe: First Great Jihad**

**Islam:** Arabia—Mohamed

**THE KEY:** Empowered after war between East and West: Daniel 11:40.

**Mode of warfare:** strike suddenly and unexpectedly

**Focus of warfare:** the armies of Rome

**Directed by their tails:** The ancient and honourable, he is the head; and the prophet that teacheth lies, he is the tail. Isaiah 9:15.

Providential force that hurt the armies of down Rome

**Sealing symbolized: Revelation 9:4**

**History:** From Mohamed to July 27, 1299 and then until July 27, 1449

### **Sixth Trumpet**

Revelation 9:13-21; 10:1-7; 11:1-14

### **The Second Woe: Second Great Jihad**

**Islam:** Turkey—Othman

**Mode of warfare:** strike suddenly and unexpectedly with explosives

**Focus of warfare:** the armies of Rome

**Directed by their heads and tails:** The ancient and honourable, he is the head; and the prophet that teacheth lies, he is the tail. Isaiah 9:15.

Providential force that brought down, killed, Imperial (pagan) Rome

**Sealing symbolized:** 1840 through 1844

**History: From July 27, 1449 until August 11, 1840 and then through October 22, 1844**

**Prophetic Convergence**

The history of the first and second angel's messages beginning with the events of 1798, the history and events of 1840-1844, and the history of the woes all converge in the final history of the remnant. This prophetic convergence is the days of the voice of the seventh angel and his "beginning" to sound that brings an end to the mystery of God.

## **Seventh Trumpet**

Revelation 11:14-19

### ***The Angering Of The Nations***

"On page 33 is given the following: 'I saw that the holy Sabbath is, and will be, the separating wall between the true Israel of God and unbelievers; and that the Sabbath is the great question to unite the hearts of God's dear, waiting saints. I saw that God had children who do not see and keep the Sabbath. They have not rejected the light upon it. And at the commencement of the time of trouble, we were filled with the Holy Ghost as we went forth and proclaimed the Sabbath more fully.' "This view was given in 1847 when there were but very few of the Advent brethren observing the Sabbath, and of these but few supposed that its observance was of sufficient importance to draw a line between the people of God and unbelievers. Now the fulfillment of that view is beginning to be seen. 'The commencement of that time of trouble,' here mentioned does not refer to the time when the plagues shall begin to be poured out, but to a short period just before they are poured out, while Christ is in the sanctuary. At that time, while the work of salvation is closing, trouble will be coming on the earth, and the nations will be angry, yet held in check so as not to prevent the work of the third angel. At that time the 'latter rain,' or refreshing from the presence of the Lord, will come, to give power to the loud voice of the third angel, and prepare the saints to stand in the period when the seven last plagues shall be poured out." Early Writings, 85.

#### **A Short Period Just Before Christ Leaves The Sanctuary**

**At that time while the work of salvation is closing trouble will be coming on the earth; the nations will be angry, yet held in check the latter rain will come.**

### **Now Getting Angry**

"I saw that the anger of the nations, the wrath of God, and the time to judge the dead were separate and distinct, one following the other, also that Michael had not stood up, and that the time of trouble, such as never was, had not yet commenced. The nations are now getting angry, but when our High Priest has finished His work in the sanctuary, He will stand up, put on the garments of vengeance, and then the seven last plagues will be poured out. "I saw that the four angels would hold the four winds until Jesus' work was done in the sanctuary, and then will come the seven last plagues." Early Writings, 36.

## **Stirring**

“The end of all things is at hand, and the message of warning must be given. A spirit of anger is stirring the nations, and it will soon be too late to work for the Lord.” The Paulson Collection, 196.

## **Are Angry**

“We are standing on the threshold of great and solemn events. Prophecies are fulfilling. Strange and eventful history is being recorded in the books of heaven—events which it was declared should shortly precede the great day of God. Everything in the world is in an unsettled state. The nations are angry, and great preparations for war are being made. Nation is plotting against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. The great day of God is hasting greatly. But although the nations are mustering their forces for war and bloodshed, the command to the angels is still in force, that they hold the four winds until the servants of God are sealed in their foreheads.” Selected Messages, book 1, 221.

## **Already**

“Already kingdom is rising against kingdom. There is not now a determined engagement. As yet the four winds are held until the servants of God shall be sealed in their foreheads. Then the powers of earth will marshal their forces for the last great battle. How carefully we should improve the little remaining period of our probation!” Review and Herald, November 27, 1900. “In the last scenes of this earth’s history, war will rage.” Maranatha, 297.

## **That Spirit Will Increase**

“There is a spirit of desperation, of war and bloodshed, and that spirit will increase until the very close of time. Just as soon as the people of God are sealed in their foreheads—it is not any seal or mark that can be seen, but a settling into the truth, both intellectually and spiritually, so they cannot be moved—just as soon as God’s people are sealed and prepared for the shaking, it will come. Indeed, it has begun already. The judgments of God are now upon the land, to give us warning, that we may know what is coming.” Manuscript Releases, volume 10, 252.

## **The Pioneers**

“This being the period for the fulfillment of the words of the prophet, ‘And the nations were angry,’ we may reasonably expect that not only the nations of Europe will make great preparations for war, and even advance to battle; but that our own nation, and all the nations of the earth, may become unsettled and angry. But at the same time the four angels will hold the four winds in check, so that the great slaughter will be prevented, till the servants of God shall be sealed.” James White, Review and Herald, March 7, 1854.

“The nations will soon be angry, and the two-horned beast will act his part in the conflict that is just before us; and God’s people will be tried. The Lord is now holding in check the four winds, that the wind may not hurt the earth till God’s remnant are sealed. Revelation 7:2, 3.” Daniel T. Bourdeau, Review and Herald, July 26, 1860.

## **The Four Winds: War**

“Soon the four winds of heaven will be loosed, and in every part of the globe there will be dissension, strife, war, bloodshed.” Manuscript Releases, volume 18, 177.

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. And I saw another angel ascending from the east, having the seal of the living God: and he cried with a loud voice to the four angels, to whom it was given to hurt the earth and the sea, Saying, Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, till we have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads. Revelation 7:1–3.

## **Strife & War**

“Winds are a symbol of strife. The four winds of heaven striving upon the great sea represent the terrible scenes of conquest and revolution by which kingdoms have attained to power.” The Great Controversy, 439.

## **The Four Winds Will Stir Up The Nations**

“Four mighty angels are still holding the four winds of the earth. Terrible destruction is forbidden to come in full. The accidents by land and by sea; the loss of life, steadily increasing, by storm, by tempest, by railroad disaster, by conflagration; the terrible floods, the earthquakes, and the winds will be the stirring up of the nations to one deadly combat, while the angels hold the four winds, forbidding the terrible power of Satan to be exercised in its fury until the servants of God are sealed in their foreheads.” Review and Herald, June 7, 1887.

## ***The Seventh Trumpet—The Third Woe***

### **Trumpets: War**

“The political events of this dispensation are properly symbolized by trumpets, those heralds of war and revolution. These are brought to view in the 8th, 9th and a part of the 11th chapters of Revelation.” Uriah Smith, Biblical Institute, 260.

“A trumpet is a symbol of war; hence the trumpets denote great political commotions to take place among the nations during the gospel age.” Uriah Smith, Thoughts on Daniel and the Revelation, 431.

“The immediate effect of this apostasy, which developed the papacy in the Roman Empire, was the complete ruin of the Roman Empire. And, this consequence of the apostasy, which is traced in the first three steps of the two lines of prophecy of the Seven Churches and the Seven Seals, is sketched in the first four trumpets of the line of prophecy of the Seven Trumpets. And here it is—in the Seven Trumpets—that national history enters, as an incident, in this book of Church history; as in the rise of the little horn amongst the ten, in the book of Daniel, there enters Church history, as an incident, in that book of national history. The Seven Trumpets aptly enter here, because the trumpet is the symbol of war; and it was by the universal war of the floods of barbarians from the north, that there was swept away that mass of corruption that was heaped

upon the Roman Empire by its union with the apostate Church, in the making of the papacy." A. T. Jones, Ecclesiastical Empire, 7.

### **Angering the Nations: A Component of The Third Woe**

The second woe is past; and, behold, the third woe cometh quickly. And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever. And the four and twenty elders, which sat before God on their seats, fell upon their faces, and worshipped God, Saying, We give thee thanks, O Lord God Almighty, which art, and wast, and art to come; because thou hast taken to thee thy great power, and hast reigned. And the nations were angry, and thy wrath is come, and the time of the dead, that they should be judged, and that thou shouldest give reward unto thy servants the prophets, and to the saints, and them that fear thy name, small and great; and shouldest destroy them which destroy the earth. Revelation 11:14–18.

### **The 4 Winds Are an Angry Horse**

"Angels are holding the four winds, represented as an angry horse seeking to break loose, and rush over the face of the whole earth, bearing destruction and death in its path." Selected Messages, book 3, 409.

### **Islam Is an Angry Horse**

Revelation 9:7 And the shapes of the locusts were like unto horses prepared unto battle. Revelation 9:9. The sound of chariots of many horses running to battle. Revelation 9:9. The number of the army of the horsemen were two hundred thousand thousand: and I heard the number of them. 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. Revelation 9:16–17.

### **Four Angels Loosed and Restrained**

Saying to the sixth angel which had the trumpet, Loose the four angels which are bound in the great river Euphrates. 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. Revelation 9:14–15.

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. And I saw another angel ascending from the east, having the seal of the living God: and he cried with a loud voice to the four angels, to whom it was given to hurt the earth and the sea, Saying, Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, till we have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads. And I heard the number of them which were sealed: [and there were] sealed an hundred [and] forty [and] four thousand of all the tribes of the children of Israel. Revelation 7:1-4.

"At that time, while the work of salvation is closing, trouble will be coming on the earth, and the nations will be angry, yet held in check so as not to prevent the work of the third angel. At

that time the 'latter rain,' or refreshing from the presence of the Lord, will come, to give power to the loud voice of the third angel, and prepare the saints to stand in the period when the seven last plagues shall be poured out." Early Writings, 85.

### **The Sealing Time Delayed**

"The Lord God is a jealous God, yet He bears long with the sins and transgressions of His people in this generation. If the people of God had walked in His counsel, the work of God would have advanced, the messages of truth would have been borne to all people that dwell on the face of the whole earth. Had the people of God believed Him and been doers of His word, had they kept His commandments, the angel would not have come flying through heaven with the message to the four angels that were to let loose the winds that they should blow upon the earth crying, Hold, hold the four winds that they blow not upon the earth until I have sealed the servants of God in their foreheads. But because the people are disobedient, unthankful, unholy, as were ancient Israel, time is prolonged that all may hear the last message of mercy proclaimed with a loud voice. The Lord's work has been hindered, the sealing time delayed. Many have not heard the truth. But the Lord will give them a chance to hear and be converted, and the great work of God will go forward." Manuscript Releases, volume 15, 292.

### **The Third Woe: Third Great Jihad**

**Islam: Worldwide**—Bin Laden

**Mode of warfare:** strike suddenly and unexpectedly with explosives

**Focus of warfare:** the armies of Rome

**Directed by their heads and tails:**

The ancient and honourable, he is the head; and the prophet that teacheth lies, he is the tail. Isaiah 9:15.

Providential force that torments (FIRST HURTS) the army of Rome and then brings down (KILLS) modern Rome: the dragon, the beast and the false prophet.

### **Sealing time:**

The Investigative Judgment

### **History:**

From October 22, 1844 until September 11, 2001 until Michael stands up

September 11, 2001 radical Islam attacked the modern army of Rome. Islam struck suddenly and unexpectedly with explosives. It was directed to do so by Islam's heads and tails— Bin Laden and the other Imams. At that point, the third woe began in history. The third woe will first torment the armies of modern Rome, thus providing the environment for the national Sunday law, and then Islam will be used providentially to bring down modern Babylon (modern Rome) as the four winds of strife are let loose.