



Seventh Seal: Censer of Fire
Revelation 8: 1-6

SCRIPTURE

Chapter 8

¹ And when he had opened the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven about the space of half an hour. ² And I saw the seven angels which stood before God; and to them were given seven trumpets. 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. 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. 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. ⁶ And the seven angels which had the seven trumpets prepared themselves to sound.

COMMENTARY

The last seal is opened and there is an awed silence that lasts for a half hour. There is no sound in heaven as the heavenly host waits in suspense for the next event. The Seventh Seal closes the judgments of the Seals and opens the judgments of the Trumpets.

Seven angels are seen standing in heaven and they are given seven trumpets. Another angel is given a golden censer, which he fills with fire from the altar and casts it upon the earth. The silence is broken as there are voices and thunderclaps and lightning and an earthquake. The seven angels now prepare to sound their trumpets of judgment.