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INTRODUCTION

“The seven seals” ABC monograph is the first publication in this series- which by the grace of our Lord now leads naturally to another short modern apocalyptic analysis “The seven trumpets”. A third desktop publication in the current monograph triptych series entitled “The seven bowls” is envisaged.

This second monograph is based on the Aramaic text of Revelation 8.1-10.15.

It is necessary to state the author’s position on biblical prophecy as it relates to the book of Revelation. The biblical backdrop is Daniel 9 which refers to the decree of Artaxerxes II (445BC). The decree found its first fulfillment in the temple of Herod and the Palm Sunday temple entry of Christ as Messiah at His first Advent(the 62nd & 69th weeks of Daniel 9 BC 14 and AD 32 respectively). The final 70th week awaited the time when “all things would be completed” and “wars determined” would break out leading to the “desolator” and the war of Ezekiel 37-8 where Rosh (Russia) would be the chief protagonist.

Along with this backdrop readers need to understand that I consent to and have held dearly and lifelong the interconnected truths of THE RAPTURE, THE TRIBULATION & THE MILLENNIUM- plain biblical concepts illustrated by “our Lord’s own word” as recorded in Matthew’s parables and referred to in 1Thessalonians 4.15-18 and worked out on the broad canvas of John the divine.

The core of the Apocalypse- **chapters 4-19**- respect the 70th week of Daniel whilst chapters 1-3 “the seven churches” tells of the inception and figuratively of the historical character of the *church militant*. The chapters 20-22 speak of the glorious realized expectation of the *church triumphant*. There are “glimpses” of the *rapture of the church* in 4-19 one of 12 “heavenly parentheses” on the Lord’s zeal for His kingdom. With this preamble we proceed to the prophetic analysis the Angel and the Spirit afford John on the last few years of these last times.

This section begins in silence and ends in a mighty roar!

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A PENSIVE HEAVEN

The period of anguish is imminent in this the 4th parenthesis each detailing ongoing heavenly matters. We are told “there was silence in heaven”. This silence the heavenly informant further advises lasted “for half an hour”. Such is the perpetual enthusiasm of seraphs, angels and saints that this inter-stitch is rare-one might even SAY “solemn and aghast” and aware of “man’s depravity”. Think of the “*silence of Jacob*” in *Genesis 34.5* as it relates to his sons Levi and Judah taking the most vicious action against Shechem the Hivite. It may be that this SHATHAQ(silence) is pertinent to the emergence on earth of vicious and deadly warfare on earth at this time.

As we learn in Rev.16.13 ambassadors of war are implicated with gathering allies to battle and as we know from Satan’s encounter with Michael his expulsion to earth is the trigger for conflict in particular centered on Israel, which people He cites as his arch enemy for their association with the Lord. Nevertheless the “trumpets” marking *incremental developments* of divine judgment are given to seven angels and portrayed 2000 years before events shortly to become human experience.

Integral to *trumpets* there is a mighty event –the outpouring of the golden censer as a divine consent to the patient prayers of saints for judgment of evil on earth. All this was to the accompaniment of voices, thunder and lightning and earthquakes “war-cries, aerial action and a shaking of the foundations”.

The foregoing are all tokens of unavoidable disaster, catastrophe and turmoil among the inhabitants of the earth. History has all but run its secular course and at its climax the Lord visits wrath on man’s inhumanity and climactic nemesis envelopes the unrepentant first lulled into careless pride, shackled by bondage to earthly things and drawn into war by Apollyon the Devil.

SEVEN TRUMPETS CONTEXT 8.6-10.11 & BEYOND

This section of the book of Revelation is a substantial narrative with multiple events cast within a time range represented by the first part(which may be the larger or smaller section shared with the 7 bowls-of God knows) of the last 3.5 years before the Advent of our Lord.

At the end of the trumpets period ***a second call to prophecy*** is announced with new data (a) on the Two Witnesses, Israel versus Satan and the Two Beasts.

Then further data (b) the Jewish First-fruits in glory, the three Angelic Messages on the gospel of the Kingdom, the Fall of Babylon and the Mark of the Beast.

On top of which yet additional data (c) Christ on the cloud is preparing His Second Advent in accord with two Angelic Sickle Messages concerning harvest and fire.

Still (d) three common factors relate TO the two phases of prophecy namely the Euphrates references 9.14 & 16.12; the 144,000 Tribulation Jewish Elect of 7.5 & 13.1, and the Great Earth Shake 6.14 & 16.20.

These markers in the two phases do not and cannot preclude or disguise that ***the second prophetic call*** moves deeper into the declaration of divine wrath in the “seven bowls”.

It is important to notice that the extrapolation of Great Babylon’s tragic latter day history [17.1-19.10] is expounded ***after*** the account of the outpoured bowls though its context is that of the bowls-especially one and seven.

There just are so many fronts in which the Lord is moving and angels presenting future action that the text virtually defies an inter-relation of them and clearly several are simultaneous and all are compressed into an unbelievably short space of one part of the final Heptad or seven years (The final week of Daniel’s prophecy in Daniel9)

Finally, by way of context signals and evidence of the “nuclear trail” or “nuclear markers” in the Apocalypse are noted as we proceed in this analysis because they are plainly signaled in this unveiling of the curtain on the end-times-the nuclear age.

THE FIRST TRUMPET Revelation 8.7

The trumpets stir us to deep thought as they should. They are the manner in which the Lord stirs the hard unrepentant one of the Tribulation period.

The first angel sounded and on earth there was “fire –*a blue hail* [BARADA] mixed with water” cast on earth. This parallels the seventh plague of Moses in Exodus 9.13. We learn that this was an unprecedented storm affecting the barley flax wheat and spelt. It was a plague that seriously afflicted the offending nation of the period-Egypt

and it impacted cereals worst. If we take the end times scenario just such a plague would impact the food supplies; It will impact the trees over one third of the earth-resulting in huge food loss and vitamin deficiency. Equally this halt on annual grain production with impact on areas such as Ukraine and Russia and will sever the food chain of Europe Africa and the wider world. The “storm” of the Apocalypse we are told affected “the earth, the trees [AIULNA Gen 1.29 “fruit-bearing trees with seed” and the *grass*” [ASBA-as in Gen3.18 *that planted in the field-so grain*]” and that one third of each of these was burnt up. This rare cocktail of destruction “hail” and “fire” mingled with “water” is cast [RAMIN] *like missiles* on earth. We have to note that *2/3rds of global grain reserves are held by China* and a high percentage of the remainder by India followed by the US and Russia and then Europe. These reserves are used as food and not for re-seeding.

As to fruit Mexico and Latin America are vital producers of fruit as indeed is China though the Northern hemisphere and Europe and places like California and Israel along with Mediterranean countries yield large supplies of fruit. Canada for instance is a big producer of cranberry juice. With the loss of a third of world fruit and vegetable production would come a very serious health impact and a fall in world population and deterioration of world health would follow such a loss of cereal fruit and vegetable production. Stores of vital food supplies are nothing like what Joseph provided against the foreseen world famine of 7 years duration-cf Genesis 41 53-54

The Greek text alters the “mix” to “fire hail and blood” –most odd especially as coming from the sky and hurled on earth. The interpretation demanded would be very different and plainly suggestive of war interlaced with forces of nature. Water[MIA]and blood[DAMA] are “twins”in Dead Sea Aramaic script giving a transmission variant.

THE SECOND TRUMPET – A HISTORIC NATION FALLS

Revelation8.8-9

The trumpet-call [ZAQ] stirs to action. In 2Kings 4.1 a widow’s cry stirred Elisha to prompt her to gather pots which God would fill with oil by miraculously developing her minimal supply. Again in Luke 23.5 it was alleged of Jesus that “He stirred up Judea with His teaching”. The second trumpet should stir us to think very seriously. There can be no

doubt the future portent of the trumpet *per se* is “war” and the call is to be on side –united to the Lord of Glory who is soon to come. And there is in existence a great mountain [TORA-in Psalm 16 this term is used of the “rugged mountain” of Bashan which gazes at the “mountain of God” in Zion] *This mountain represents a nation recognizable over the long term which “existed” in Roman times and is “Great” in the last days but its doom is writ.*

NUCLEAR TRAIL 1

The fact is the state in question is “Great” so it must attain to pre-eminence if not in Roman times certainly before the 21st century when the events of the Seals and Trumpets appear to cast their short shadow before them. The state involved is said to be “***exactly like*” [AICH] a huge mountain**-a sort of Everest of the world. Is this ***Great Britain, America, Egypt, Greece or Rome?*** As a descriptor of Great Britain this is not disingenuous **but** Ezekiel 38.13 –which projects deeper into the Tribulation reads “Sheba **Tarshish**(**arguably including Britain**) and all her **young lions**(independent former colonies) say to Russia “Have you come for great spoil?” Russia’s western pretensions seem blunted or dropped in favour of a swift eastern Mediterranean thrust. Among nations of Europe that developed colonies Great Britain is foremost. The continued challenge the UK poses to Russia persists at the time of this pre-Armageddon thrust-so, however we read we dearly hope and pray“there will always be an England and England shall be free!”

BRITAIN EMBEDDED IN TARSHISH

1.A great nation “fell” [NEPAL –when ‘struck down’. The term can however include ***loosing ‘freedom’ honour and rank*** as when a person of honour loses his or her service and function-it is thus applied to Satan]

2.A semis satisfactory way to ascertain if this nation is Britain is to use the prism of Ezekiel 38.13 where Tarshish was **Tartessus near Saville**. It was destroyed 500BC –about 40 years or less after Ezekiel’s time.

Thus *Tarshish that speaks to Russia 2.5 millennia later is inheritor of the iron and steel trade of ancient Spain-eg Germany or Great Britain*

3.The Hebrew Text is yrypk[CAPHIRI] not rpk[CEPHER] meaning it is “**young lions**” of Tarshish not “**villages**” of Sardinia i.e. new nations planted by Tarshish and implicated in the prophecy-so Britain lives and

breathes in Ezekiel's prophecy to at least exercise diplomacy in days then future now present.

4. "Burning" [YAQAD]. The collapse of this nation was due to a "conflagration" and the term implies "being extinguished". In Daniel 7.9 the throne of God is described as flaming with fire and its wheels were all ablaze". The mountain image is of a **volcanic ash-cloud explosion and collapse**.

5. This event is one which halts the progress of a leading nation and alters the world of the last days like nothing before.

6. The event falls within the post rapture time scale i.e the second half of the Heptad. On the shoulders of my commentary on "the seals" this terrible world-changing event is near future. *As to fire cf Ezekiel 39.6 note the judgment of the careless "maritimes" and "the north" in a West/Russia nuclear exchange.*

7. "Into the sea" This term speaks the troubled sea of the international community and of the EU as a wheel within the wheel of nations. The Jews up until this time thought of **the Mediterranean** as the largest expanse of water so the power collapsing would be European.

8. The Greek *καίόμενον* [*continuing to burn*] suggests the nation or state continued to disintegrate. The use of the *middle voice of the verb "burning itself"* suggests it brought about its own destruction. Could it be that belligerent diplomacy, stout moral opposition and patent military support of Ukraine poses an unbearable challenge to Russia?

9. Most readily we might understand from scriptures that follow (17.16, 18.2, 18.11, 18.17 and especially 18.18) that the nation has a long-standing connection with ships and trade 8.9 and 18.17-20 appears without question to enable an accurate analysis placing various nations of Europe within the doom zone.

10. This nation must feature under the Tarshish of Ezekiel from where "silver, iron tin and lead" were drawn by the later Pheonician traders whose ships plied their trade ever further westward and carried "chopped silver from Tarshish to Tarsus often bound for Mesopotamia.

11. The fact persists that Tar-si-si is a large island of Spain-and Sardinia (Greeks called it "the island of silver veins") fits as its ancient lead/silver isotope ratios match those of Sardinia.

12. Sardinia was the **distribution centre** whence much culled tin, lead and iron sourced from further west—**notably in Britain** so Tarshish ostensibly includes Britain.

13.The Vikings harvested 10 hoards of *chopped silver* in Britain-which accounts for their voyaging. Homer (700BC) Herodotus(484BC) & Diodorus Siculus (30BC) agree the Pheonicians exploited metals of the far west from the time of the fall of Troy. Britain was a Tarshish metals source.

14.***The prophecy of Isaiah60.9 speaks notably of the Lord bringing back alia from Tarshish and causing Tarshish to declare the Lord's glory among the nations***". Britain to a good extent fulfils this prophecy. ***This analysis militates against GB being destroyed through a nuclear exchange involving Russia but does not exclude such nuke attack as might critically impact this nation as Russian enemy No1 in Europe.***

Russia for its part in Ezekiel's prophecy proceeds to reach deep into the Mediterranean and actually into Israel itself being confronted with the Lord in His glorious advent. ***The western nations as a diplomatic entity and military alliance also survive to query the adventurism of Russia as recorded in Ezekiel 37-8.*** The fact that diplomacy continues as "Western strategy" later when the Armageddon occurs suggests that a daring Russian missile attack did not meet with an all-out response or perhaps *speedy negotiation short-circuited further escalation* but Russia goes on to break the peace and move south to increase its sphere of influence and relieve a sanctions stranglehold tightened by Israeli oil flows.

This trumpet warned of the death of ***a third of "all" creatures or souls and a third of all ships*** were consumed or destroyed" There are towards 5.5 thousand container ships on the oceans but 100,000 pass through Suez each year so that 700 might be in the Med on any given week plus cruise ships and thousands of yachts. The tonnage to sink at this trumpet call would cause a serious ecological disaster and **Europe would be hugely impacted**. What means short of a nuclear exchange could produce such devastation and ecological disaster?

THE THIRD TRUMPET Revelation 8.10-11

The third trumpet signaled a "great Star" falling on the water sources of the world-springs in the high mountains and rivers that would wend their way to the sea.

This star is described as "blazing" continually akin to the "burning bush" and the sword that turned through a circle at the gates of Eden-

both images tell of *unapproachable places* where the effect of the star's fall was felt.

THE NUCLEAR TRAIL 2

The effect of the “star” was the embitterment of the waters which would feed into reservoirs and recreational facilities and pass overland in many lands. **The name “Wormwood”** [APSYNTHION-a substance that can turn honey bitter and a Greek word that has the same definition as Chernobyl in Ukranian-clearly associated with the latter day effect of Nuclear fission]

The associated word [MARMAR] expands the meaning enhancing the possible connection with thermo--nuclear explosion signifying it is grievous painful and virulent.

Hosts [SOGAA] of the sons of men died because of the bitter waters. The effect of the nuclear contamination was sustained and numerous deaths-even great groups of mankind died as a result of this event.

THE FOURTH TRUMPET Revelation 8.12-13

With the blast of the fourth trumpet one third of the sun, moon and starlight was lost. The result was one third of the daylight and clear sky light at night were gone.

The Aramaic text literally reads ‘sunlight was devoured’ [BALA] in the sense of “absorbed” or even “drowned”.

A third of the day was not [HOI] “distinguishable” or “shown”.

THE NUCLEAR TRAIL 3

Such a loss of light is far beyond what is now experienced and it is not of the order described. Is it not evident that something beyond the effect of global warming and something approaching “nuclear winter” is being described-which is entirely to be expected since the effects of radiation were entailed in connection with the third trumpet

A further sinister warning is now given of **three woes** to emerge to agonise the inhabitants of the earth. The word “woe” [HOI] is the most terrible term in the Hebrew and entire Aramaic lexical array of words. It would seem that more nuclear or equivalent trauma lies ahead during the remaining trumpets cycle of under three years. All this is anguish

enough before the concertina of catastrophe represented by the “seven bowls” of Revelation chapter 16

The warning is unique in the Apocalypse since it is given by an “eagle” to whom it belongs. The eagle is a solitary eagle and it is represented as “flying in the sky”.

*Let us unpack this information. First the “eagle” has a cry and it is a repeated “Hoi” in Aramaic-the Greek transliterates “Ouai” with a hard “O”. The eagle is also represented as “declaring a twelve word warning” [AMAR] so it is very apparent it must be a sophisticated eagle-again a modern interpretation is demanded. This I would contend is something very familiar- a satellite moving steadily on its trajectory reaching a world audience. I can understand someone saying “How could anyone know what is ahead and give such a warning even though there were Christians in any country where the faith is still strong enough during the tribulation to position such a satellite?” The answer has to be that the bible is always extant and a country could conceivably survive with high-tech equipment equal to this task even after the first nuclear strikes and this country has wealth enough and residual theological and prophetic nous sufficient to realize that a world otherwise impenetrable needs the truth. Group(s) from such country have technology and a heart for the souls of men to record scripture to answer the search for God where there may yet be repentance and “faith upon the earth”. Another answer might be that such a satellite may already be flying on its course and established by American Christians who already give substantial forethought to the post-church era of Tribulation as the “Left Behind” series by Tim LaHaye bears testimony. The “eagle”[NESERA] scripturally is the “bald eagle” and is native to North America-hence it appears on American ensigns. It is also the classic eagle referred to by the prophets native to Israel long ago. As species it established its favourite habitat in the wide open prairies and semi deserts of the United States. The eagle as spoken of in Exodus 19.4, Deut.32 11 7 Psalm91.4 represents God and His loving care of Israel. Native American Indians saw it as signifying strength, independence and honourable leadership freedom and dignity. It was chosen as America’s national bird in 1792. *The alternative exegesis that a lone eagle did the job is hardly attractive.**

THE FIFTH TRUMPET Revelation 9.1-12

And the fourth angel sounded and I saw a star [KOKBA] that fell from the sky to the earth and there had been given to it the key [KALIDA] of the pit of the abyss[BARA D'TAHOMA-"the deep well or oil well" *this is in line with modern commentary or analysis which may be compared in my exegesis with "locusts" a little further along in this section. The old idea of a star being a fallen angel and the key being to hell [note-only Christ retains this]so that demons might be loosed is questionable but the Aramaic quite simply and a priori means "deep" "pit or well" and the relevance of oil wells to the modern war machine cannot be lost on us seeing only days ago Ukraine struck three oil facilities in Russia and Russia struck Ukraine's oil distribution unit previously.*]

The "key" signifies "having authority over" or "being in charge of" and the "star" is often associated with named stars of which the most popular are *Venus* and *Mars*. ***In the context here as 8.10 the Mars or war usage could not be more appropriate or relevant.***

And smoke [SALAQ] came up from the pit exactly like the smoke of a great furnace [ATHONA] which was heated [D'MA'SHATHGAR] and the sun and the air was darkened by the smoke of the pit. The effect of industry largely based on oil was prophesied to affect the environment-darken the sky and pollute the air. This is exactly the effect we are being forced to combat globally by extensive measures agreed at the cop-22 Glasgow conference. *It is when one connects the ancient biblical language and modern life as predicted in very detail that one understands why Calvin would not venture commentary because he could not see the events on Revelation from his 16th century vista. The sad corollary is that modern biblical scholars are using outmoded conceptual tools of the medieval times to interpret prophecy. The problem in a word is –fumbling with the wrong key. Taking the traditional stance we have just dealt with the "pit" would be "hell" and the star falling would be a "falling angel"-little wonder that commentators leave Revelation 4-19 well alone for traditional footnotes as well as Augustinian post millennial and disingenuous a-millennial thought forms produce only a theological quagmire or conceptual maze devoid of an Ariadne thread.*

So we proceed to the first "woe" (Rev.9.3-11) associated with *locusts* or aircraft.

LOCUSTS DESCRIBED IN DETAIL 7-12

To enhance the exegetical framework I have isolated each detail in the "locust narrative" to substantiate and embed the analysis.

Some commentators insist these "locusts" are *carnivorous insects*. That description hardly competes with this interpretation. The "warfare hardware" interpretation is consolidated by origin – which is oil well based. Deep pits do not spawn locusts. Again locusts have "no king" Proverbs 30.27 but these are ruled by Apollyon – the god of war.

1 Like horses with armour plate – battle ready

2 Heads "gold crowns" – they had proved victors before – proven overwhelming.

3 Faces – *frontal view revealed men in cockpits*.

4 Hair – they had covering – that might be understood as anti-radar cover or simple camouflage – or even rotors above flying in the wind.

5 Teeth – for they could devour with sharp devouring *missiles*.

6 Breastplates – metal tensile steel bodies.

7 Wings sounded – because *engines* were mounted there.

8 Voices.–as the sound of horses & chariots – battle velocity sound characterises their flight.

9 Tails – deadly weapons with forward thrust from the rear like the *scorpion* (air to air/ air to ground weapon)–some called "stingers" now exist the *κεντρά* (*plural*) are described as thorns left elsewhere – or spears from being thrust.

10 A King – Abaddon/Apollyon OR extirpation/god of archery and darts of destruction. As to "**the star that falls**" applied historically to Satan or Apollyon aware he has but a short time turns industry to his death laden scheme. Time to establish rule is the devils priority during what remains of Daniel's HEPTAD –history before Christ's millennial rule. Metaphorically the star might signify the former Soviet Union.

Factors relating to their action are:-

1. They were "prepared" for battle with armour and their sting like that of a scorpion is poisonous but has the delay of radiation.

2. They were deployed against *those who had not the seal of God*–presumably the enemies of the notorious ABDO (Slav or "servant") who promotes war during the tribulation–*people who remained on earth after the sealed people of God passed to glory in the Rapture*. As the present conflict protagonist Vladimir Putin qualifies as a protector of

the Laodicean Orthodox Faith[Church/ State collusion] and enemies outside that fold would be fair game. Viewed another way such a leader has credentials as an Antichrist in the Tribulation context.

3. They were in action for **five months**. Why only 5months? The only reason is that the saints in heaven were beseeching the Lord and the voice from the golden prayer altar moved in alert response to saints' pleas to quickly pass to & away from a further woe with its sustained pain to expedite the coming glorious Advent and Millennium.

THEIR LEADER (ARAMAIC TEXT)

They had a king over them called in Aramaic [ABDO] meaning

a One who passes over

b One who violates or is brutal

c One who removes(others) from office

d One who silences or assassinates

e One who operates by decree

The GPS mission or target area of the locusts remains unstated.

THE SIXTH TRUMPET Revelation 9.13-21

When the sixth angel sounded John heard a voice from one of the four horns of the golden altar. The term "voice" [QALA] is used of sound of many kinds-e.g. footsteps, song or thunder but popularly of weeping. This is a voice of command of the High priest and hearer of prayer but to call "time" is not easy and to respond to the insistent calls of the elect is both necessity and priority.

The Lord is at once making request to the Father and issuing instruction to the angel "Loose the four angels bound at the great river Euphrates". The idea of "**bound angels**" is clarified by the Aramaic [ASAR] for they are tied like shoes by shoelaces or garments by belts. There is a time to put on shoes and clothes and a time to loose them. This is a time to loose the angels. Their mission there is at an end. The **four angels** have been involved with the nation of Iraq. That war zone has in this very era tied up USA, UK, RUSSIAN FEDERATION AND FRANCE with finance from Saudi. These nations subject to angels would be released most likely as world events moved to another war zone. Should this be the scene in Europe that devolved about Russia one can see the reason for our languid Lord's reticence –**Russia's role like that of**

Judas is not good and will bring mankind to its Gethsemane – nevertheless it is being allowed to proceed quickly.

THE NUCLEAR TRAIL 4 9.15

And those angels were prepared for *an hour, a day, a month, a year* that they should kill a third of mankind.

These are days when the world is uncertain

And the power of the atom unknown

But a far greater power up yonder

Still watches and cares for His own

The sense of the Aramaic “prepare”[TIB] is “to hurry” As in Genesis24.12 where Eliezer pins his whole mission to “one day” so these angels pivot their whole venture among the nations to one action. *The nuclear factor must be relevant here on account of the doomsday aggregate of human mortality set at one third. World population as of April 2022 is 7.9 billion. Were today the day and this hour that of the forthcoming catastrophe we are speaking of a death toll of 2.6333 billion people with many more left unwell.*

EQUIPMENT OF THE SIXTH TRUMPET ARMY

The army of the military forces or armies [HILOTHA] of the *war riders* [PARASHA-literally “selected ones” or those recruited] is 200 million-hardly one tenth of those who die-thus nine tenths of the casualties are civilians. **Without the involvement of China no such forces could be mustered in battle.**

1. John explains the difference of the war chariot horses on which riders sat as a conception quite novel to him and he makes quite a point so readers understand the significant difference. ***“In this way I saw the horses*** {RACASHA- preferred to the regular word for horse [SUS] and in Isaiah37.24 uses “war chariot”[RACAB] in Hebrew where the Aramaic has [RACASH]} ***and those who were sitting on them”*** *This is yet another modern time capsule in New Testament prophesy which John handles deftly for the help of later ages stating these were war horses as never seen before.*

2 There existed “breastplates”[SHARINA-literally “armour” with split channeling fitly describing gun turrets and tracks] of fire *—no normal horses produced fire and smoke so the description again fits modern tanks.*

3 And chalcedony [QARCADNA-once used to form sharp arrows] of brimstone [CABARITHA- sulphurous explosions] these statements use 1st century words and succeed to describe modern war machines well.

4 The heads of the horses were as those of lions uttering deafening roars and fire brimstone and smoke issued from their mouths-clearly when their cannon fired rockets or missiles.

5 From the fire and poisonous air (permitted war chemicals) and from smoke[TANAN-a vitriol once used to drive out wasps-(a deadly agent)] a third of the sons of men were killed. The “air agents” deal widespread death act as **nuclear radiation?**-unknown to earlier ages could be a significant factor.

6. The power of the war chariots (including tanks and planes) was also in their tails [DONBITHUN]

Sadly John observes that those who survived still put first in their lives what they possessed-gold silver brass-even wood and stone. Consumed with material possessions they worshipped Demons. They refused to repent. They committed to lives of murder, witchcraft and fornication.

THE SEVENTH TRUMPET Revelation 11.15-19

This trumpet takes us to heaven in a glorious parenthesis-one of twelve in the book- and gives us not a time orientated but heaven centered view of joy and worship breaking out ***almost in surprise*** at the Lord’s taking hold of the wicked of the earth, its battles and powers there ensconced. They understand what the last trumpet means-they understand what the ark of promise means-now they know the Almighty is ANGRY!!!

And when the seventh angel sounded there were ***thundering voices*** [QALA] or news reports -even songs of music in heaven which said ***“The kingdom of the world has become that of our God and His Messiah and He shall be king to the age of ages.”***

And twenty four elders-those who sit on their thrones in the presence of God all fell on their faces and worshipped. In Gen47.31 at 145 years of age at the very last Jacob worshipped resting on his staff. Here as the goal of their hopes was achieved and the Kingdom had arrived the leaders of all saints old and new unitedly showed their utter confidence and joy in humble worship-their patience rewarded.

They spoke with one voice “We thank you Lord God “maker & sustainer of all” [Greek PANTOCRATOR] “who is” and “has been

alive” who has “deliberately taken command” and “restored your authority”[NASAB] and reign[A’MALCATH-perfect tense] is supreme. The nations were angry but your anger has come and the time of the dead that they should be judged and You will reward your servants the prophets or preachers and the saints and those who live in awe of your name—to **small along with great** (those of little note and those of high accomplishment) and you will destroy those who ravish and act with perversity and make the earth rotten[HABAL] *The verb is repeated—so well understood as consuming those who consumed or ruining those who ruined. The term is used by Rabbis to say “Woe is me” and signifies a fate that is no less than doom and nemesis.*

And the temple had been opened in heaven and the ark of His covenant in the temple appeared. *This great unveiling was the harbinger of Christ’s moving to defend His people as the Lord Sabaoth and to keep His covenant with Israel. Nations would be judged. Christ would dwell with men. His rule would run from pole to pole—but first lands where our Lord’s people had witnessed would be visited for their carelessness.* There were lightnings and **roars of thunder** and news reports and trembling, quaking or awaking and a great hail [CARDA].

*Here ends the seventh Trumpet and in 16.1 we find from the open temple are still sent out 7 bowls of wrath. The proclamations of heaven are allied to “hail on earth” which takes us to the seventh of God’s plagues in the time of Moses. **The hardened people of the earth would suffer the climax of divine wrath in the “bowls” of chapter 16 which brings the story of mankind to the plains of Megiddo and the elimination of Apollyon by the breath of the mouth of the Lord.***

*Another prelude to the end of the story must be related first. These “living creatures” –in this case most powerful entities on earth must wrestle for power and the Antichrist must be revealed and the people of God must be protected like Israel in Goshen pending the glorious return of our Lord Jesus Christ –Shiloh “desire of nations” for the coming of whose kingdom we pray. Nowhere is **Jonathan Edwards** statement “Sinners in the hands of an angry God” so apt as in the following chapters of the Apocalypse which in conclusion I now summarise.*

OMINOUS AFTERMATH OF 6TH TRUMPET Rev. 9.13-18.24

Because of the contextual understanding given in Chapter 10 and the prophecy of 11.1-14 the coming of Elijah we do not proceed to the

seventh and last trumpet immediately in the text of the book so I also feel duty bound to render clarification as to how the prophecy proceeds. The “seventh trumpet” is not to be confused with the “last trump” of Paul which is modeled on 3 movements of the Romans army. It is the ultimate harbinger of the end and last blast marking **the cycle of warfare rolling inexorably (Daniel9.26)** to tribulation.

It is when we thoroughly study and begin to add up the compacted data within the scope of this pen-ultimate trumpet that we appreciate what lies beyond. Now we are right up against that “*repeated prophecy*”(10.11) or *reiteration* [cf **(A) The Euphrates** 9.14 & 16.12 with **(B) Death in the Sea** 2nd Angel 8.9 and 2nd bowl16.3 and **(C) Darkness** at the 4th trump 8.12 paralleling the 6th bowl 12.12). Chapters **13-15** feature the **Rome /Jerusalem axis** and Chapters **11-12** Israel who again in 14.1-5 is represented by the first-fruits of tribulation reminding us of the first-fruits of Resurrection in Matthew27 52-3. That the bowls feature Europe is emphasized when one of the “bowl angels” in two chapters17 & 18 expands on the fall of Great Babylon. In this context (Chapter 13) **(A) the Machinations of the Beast** or Antichrist are expounded. The reiteration owes its gestation and development to **(B) Our Lord’s “little scroll”** βιβλαριδιον (v5) delivered to the arch-angel together with the the angel with two roles stood *right foot on Gentile Sea and left foot on Jewish land* **(C) His oath precludes “delay”(10.6)**. In this most ominous chapter the menace of **(D) The “Seven Thunders”** is hidden but **(E) “The hour Day Month Year** of 9.15 and the great human cost of China’s involvement plunges humanity into war -the immediate prelude of Armageddon with which comes **(F) the unambiguous declaration that the mystery of God is ended** and the precise time of the advent should be known if prophecy had not been eclipsed on earth. *The seven thunders may not be explained but they will without doubt be “heard”. A portent of them is traceable in the “nuclear trail” in the Apocalypse but the God of hope and the gospel neither rejoices in His own and warns the lost that this Damocles sword hangs menacingly over humanity whilst Apollyon expelled from heaven and bereft of time calls nations to war to build a Jerusalem base.*

*Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord
Heis trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored
He hath loosed the fateful lighting of His terrible swift sword
HIS TRUTH IS MARCHING ON-HALLELUJAH MARANATHA*