

## FIRST FOUR TRUMPETS

(The Division/Fall of Western Roman Empire/Dividing it into 10)  
(Trumpet 4: The Heruli)

**Website:** [Healthy Christian Living - Living by the Blueprint](#)

- Read → Education 178.3

### SOMETHING VERY IMPORTANT TO KNOW!!!

- These Trumpets are not future as many of our people are teaching today
- We are in the sounding of the 7<sup>th</sup> Trumpet(not the last trump blown at Christ's 2<sup>nd</sup> Coming, but the last Trumpet of the 7 mentioned in Revelation 8)

### SOP:

**"THE LORD WISHES ALL TO UNDERSTAND HIS PROVIDENTIAL DEALINGS NOW, JUST NOW, IN THE TIME IN WHICH WE LIVE. THERE MUST BE NO...PRESENTING OF NEW THEORIES IN REGARD TO PROPHECIES THAT GOD HAS ALREADY MADE PLAIN..."** {RH, NOVEMBER 27, 1900 PAR. 13}

**"...SOME WILL TAKE THE TRUTH APPLICABLE TO THEIR TIME, AND PLACE IT IN THE FUTURE. EVENTS IN THE TRAIN OF PROPHECY THAT HAD THEIR FULFILLMENT AWAY IN THE PAST ARE MADE FUTURE, AND THUS BY THESE THEORIES THE FAITH OF SOME IS UNDERMINED."** {2SM 102.2}

**FROM THE LIGHT THAT THE LORD HAS BEEN PLEASED TO GIVE ME, YOU ARE IN DANGER OF DOING THE SAME WORK, PRESENTING BEFORE OTHERS TRUTHS WHICH HAVE HAD THEIR PLACE AND DONE THEIR SPECIFIC WORK FOR THE TIME, IN THE HISTORY OF THE FAITH OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD. YOU RECOGNIZE THESE FACTS IN BIBLE HISTORY AS TRUE, BUT APPLY THEM TO THE FUTURE..."** {2SM 102.3}

**"MANY WILL STAND IN OUR PULPITS WITH THE TORCH OF FALSE PROPHECY IN THEIR HANDS, KINDLED FROM THE HELLISH TORCH OF SATAN..."** {TM 409.3}

### THE FIRST FOUR TRUMPETS:

#### Revelation 8:

- **Trumpets** = War; God saving His people from the enemy(Rome/Pagan and Papal)  
Jeremiah 4:19  
Numbers 10:9
- **First Four Trumpets**(Revelation 8) = Barbaric tribes against Western Roman Empire, dividing it into 10
- **Last 3 Trumpets, contain woes**(Revelation 9 and 11) = Islam being used as a Scourge against Papal Rome

**"IN PROPHETICAL 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..."** {1842 WiM, MWV2 115.3}

**"THE FIRST FOUR TRUMPETS DEAL WITH THE BREAKING UP OF WESTERN ROME..."** {1919 SNH, BHB 120.1}

**"UNDER THE FIRST FOUR TRUMPETS THE TWO WESTERN DIVISIONS FELL, AND UNDER THE FIFTH AND SIXTH THE EASTERN EMPIRE WAS CRUSHED; BUT UNDER THE SEVENTH TRUMPET GREAT BABYLON ENTIRE WILL SINK TO RISE NO MORE AT ALL..."**{1842 JoL, PREX2 133.1}

**"...THE FIRST FOUR TRUMPETS RELATES TO FOUR REMARKABLE EVENTS WHICH CONTRIBUTED TO THE DOWNFALL OF THE (Pagan) ROMAN EMPIRE..."** (DAR 481.1)

**"...UNDER THE FIRST FOUR TRUMPETS, THE TWO WESTERN DIVISIONS FELL..."** (PREX2 133.1)

"THE FIRST FOUR TRUMPETS MET THEIR FULFILLMENT IN THE WARS OF THE GOTHs, VANDALS, HUNS, ETC., WHICH DIVIDED WESTERN ROME INTO TEN PARTS OR KINGDOMS." {1905 JNL, GSAM 128.1} (See → CW 145.2)

"WHILE IT IS TRUE THAT THE FIRST FOUR TRUMPETS MARK THE DOWNFALL OF THE WESTERN EMPIRE OF ROME, IT IS ALSO TRUE THAT THEY MARK THE SETTING UP OF TEN KINGDOMS THAT REMAINED, and OUT OF THESE TEN KINGDOMS HAVE COME THE NATIONS WHICH DOMINATE THE HISTORY OF TO-DAY..."{March 30, 1903 WWP, GCB 4.5}

#### A KEY THING TO KNOW:

"THE SOUNDING OF THE TRUMPETS MANIFESTLY DENOTES THE ORDER OF THE COMMENCEMENT, NOT THE PERIOD OF THE DURATION, OF THE WARS, OR EVENTS WHICH THEY REPRESENT..." {1901 ATJ, GNT 44.1}

#### THE FIRST FOUR TRUMPETS:

See → 9MR 358.3 (last sentence)

#### REVELATION 8:12-13:

TRUMPET #4: HERULI (Odoacer)

Heruli = 242 hits in the pioneer section of the EG White CD Rom

Odoacer = 157 hits

"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." The prophetic history given under the fourth trumpet, represents the dense darkness that would exist if the sun, moon, and stars all refused to emit light. Its fulfillment was the extinction of the light of Western Rome. {1905 SNH, SSP 158.1}

"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." Verse 12. {August 21, 1900 ATJ, ARSH 536.16}

THIS TRUMPET ILLUSTRATES THE CLOSING UP OF THE ROMAN GOVERNMENT. SUN, MOON, STARS ARE EVIDENTLY SYMBOLS THAT DENOTE THE RULERS IN THE GOVERNMENT—ITS EMPERORS, CONSULS, AND SENATORS. {August 21, 1900 ATJ, ARSH 536.17}

THE SUN SENDS FORTH LIGHT OF ITSELF—THE DECREE OF THE EMPEROR IS LAW. THE MOON SHINES WITH A BORROWED LIGHT—THE AUTHORITY OF THE CONSUL WAS DEPENDENT IN SOME MEASURE ON THE WILL OF ANOTHER. THE STARS SHINE WHEN THE NIGHT COMES—THE WANTS OF THE PEOPLE DEMANDED ATTENTION, AND THEN THE SENATE ACTED. {AUGUST 21, 1900 ATJ, ARSH 536.18}

"THE SUN WAS SMITTEN." ODOACER CAUSED THE TITLE OF EMPEROR TO CEASE. BUT ONE-THIRD PART ONLY IS AFFECTED—THE JURISDICTION OF ROME THEN EXTENDED OVER ONLY THE MIDDLE DIVISION OF THE EMPIRE, AS CEDED BY CONSTANTINE TO HIS THREE SONS. ONE-THIRD PART OF THE MOON WAS SMITTEN; THE EFFECT OF THIS POLITICAL CALAMITY HAD THE SAME EXTENT AS THE FORMER. WHEN THE CONSULSHIP WAS TAKEN AWAY, ROME HAD CEDED ALL HER TERRITORY BEYOND THE ALPS. {August 21, 1900 ATJ, ARSH 536.19}

"THE POWER AND THE GLORY OF ROME, AS BEARING RULE OVER ANY NATION, BECAME EXTINCT. The name alone remained to the queen of nations. EVERY TOKEN OF ROYALTY DISAPPEARED FROM THE IMPERIAL CITY. SHE WHO HAD RULED OVER THE NATIONS SAT IN THE DUST...AND THERE WAS NO THRONE WHERE THE CAESARS HAD REIGNED. The last act of obedience to a Roman prince, which that once august assembly performed, was the last emperor of the West, and the abolition of the imperial succession in Italy. {August 21, 1900 ATJ, ARSH 536.20}

"NEITHER, AT LAST, WAS THE WHOLE SUN SMITTEN, BUT THE 'THIRD PART.' THE THRONE OF THE CAESARS HAD FOR AGES BEEN THE SUN OF THE WORLD, WHILE OTHER KINGS WERE DESIGNATED AS STARS. BUT THE IMPERIAL POWER HAD FIRST BEEN TRANSFERRED TO CONSTANTINOPLE BY CONSTANTINE; AND IT WAS AFTERWARD DIVIDED BETWEEN THE EAST AND THE WEST. And the Eastern Empire was not yet doomed to destruction. Even the Western Empire was afterwards revived; and a more modern dynasty arose to claim and maintain the title of emperor of the Romans. But, FOR THE FIRST TIME, AFTER SUDDEN, AND VIOLENT, AND DISTINCTLY MARKED AND CONNECTED CONVULSIONS, THE IMPERIAL POWER IN ROME, where for so long a period it had reigned triumphant, WAS CUT OFF FOREVER; AND THE THIRD PART OF THE SUN WAS SMITTEN. {August 21, 1900 ATJ, ARSH 536.21}

**"But though the third part of the sun was smitten, and THE ROMAN POWER IMPERIAL POWER WAS AT AN END IN THE CITY OF THE CAESARS, YET THE MOON AND THE STARS STILL SHONE, OR GLIMMERED, FOR A LITTLE LONGER IN THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE. {August 21, 1900 ATJ, ARSH 536.22}**

**"BUT IN THEIR PROPHETIC ORDER, THE CONSULSHIP AND THE SENATE OF ROME MET THEIR FATE, though they fell not by the hands of Vandals or of Goths...{August 21, 1900 ATJ, ARSH 536.23}**

**"IN THE POLITICAL FIRMAMENT OF THE ANCIENT WORLD, WHILE UNDER THE REIGN OF IMPERIAL ROME, THE EMPERORSHIP, THE CONSULATE, AND THE SENATE, SHONE LIKE THE SUN, THE MOON, AND THE STARS...AND FINALLY, AS THE FOURTH TRUMPET CLOSES, WE SEE THE 'EXTINCTION OF THAT ILLUSTRIOUS ASSEMBLY,' THE ROMAN SENATE...{August 21, 1900 ATJ, ARSH 536.24}**

**"The calamities of imperial Rome, in its downfall, were fold to the very last of them, till ROME WAS WITHOUT AN EMPEROR, A CONSUL, OR A SENATE." {August 21, 1900 ATJ, ARSH 536.25}**

- See → 'Prophetic Expositions, Volume 2': The Sounding of the Seven Trumpets – Rev. Seventh, Eighth, and Ninth chapters **by:** Josiah Litch (pp 154.3-161.2)
- See → DAR regarding Revelation 9:12

### **THE HERULI:**

- One of the ten kingdoms that arose out of the old Roman Empire {1887 UrS, MANA 109.1}
- Settled in Italy, under Odoacer, after Attila's war, about 471 A.D. (BHB 120.8)
- A barbarian remnant of the host of Attila {1897 UrS, DAR 490.2}
- Caused the title of emperor to cease (GNT 53.1)
- Were followers of Arius and of the Arian faith {1901 SNH, SDP 230.1} {1905 SNH, SSP 229.1}
- Were opposed to the Bishop of Rome {1905 SNH, SSP 229.1}  
because they were not favorable to the "pretensions" of the Bishops of Rome  
{October 23, 1890 EJW, PTUK 346.7}
- Was an enemy to the Catholic Church {1897 UrS, DAR 282.1}
- "Dan. 7:24. A different power arises after the division and subdues three kings. The papacy arose in 538; **Heruli, Ostrogoths, and Vandals overthrown to make way for it.**" {1919 SNH, BHB 119.11}
- The Ostrogoths, with Theodoric as their leader, were instrumental in uprooting the Heruli  
{August 28, 1900 ATJ, ARSH 552.15}
- **Were the first of the horns to be plucked up** (SSP 159.2)
- **Were plucked up in A.D. 493**(March) (SDP 95 – top of pg)

### **ODOACER:**

- Son of a Barbarian {1905 SNH, SSP 158.2}
- Noted among the barbarians for his courage and ability {1905 SNH, SSP 158.2}
- Was a follower of Attila the Hun
- Was known as "king of the Heruli" {December 8, 1892 ATJ, AMS 378.6}
- **The "imperial empire" expired in the west by his conquest in A.D. 476** {1842 JoL, PREX1 94.3}
- Became "king of Italy" in A.D. 476 {December 8, 1892 ATJ, AMS 378.6} {1842 JoL, PREX2 157.1}
- **Was the first of the Barbarians who reigned over the Romans** {1897 UrS, DAR 146.2}
- **Ruled for 14 years from 476-490** {1905 SNH, SSP 159.1}
- **By faith was an Arian** {1905 SNH, SSP 159.2}
- Died in March 493 A.D.
- **His death annihilated the power of the Heruli** {October 23, 1890 EJW, PTUK 346.8}
- His throne was succeeded by Theodoric, the Ostrogoth {1878 UrS, TBI 262.1}
- <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Odoacer>

***TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE TRUMPETS, READ THE FOLLOWING:***

- 'Story of the Seer of Patmos' **by:** Stephen N. Haskell, (pp. 142.1-160.3)
- 'Prophetic Expositions, Volume 2': The Sounding of the Seven Trumpets – Rev. Seventh, Eighth, and Ninth Chapters **by:** Josiah Litch
- 'The Sounding of the Seven Trumpets of Revelation 8 and 9' **by:** James White