

What is the 1st Trumpet?

Revelation of John 8:7: The first angel sounded, and there followed **hail and fire mingled with blood**, and they were cast upon the **earth**: and the **third part of trees** was burnt up, and all **green grass** was burnt up.

Hail

Represent the actions of Jesus, and the voice of God calling for judgement of righteousness.

Isaiah 28:2: Behold, the Lord hath a mighty and strong one, which as a tempest of hail and a destroying storm, as a flood of mighty waters overflowing, shall cast down to the earth with the hand. **Isaiah 28:3:** The crown of pride, the drunkards of Ephraim, shall be trodden under feet:

Isaiah 28:17: Judgment also will I lay to the line, and righteousness to the plummet: and the hail shall sweep away the refuge of lies, and the waters shall overflow the hiding place.

Psalms 18:6-13: In my distress I called upon the Lord, and cried unto my God: he heard my voice out of his temple, and my cry came before him, even into his ears.... 8: There went up a smoke out of his nostrils, and fire out of his mouth devoured: coals were kindled by it. ... 12: At the brightness that was before him his thick clouds passed, hail stones and coals of fire. 13: The Lord also thundered in the heavens, and the Highest gave his voice; hail stones and coals of fire.

Grass

Represents people, mans frailty and fleeting life.

Isaiah 40:7: The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: because the spirit of the Lord bloweth upon it: surely the people is grass.

1 Peter 1:24: For all flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass. The grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away:

Isaiah 51:12: I, even I, am he that comforteth you: who art thou, that thou shouldst be afraid of a man that shall die, and of the son of man which shall be made as grass:

Note: Parable warning end of mercy and fall of Jerusalem: "... For if they [God's people] do these things in a green tree, what shall be done in the dry?" (Luke 23:27-31)

Note: Israel "played the harlot under every green tree" (Isa 57:5)

Fire

Can represents three things which in this context are all related: **God's presence** (Ex 3:2, Ex 19:8, Ex 12:21, Ez 1:27), **God's punishment** (Gen 19:24, Lev 10:1-2, Hos 8:5, 2 Thes 1:7), and **God's purification** (Isa 1:25;6:6-7). God set's His people on **Holy fire** of his indignation.

Isaiah 10:17: And the light of Israel shall be for a fire, and his Holy One for a flame: and it shall burn and devour his thorns and his briers in one day;

Luke 3:16: ...he [Jesus Christ] shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with fire:

Acts 2:3-4: And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

Obadiah 1:18: And the house of Jacob shall be a fire, and the house of Joseph a flame, and the house of Esau for stubble, and they shall kindle in them, and devour them; and there shall not be any remaining of the house of Esau; for the Lord hath spoken it.

Nahum 1:6: Who can stand before his indignation? and who can abide in the fierceness of his anger? his fury is poured out like fire,...

Zephaniah 1:18: Neither their silver nor their gold shall be able to deliver them in the day of the Lord's wrath; but the whole land shall be devoured by the fire of his jealousy: for he shall make even a speedy riddance of all them that dwell in the land. ... **Zephaniah 3:8:** ¶... to pour upon them mine indignation, even all my fierce anger: for all the earth shall be devoured with the fire of my jealousy.

Habakkuk 2:13: Behold, is it not of the Lord of hosts that the people shall labour in the very fire, and the people shall weary themselves for very vanity? (See also Dan 3:25)

Note: There are some trees that fire cannot harm or burn up (Exodus 3:2), and there are some trees that fire will destroy (Ezekiel 20:47).

Note: Parable warning that fire reveals each man's work of what sort it is. (1 Corinthians 3:13-15)

Mingled with Blood

A literary phrase used in the Bible to indicate cause-effect-proximity relationship between two events. For example the Galileans that were killed because and shortly while or thereafter they were offering sacrifices.

Luke 13:1: There were present at that season some that told him of the Galileans, whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. (See also Psalm 102:9)

Blood

Represents the blood of Jesus Christ which is always mixed with incense when approaching a Holy God. Blood also represents life (Lev 17:13-14) and that of Christ. Blood can also represent death and violence (Gen 4:10).

The incense, ascending with the prayers of Israel, represents the merits and intercession of Christ, His perfect righteousness, which through faith is imputed to His people, and which can alone make the worship of sinful beings acceptable to God. Before the veil of the most holy place was an altar of perpetual intercession, before the holy, an altar of continual atonement. **By blood and by incense God was to be approached**—symbols pointing to the great Mediator, through whom alone mercy and salvation can be granted to the repentant, believing soul. CIHS 32.2

The Third Part

Could represent the Christian world comprised of roughly a third of humanity.

Zechariah 13:9: And I will bring the third part through the fire, and will refine them as silver is refined, and will try them as gold is tried: they shall call on my name, and I will hear them: I will say, It is my people: and they shall say, The Lord is my God.

Trees

Represent **men** that are shepherds, elders or **leaders of God's people**, as well as more specifically Ephraim and Judah.

Zechariah 11:1-3 Open thy doors, O Lebanon, that the **fire** may devour thy **cedars**. Howl, fir **tree**; for the cedar is fallen; because the mighty are spoiled: howl, O ye oaks of Bashan; for the forest of the vintage is come down. There is a **voice of the howling of the shepherds; for their glory is spoiled**: a voice of the roaring of young lions; for the pride of Jordan is spoiled. (Why?... Feed the flock of the slaughter...)

Jeremiah 17:7-8: Blessed is the **man** that trusteth in the Lord, and whose hope the Lord is. For he shall be as a **tree** planted by the waters, and that spreadeth out her roots by the river, and shall not see when heat cometh, but her leaf shall be **green**; and shall not be careful in the year of drought, neither shall cease from yielding fruit. (See also **Psalm 1:1-3**)

Hosea 14:8: Ephraim shall say, What have I to do any more with idols? I have heard him, and observed him: I am like a **green fir tree**. From me is thy fruit found. (See also: **Jer 11:10-16**)

Zechariah 12:6: ¶In that day will I make the **governors of Judah** like an hearth of **fire** among the **wood**, and like a torch of **fire** in a **sheaf**; and they shall **devour all the people** round about, on the right hand and on the left:

Ezekiel 20:47: And say to the **forest** of the south, Hear the word of the Lord; Thus saith the Lord God; Behold, I will **kindle a fire in thee**, and it shall devour **every green tree** in thee, and every dry tree: the flaming flame shall not be quenched, and **all faces** from the south to the north shall **be burned** therein.

Note: Parable warning end of mercy on the leaders and elders of God's people "...every **tree** that which bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and **cast** into the **fire**" (Matt 3:10)

Trees (EGW)

Represents the **churches** and **God's true people**.

*Who will hearken to His warning? Have the **churches** that claim to believe the truth for these last days been fruit-bearing **trees** of righteousness? ... 1888 1021.1*

*...in their mouths is found no guile. In the lives of many more ministers there should be revealed the eternal verity of the kingdom of God. **Those who practice the truth in daily life are represented as trees of righteousness, bearing the fruits of the Spirit.** 1888 896.3*

Green

Green represents well **nourished** and watered and not affected by drought (a time of peace and plenty). It also represents the **time of mercy** and the **righteousness** of God.

Isaiah 15:6: For the waters of Nimrim shall be desolate: for the hay is withered away, the **grass** faileth, there is **no green thing**.

Job 15:29-35: He **shall not be rich**, neither shall his **substance continue**, neither shall he prolong the perfection thereof upon the earth. He shall not depart out of darkness; the **flame shall dry up his branches**, and by the **breath of his mouth** shall he go away. Let not him that is deceived trust in vanity: for vanity shall be his recompence. It shall be accomplished before his time, and his branch **shall not be green**. He shall shake off his unripe grape as the vine, and shall cast off his flower as the olive. For the **congregation of hypocrites shall be desolate**, and **fire shall consume the tabernacles of bribery**. They conceive mischief, and bring forth vanity, and their belly prepareth deceit.

Luke 23:28-31: But Jesus turning unto them said, Daughters of Jerusalem, weep not for me, but weep for yourselves, and for your children. For, behold, **the days are coming**, in the which they shall say, Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bare, and the paps which never gave suck. Then shall they begin to say to the mountains, Fall on us; and to the hills, Cover us. **For if they do these things in a green tree**, what shall be done in the dry?

Revelation 4:3: And he that sat was to look upon like a jasper and a sardine stone: and there was a **rainbow** round about the throne, in sight like unto an **emerald [green]**. (See Rainbow study)

Burnt up

Represents passing through of God's judgements which refines by purify His people. This process while burning does not consume but tries and tests the work of the people. It will destroy the work of some, while purifying.

Malachi 3:1-6: ...2. But who may abide the day of his coming? and who shall stand when he appeareth? for he is like a **refiner's fire**, and like fullers' soap: ... 3. And he shall sit as a **refiner and purifier** of silver: and he shall **purify the sons of Levi**, and purge them as gold and silver, that they may offer unto the Lord an offering in righteousness.... 6. For I am the Lord, I change not; therefore ye sons of Jacob **are not consumed**.

Isaiah 42:25: Therefore he hath poured upon him the fury of his anger, and the strength of battle: and it hath set him on **fire round about, yet he knew not**; and it **burned him, yet he laid it not to heart**.

Isaiah 43:2: When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee: when thou **walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned**; neither shall the flame kindle upon thee.

I Corinthians 3:13-15: Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by **fire**; and the **fire shall try** every man's work of what sort it is. If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward. If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire.

See also: **Zech 3:2** (Brand plucked out of the fire)

Biblical Interpretation:

Revelation of John 8:7: The first angel sounded, and there followed [special actions of Jesus at the voice of God calling for judgement] and [the pouring out of the presence and power of Jesus by the Holy Spirit fire] mingled with [mercy in the life of Jesus], and they were cast upon the earth: and the third part of [shepherds, the leaders and elders of God's people, and those churches that claim to believe the truth] was tested, tried and purified or destroyed but not consumed by God's indignation], and [at a time of peace, nourishment, and blessing] all [the pride and vanity of those enjoying but taking for granted the continued mercy and righteousness of God] was [tested, tried and purified or destroyed but not consumed by God's indignation].