

NOTES: The closing scenes of this world's history and the judgment are clearly brought to view here. Ever since the loss of independence by the Ottoman Empire in 1840, the nations have been preparing for war as never before, in view of international complications and a world war which all fear is inevitable upon the dissolution of Turkey and the final disposition of its territory. Towering above all others, the Eastern question has been the one of paramount concern to them.

The investigative judgment began in heaven in 1844, at the close of the prophetic period of 2300 days. **See Lessons 53. Through 56** When this is finished, the time of reward will have arrived, the end will have come, and the saints will themselves sit in judgment. **See Revelation 20:4; 1 Corinthians 6:1-3**

22. What scene in heaven was presented to the prophet as the seventh trumpet was about to sound?

"And the _____ of _____ was _____ 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**

NOTES: This forcibly calls attention to the closing work of Christ in the second apartment, or most holy place, of the sanctuary in heaven, which began in 1844. **See readings referred to in preceding note.** The reference to the ark of God's testament is a forcible reminder also of that which is to be the standard in the judgment, the law of God, or ten commandments. **See Ecclesiastes 12:13-14; Romans 2:12-13; James 2:8-12.**

From its dosing words-the reference to "great hail"- the seventh trumpet evidently embraces the seven last plagues (**see Revelation 16:17-18**); and from its opening words-"the kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord"-it marks the setting up of God's everlasting kingdom.



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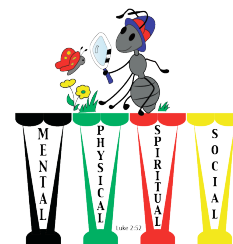
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"And Jesus increased in wisdom (Mental) and stature (Physical & Spiritual), and in favor with God (Spiritual) and man (Social)." **Luke 2:52**

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NOTES: In the year 1453, Mohammed 11 the Great, sultan of the Ottomans, laid siege to the capital [Constantinople], with an army of over 200,000 men. After a short investment the place was taken by storm. The cross, which since the time of Constantine the Great had surmounted the dome of St. Sophia, was replaced by the crescent, which remains to this day."-*Myers's "General History" edition 1902, pages 462, 463.*

Thus Constantinople, the eastern seat of the Roman Empire since the days of Constantine, was captured by the Turks.

Reference also seems to be made here to the use of firearms, which began to be employed by the Turks toward the close of the thirteenth century, and which, discharged from horseback, would give the appearance of fire and smoke issuing from the horses' mouths. In the battle of Armageddon, to which allusion may here be made, an army of "twice ten thousand times ten thousand," or two hundred million, will doubtless be assembled.

16. What was the result of this warfare by means of "fire and smoke and brimstone"?

"By these three was the third part of _____." **Revelation 9:18**

NOTE: This shows the deadly effect of this new means of warfare.

"Constantinople was subdued, her empire subverted, and her religion trampled in the dust by the Moslem conquerors."- *Elliott's "Horae Apocalypticae," Vol. I, page 484.*

17. What definite period is mentioned under this trumpet?

"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 9:15**

NOTE: An hour in prophetic time is equal to fifteen days; a day stands for a year, a month for thirty years, a year for 360 years. Added together, these amount to 391 years and fifteen days, the time allotted for the Ottoman supremacy. Commencing **July 27, 1449**, the date of the close of the fifth trumpet, this period would end **August 11, 1840**. In exact fulfillment of the words of Inspiration, this date marks the fall of the Ottoman Empire as an independent power. Wasted beyond hope of recovery in a war with Mohammed Ali, pasha of Egypt, the sultan of Turkey submitted to the dictates of the four great powers of Europe- England, Russia, Austria, and Prussia,-and, through his minister Rifat Bey, on that very day, **August 11, 1840**, placed in the hands of Mohammed Ali the decision, or ultimatum, drawn up by these powers.

Since then Turkey has existed only by the help of sufferance of the great powers of Europe, and has commonly been referred to as "the Sick Man of the East."

18. With what announcement does the sixth trumpet close?

"The second woe is past; and, behold, *the third woe comes* _____."

Revelation 11:14

NOTE: The definite period under the sixth trumpet brings us to 1840, when Turkey lost her independence. Her final downfall, we understand, will come at the opening of the seventh trumpet.

19. What is to be finished when the seventh trumpet is about to sound?

"But in the days of the voice of the seventh angel, when he is about to sound, then is finished *the* _____ *of* _____, according to the good tidings which He declared to His servants the prophets." **Revelation 10:7, R.V.**

NOTE: The mystery of God is the gospel. **Ephesians 3:3-6; Galatians 1:11-12.** When this trumpet is about to sound, therefore, the gospel will close, and the end will come. The "time of trouble," of **Daniel 12:1**, and the seven last plagues and the battle of Armageddon, spoken of in **Revelation 16**, will take place when this trumpet begins to sound.

20. What events mark the sounding of the seventh trumpet?

"And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, *The* _____ *of this world are become the* _____ *of our Lord, and of His Christ; and He shall* _____ *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 was, and art to come; because Thou has taken to Thee Thy great power, and has reigned." **Revelation 11:15-17**

NOTES: The seventh trumpet, therefore, brings us to the setting up of God's everlasting kingdom.

21. What is the condition of the nations, and what other events are due or impending at this time?

"And *the* _____ *were angry, and Thy wrath is come, and the time of the* _____, *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 shouldst destroy them which destroy the earth.*" **Revelation 11:18**