

Seven Trumpets and Three Woes

1st Trumpet

A.D. 395 - 410

Visigoth invasion of Rome

Alaric, king of the Visigoths, attacked Rome from the north in the middle of winter using frozen rivers as roads for his wagons

Attila the Hun began his harassment of the eastern sector of the Roman Empire before Genseric reached Rome. Both were invading parts of Rome during the same periods in history, one from the south, the other from the north. Genseric's final march on Rome occurred in A.D. 455; Attila died in A.D. 453. The prophecies must be evaluated more by how the symbols apply than by adhering strictly to dates.

2nd Trumpet

A.D. 440 - 455

Vandal invasion of Rome

Genseric, leader of the Vandals, attacked Rome by sea, using "fireships" to set fire to Rome's massive fleet; he captured the Western Roman empress and her two daughters

3rd Trumpet

A.D. 434 - 452

Hun invasion of Rome

Attila the Hun called himself "the scourge of God" and as he attacked what was left of Western Rome, he said that he saw "a star is falling before me and the earth trembling; Lo, I am the hammer of the world." The devastation of Rome by the Huns was a bitter judgment for their rebellion against God — like wormwood (cf. Jer. 9:13-16).

4th Trumpet

A.D. 476

Ostrogoth invasion of Rome

Beginning of the Dark Ages; the Roman imperial sun had set over the third of the empire that appertained to the western section of the old Roman empire

Eastern and Western Rome are the two legs of the Metal Man image in Daniel 2:40-43

5th Trumpet

A.D. 622 to 732

First Woe Invasion of Western Roman Empire by Islam

5th Trumpet coincides with **1st Woe** under Mohammed and Othman at the head of the Saracen tribes ("hordes") from Arabia and Persia (southern 1/3 of the old empire); Islam spread throughout the Arabian peninsula, across northern Africa, and up into Spain and Portugal (Iberian Peninsula); Muslims brought education, mathematics, and medicine to Western Rome that had been mired in the "dark ages" of papal superstition and suppression of knowledge and Bible truth

6th Trumpet

1299 to 1840

Second Woe Invasion of Eastern Roman Empire by Islam

6th Trumpet and **2nd Woe** as the Turks conquer eastern Europe and held dominion for 150 years (remaining 1/3 of the old empire), creating a distraction for papal Rome which permits the Protestant Reformation to move forward; the second half of this prophecy was fulfilled exactly, to the very day, Aug. 15, 1840, when the Ottoman Empire fell under the protection of the allied powers of Britain, Russia, Prussia, and Austria

Islam attacks the "Holy Roman Empire" which claims to be the "seat" of Christianity

7th Trumpet

1988 — ?

Third Woe until the 2nd Coming

3rd Woe began in 1988 when Islam commenced its last jihad against apostate Christianity

SEVENTH TRUMPET
Final judgments on the wicked world when the seven last plagues occur just prior to the second coming of Christ

First four trumpets occur in rapid succession, breaking the old Roman rule under the caesars. The bishop at Rome develops several alliances in order to prevent being completely overrun by these barbarian hordes, thus developing the papacy—union of church and state—which also became a persecuting power, like pagan Rome.

The sounding of trumpets in the Old Testament gave warning of the advance of the day of judgment; these seven "trumpets" in prophecy serve the same purpose. God was warning His apostate church by sending judgments upon it.