

Main Scripture: Revelation 8:1-5

When the Lamb opened the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven for about half an hour. 2 Then I saw the seven angels who stand before God, and seven trumpets were given to them. 3 And another angel came and stood at the altar with a golden censer, and he was given much incense to offer with the prayers of all the saints on the golden altar before the throne, 4 and the smoke of the incense, with the prayers of the saints, rose before God from the hand of the angel. 5 Then the angel took the censer and filled it with fire from the altar and threw it on the earth, and there were peals of thunder, rumblings, flashes of lightning, and an earthquake.

Scripture References:

Habakkuk 2:20 - The Lord is in his holy temple; let all the earth be silent before him.

Psalms 46:10 – “Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!”

Isaiah 26:3 – You keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on you, because he trusts in you.

Habakkuk 1:2a, 12-13 – O Lord, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not hear?

12 Lord, are you not from everlasting? My God, my Holy One, you will never die...

13 Your eyes are too pure to look on evil; you cannot tolerate wrongdoing.

Why then do you tolerate the treacherous?

Why are you silent while the wicked swallow up those more righteous than themselves?

Revelation 6:10 – They cried out with a loud voice, “O Sovereign Lord, holy and true, how long before you will judge and avenge our blood on those who dwell on the earth?”

Luke 18:7-8 – And will not God give justice to his elect, who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long over them? 8 I tell you, he will give justice to them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?”

1 Peter 3:18 – For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive in the Spirit,

Exodus 20:18 – Now when all the people saw the thunder and the flashes of lightning and the sound of the trumpet and the mountain smoking, the people were afraid and trembled, and they stood far off

Psalms 62 - For God alone my soul waits in silence; from him comes my salvation.

2 He alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be greatly shaken.

5 For God alone, O my soul, wait in silence, for my hope is from him.

6 He only is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be shaken.

East Glenville Church – Sermon Notes Handout – April 19th 2026
The Apocalypse #6 – Revelation 8:1-5 – Silence in Heaven

Questions: *What does it mean to be silent before God? When do we experience silence?*

Revelation 8:1-5 What happens when the 7th Seal is opened?

One – There is Silence in Heaven

This highlights the _____ of God – Habakkuk 2:20

Psalm 46:10 – Be _____, and know that I am God. I will be exalted...

What are the commonalities between Psalm 46 and the opening of the first Six Seals?

Two – Trumpets are Distributed

Highlights: God has a plan to one day...

Galatians 4:4 – God acts on His own _____, and He is more _____ than man.

Three – The Prayers of the Saints rise to God

The Altar of _____ (Bronze Altar) was located in the outer court for burning.

The Altar of _____ (Golden Altar) stood inside the Holy Place before the veil.

In the silence of heaven, we see that our prayers are not _____ but are heard by God.

Four – Fire from the Altar is Cast upon the Earth

Highlights: The _____ of Christ/His sacrifice on the cross has _____ the world.

Exodus 20:18 – How did people react to the _____ of God's Holy Presence?

Two Applications: What do we do with this?

First – Read Psalm 62: *Have you learned how to quiet your restless heart before God?*

Second – Read 2 Corinthians 5:14-15: *Has the Lord lit the fire within your heart?*