

Is the 1st Trumpet the destruction of Jerusalem?

Rev. 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.

Note: It is an important fact that Rome and not the Jews, is that Nation which is responsible for persecuting Christians. It was Rome that placed Christ on the Cross, a punishment invented by Rome. It was Rome that accused Paul of the burning of Rome for which he was put to death. The Jews had no authority to inflict such punishments. When a nation is mentioned in prophecy it is because it is connected with Gods People, (D&R1897 U. Smith. 45.2; 250.3-252.1). But the Jews were no longer AN INDEPENDENT NATION! Ez. 21:25-27; 38, 39; Isa. 14; Jer. 50; Dan. 2, 7, 8, 11; Rev. 20:8. Nations fall as they rose, through war. This is not the case with the Jewish Nation. Therefore this 1st Trumpet is the Fall of the Roman Empire as illustrated in the Ten Horns, Ten Toes.

Note: Then we shall find evidence that only a third part of Jerusalem? was destroyed!

Luke. 19:42 Saying, If thou hadst known, even thou, at least in this thy day, the things which belong unto thy peace! but now they are hid from thine eyes.

19:43 For the days shall come upon thee, that *thine enemies shall cast a trench about thee, and compass thee round, and keep thee in on every side,*

19:44 And shall lay thee even with the ground, and thy children within thee; and *they shall not leave in thee one stone upon another;* because thou knewest not the time of thy visitation.

Dan. 9:26 And after threescore and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off, but not for himself: and the people of the prince that shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary; and the end thereof shall be with a flood, and unto the end of the war desolations are determined.

After the destruction of the temple, the whole city soon fell into the hands of the Romans. The leaders of the Jews forsook their impregnable towers, and Titus found them solitary. He gazed upon them with amazement, and declared that God had given them into his hands; for no engines, however powerful, could have prevailed against those stupendous battlements. **Both the city and the temple were razed to their foundations, and the ground upon which the holy house had stood was "plowed like a field."** Jeremiah 26:18. In the siege and the slaughter that followed, more than a million of the people perished; the survivors were carried away as captives, sold as slaves, dragged to Rome to grace the conqueror's triumph, thrown to wild beasts in the amphitheaters, or scattered as homeless wanderers throughout the earth. {GC 35.1}

rāze, *v.t.*; razed, *pt.*, *pp.*; razing, *ppr.* [Fr. *raser*; L. *rasus*, from *radere*, to raze, scrape.]

To subvert from the foundation; to overthrow; to destroy; to demolish; as, to *raze* a city to the ground.

Syn.—Destroy, demolish, level, wreck, ruin.

verb [trans.] (usu. be razed) **completely destroy** (a building, town or other site):

Note: How can a prophecy be fulfilled before it is given! If the 1st Trumpet is intended to mean Jerusalem, it cannot be a warning at all or a prophecy, but merely a statement of an historical event. The book of Revelation was written in A.D. 96, the destruction of Jerusalem was in A.D. 70. Prophecy is history in advance, not the other way around.

Rev. 1:1 The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave unto him, ***to show unto his servants things which must shortly come to pass***; and he sent and signified it by his angel unto his servant John:

22:18 For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the ***prophecy*** of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book:

22:19 And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this ***prophecy***, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book.

Note: "Shortly come to pass," or begin to take place. Why would this meaning be so? There are a few TIME Prophecies that were to take place hundreds of year in the future and continue for Hundreds of years, like 5 months (150 years began 1299), an hour day month and year (391 years 15 days, ended August 11, 1840), 1260 years(began 538). Therefore this term shortly come to pass could not mean completed soon. As in Daniel we saw the details of the fall of Babylon, Medo-Persia, Greece, we do not see the details of Rome's Fall. This we have in the first 6 Trumpets. Yet those who refuse to accept these facts in Rev. 1:1 point to the Church of Ephesus or the white horse or the Woman clothed with the sun Rev. 12:1. And say were not these things spoken of in Revelation that were already taking place. Mark carefully that these were not yet concluded in Johns day and therefore could be written as SHORTLY Coming TO PASS—in conclusion. Which cannot be the case for an event THAT already ENDED—False comparisons do not make it fact!

"John lived to be very old. ***He witnessed the destruction of Jerusalem and the ruin of the stately temple.*** The last survivor of the disciples who had been intimately connected with the Saviour, his message had great influence in setting forth the fact that Jesus was the Messiah, the Redeemer of the world. No one could doubt his sincerity, and through his teachings many were led to turn from unbelief. " {AA 569.1}

Conclusion: Here we see that ***ALL*** of the city was destroyed, not just a third! Grass and trees never represented ***a city***; if they represent people, then it would be only people and not the city that was to be destroyed. Therefore this interpretation falls to the ground and must be given up. Now we are to look elsewhere then for the fulfillment of the 1st Trumpet. We find it in the downfall of the Roman Empire. See James White's "An Exposition of The Seven Trumpets of Revelation VIII & IX."