

Year of Revelation

June 6-7, 2009 • The Eye of The Storm • Revelation 8:1-5

Notes

Questions for the Heart and Spirit

1. Have you ever been in a place where a natural phenomenon, such as an earthquake, tornado, hurricane, thunder storm or the like occurred? What was it that impressed you about it? Did you see it as an act of God? Why or why not?
2. Think about a time when you encountered silence. What impressed you about that time? Was it an unusual occurrence for you? Try being silent for three minutes, and discuss with your group/family the thoughts you had during that silent period.
3. If God asked you to give up your most precious possession (other than your family) as an act of worship, what would it be, and why?
4. The Bible describes God as loving and merciful, as well as a God of judgment. Which of these two elements of God's character have you experienced in your life? Share your experience.

Questions for the Mind

1. READ: Gen 2:1-3; 7:2-10; 29:18-30; Josh 6:1-5; Rev 1;9-11; 8;1-2
What is up with the number 7? Why do you think God used it so often in His instructions to His people, and in His working in the lives of His people? Do you think it has any significance in our lives today?
2. READ: Rev 5:8, 8:3-4; Ps 16:3; 34:9; Dan 7:18-27; Rom 1:7; 1 Cor 1:2
Who are these saints whose prayers go up before God? Why do they hold a special place before God? According to these scriptures how do you get to be a part of this group?
3. READ: Ex 19:16-17; 20:1-19; Rev 4:1-5; 8:5; 11:19; 16:17-18; 19:5-6
What is going on with all the thunder and lightning? What do you think it represents? Who seems to be hanging around when it occurs? What makes it happen?
4. READ: Ex 39:38; 40:5; Num 4:1-12; 1 Kngs7:48-51; Rev 8:3; 9:13
Where did this golden altar originate and where is it in Rev 8:3? Is it the same one? What was its purpose originally?

Application

- Research the use of the altar of incense in Exodus and Leviticus. Does it have any application in our worship today? Why or why not?