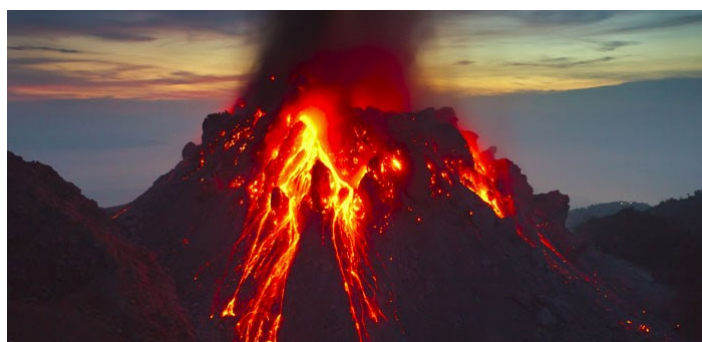


TRUMPET TWO

[[Rev 8:8]] KJV And the second angel sounded, and as it were a great mountain burning with fire was cast into the sea: and the third part of the sea became blood;

[[Rev 8:9]] KJV And the third part of the creatures which were in the sea, and had life, died; and the third part of the ships were destroyed.



As in the FIRST TRUMPET study we recognise that God's judgments are delivered by His witnesses during the time of the latter rain and these judgments are designed to awaken humanity to heed the first and second angel's messages and worship the true and living God who created the universe. Like the first trumpet and the plagues of Egypt, the second trumpet judgment is literal and not symbolic. The mountain burning with fire is a real mountain. It is literally burning and literally cast into the sea. It then has a devastating impact on the creatures of the sea and any shipping in reasonable proximity. Once again it is important to notice that one third of the creatures in the sea and one third of the ships are affected. This judgment is tempered by the mercy and compassion of God - it does not impact on all sea creatures or shipping, only a third suffer from this act of God.

The only other scripture reference to a mountain being cast into the sea other than the trumpet reference itself in Revelation 8:8 is that spoken by Christ himself. Found in the gospels of Matthew and Mark, Christ refers to a mountain being cast into the sea:

[[Mat 21:21]] KJV Jesus answered and said unto them, Verily I say unto you, If ye have faith, and doubt not, ye shall not only do this which is done to the fig tree, but also if ye shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; it shall be done.

[[Mar 11:23]] KJV For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith.

Why would Christ specifically refer to a mountain being cast into the sea? Did Christ know that one day his witnesses on earth would, like Moses and Elijah, witness for the true and living Creator God? Just like Moses and Elijah they would stand before rulers and kings and prophesy again and broadcast to the world that the Lord of the sabbath, the only true and living God wanted them to worship Him and turn from the

false gods of their own creation. With unwavering faith in the Creator God His witnesses will declare the impending judgment of a mountain being cast into the sea, just as He stated would happen when present on earth in the form of humanity. Just like the fig tree withered at Christ's word, so, a mountain burning with fire, will be cast into the sea. Christ says: 'it shall be done' and 'he shall have whatsoever he saith'. Christ's end-time witnesses will have complete faith in God's word and declare the imminent judgment and also point humanity to the God who made the earth and sea and desires their worship and honour.

According to William Miller's interpretation of symbols 'Mountains' or a 'mountain' was believed to be a symbol of government/s. Proof texts for this interpretation that are provided are: Isaiah 2:2 and Daniel 2:35. The question we must ask is : Can this principle of making a mountain the symbol of government be applied to the description of the second trumpet?

Lets see how the symbol fits:

[[Rev 8:8]] KJV And the second angel sounded, and as it were a great GOVERNMENT burning with fire was cast into the sea: and the third part of the sea became blood;

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If the mountain represents a government does the sea represent people? If that was the case you would have the following scenario:

[[Rev 8:8]] KJV And the second angel sounded, and as it were a great GOVERNMENT burning with fire was cast into the MULTITUDE OF PEOPLE: and the third part of the PEOPLE became blood;

[[Rev 8:9]] KJV And the third part of the creatures which were in the PEOPLE, and had life, died; and the third part of the ships were destroyed

It is quite obvious to see that making the mountain and sea symbolic does not make sense. By applying Millers rule:

How to know when a word is used figuratively: If it makes good sense as it stands, and does no violence to the simple laws of nature, then it must be understood literally; if not, figuratively. *Views of the Prophecies and Prophetic Chronology*

It appears that when we use symbols to interpret this trumpet we are 'doing violence to the simple laws of nature'. Creatures are not IN the people and neither are the ships IN the people. In reality the two verses that describe the second trumpet are referring to a REAL or LITERAL mountain being cast into the sea.

The typical Adventist understanding of the second trumpet is outlined by Uriah Smith in his book Daniel and Revelation. The Bible is scarcely referred to in order to explain what is taking place as the trumpet sounds, rather, swathes of the writing of the historian Edward Gibbon are quoted :

“The history illustrative of the sounding of the second trumpet evidently relates to the invasion and conquest of Africa, and afterward of Italy, by the terrible Genseric. His conquests were, for the most part, naval; and his triumphs were “as it were a great mountain burning with fire, cast into the sea.” What figure would better, or even so well, illustrate the collision of navies, and the general havoc of war on the maritime coasts? *“Daniel and Revelation , 1897 Uriah Smith, pg. 458*

The quote from the Bible “as it were a mountain burning with fire” is determined to be a figure or symbol. But no comparison is being made with anything within the verse itself. The Bible is not referred to in order to determine what the figure might represent, rather a fanciful historical event is selected to portray the “mountain burning with fire”. The collision of navies and general mayhem is the mountain burning with fire cast into the sea. The demise of a third of the sea creatures is not referred to, neither the third part of shipping.

We must ask ourselves the question is this what John truly saw? Imagine seeing an actual mountain on fire and falling into the sea. Because the mountain is literally collapsing into the sea he uses the phrase “as it were” or it appeared to be a mountain falling into the sea, however it disappears from John’s vision and is no more. The resulting tsunami from a huge mountain or volcano falling into the sea would certainly destroy shipping and creatures within the sea. The destruction within the ocean is caused by the extreme temperatures of the fiery mountain and the huge displacement of water that occurs as the result of the mountain collapsing into the sea.



The Creator God who made nature is able to command nature to do his bidding. :

[[Nah 1:5]] KJV The mountains quake at him, and the hills melt, and the earth is burned at his presence, yea, the world, and all that dwell therein. *[[Nah 1:6]] KJV* Who can stand before his indignation? and who can abide in the fierceness of his anger? his fury is poured out like fire, and the rocks are thrown down by him.* [[Nah 1:7]] KJV* The LORD is good, a strong hold in the day of trouble; and he knoweth them that trust in him.

[[Mic 1:2]] KJV Hear, all ye people; hearken, O earth, and all that therein is: and let the Lord GOD be witness against you, the Lord from his holy temple.*[[Mic 1:3]] KJV* For, behold, the LORD cometh forth out of his place, and will come down, and tread upon the high places of the earth.

[[Mic 1:4]] KJV And the mountains shall be molten under him, and the valleys shall be cleft, as wax before the fire, and as the waters that are poured down a steep place..

Notice in the above passages what God is able to do to the 'high' places. The mountains MELT or become MOLTEN. Truly God can move mountains and cast them into the sea. In Micah 1:2 the message is given as a witness to all the people in the earth.

However in the first verse of Micah we note that Micah's primary message at his time is for Samaria and Jerusalem:

[[Mic 1:1]] KJV The word of the LORD that came to Micah the Morasthite in the days of Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah, **which he saw concerning Samaria and Jerusalem.**

[[Mic 1:5]] KJV For the transgression of Jacob is all this, and for the sins of the house of Israel. What is the transgression of Jacob? is it not Samaria? and what are the high places of Judah? are they not Jerusalem? *[[Mic 1:7]] KJV* And all the graven images thereof shall be beaten to pieces, and all the hires thereof shall be burned with the fire, and all the idols thereof will I lay desolate: for she gathered it of the hire of an harlot, and they shall return to the hire of an harlot.

The reason God is angry with Samaria and Jerusalem is because of their false gods, which the true God of heaven now judges - they are beaten into pieces, burned with fire and laid desolate. Yet this message is not only relevant for Samaria and Jerusalem it is intended for the world. As Micah 1:2 states: " Hear, all ye people; hearken, O earth, and all that therein is: and let the Lord GOD be witness against you,". God's trumpet judgments are truly judgments against the false gods and idols held dear by not only His people - Jacob, but those of the world:

Once again the Lord God of Israel is to execute judgment upon the gods of this world as upon the gods of Egypt. With fire and flood, plagues and earthquakes, He will spoil the whole land. MS 85, 1899

The sin of Samaria is just as real today as it was back in Micah's time. A false God - the trinity - has crept insidiously into the Adventist church and God's professed people will be judged. Satan, the god of this world, is honoured by the worship of any false God and the majority of christianity worship the trinity god - a god that Satan himself has inspired and created. For more information on why the trinity is a false god please view and download the SDA GOLDEN CALF study and other TRINITY discussions on the web-site : www.prophesyagain.com.au

The prophet Ellen White states:

This is a time when every soul needs to cling earnestly to God. Those whom the Lord is leading to do his last work in the earth are to stand as Micah and Zephaniah and Zechariah stood in their day, to call to repentance and good works. **The writings of these prophets contain warnings and instruction applicable to this time, and should receive our careful study They should teach us to shun every phase**

of evil that made such warnings essential to the people of the past. Let every soul arouse and make diligent examination of self, that everything that would separate the people of God from righteousness may be put away. Review and Herald September 16, 1909 — An Appeal for Self-Sacrificing Effort

In Micah we read: (Quote Micah 1:2-7; 2:1-5, 7, 12, 13; Micah 3.) 21MR 87.4...

Oh, how soon the scenes of destruction and desolation will come and be universal, we cannot tell. "Be ye also ready," saith the Lord, "for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh." 21MR 87.5....

These scenes will soon be witnessed, just as they are clearly described. I present these wonderful statements from the Scriptures for the consideration of everyone. The prophecies recorded in the Old Testament are the word of the Lord for the last day, and will be fulfilled as surely as we have seen the desolation of San Francisco. 21MR 87.9

.*[[Amo 4:13]] KJV* For, lo, he that formeth the mountains, and createth the wind, and declareth unto man what is his thought, that maketh the morning darkness, and treadeth upon the high places of the earth, The LORD, The God of hosts, is his name

The only true God - the creator God declares unto us what His thoughts are through His word - the Holy Bible. The second trumpet will sound - God's true witnesses will declare that a mountain is going to be cast into the sea - they have the utmost faith that God will perform what he has said.

[[1Co 13:2]] KJV And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing.

Let us be reminded that even though we have the faith to move mountains it is the love of God or charity that makes us complete.

The creator God of the universe will enable you to move mountains. Are you ready to be a witness of GOD'S mighty power and love?