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## ONE OF THE KEYS

Before we continue our commentary of the events that are transpiring around us and how they are germane to the scripture that we have quoted from Matthew 24:36-39, please allow me to share an important key that will aid us in understanding the book of Revelation. We began to share this key in the last article. If you missed the last article (Let's Pause A Moment), you may obtain it from the newspaper office. You will find it very helpful to have a copy of all of the past articles and the future articles since they form a series that are interrelated and form a contiguous progression of study.

We find in Revelation 8:2 that seven angels are given trumpets and great calamity will come upon the earth as each one sounds his trumpet. One third of the trees and the grass will be burned up (Revelation 8:7). A third of the sea will become blood which will cause one third of the creatures which are in the sea to die and one third of the ships to be destroyed (Revelation 8:8). A star will fall from the heavens and poison the rivers and the "fountains of waters" and many will die from drinking the water (Revelation 8:10-11). Suddenly, the inhabitants of the earth will notice they can no longer see one third of the stars in the night sky and the earth will be bathed in absolute darkness for one-third of the day and one-third of the night (Revelation 8:12). Creatures will be loosed that will sting the inhabitants and cause great pain (Revelation 9:1-11). One third of those who are still alive will be killed when the sixth angel sounds his trumpet (Revelation 9:13-21).

Please remember that no one will have to go through these terrible times unless they choose to. Every person who will go through this will have had the opportunity to leave in the catching up (please re-read "Jesus Christ, The Only Ark Of Safety").

In our next article, we will examine what will happen when the seventh angel sounds his trumpet and how that passage helps to provide an important key in understanding the book of Revelation.