

## REVELATION, CHAP. VIII.

Q. At the opening of the Seventh Seal there was silence in Heaven ; what caused it ?

A. The heavenly music ceased.

Q. Who were the Seven Angels standing before the throne ?

A. The Seraphim, leaders in active service. Gabriel was one of them.—*Luke i., 19.\**

Q. Who was the Angel standing at the Golden Altar ?

A. The Lord Jesus Christ.

Q. What is symbolized by the golden censer being emptied upon the earth ?

A. That the time for hearing intercession was over, and the season of judgment had come. The angels therefore prepared themselves to sound.

Q. What occurred on the sounding of the first four trumpets ?

A. The invasion of the Western Roman Empire by the terrible Northern nations. Hail symbolized invasion from the north.

Q. Who are signified by the Earth, the Sea, the Waters, and the Sun ?

A. The Western Empire, the islands and coasts, the river districts, and the Imperial Government.

Q. Who are meant by the trees and grass ?

A. Men of eminence, and those of humble rank. The mountain, star, and wormwood, symbolize fierce military leaders and heretical teachers.

The period of the first four trumpets reaches from A. D., 410, to A. D., 476, the fall of the Western Empire.

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\*Some other of their names may be Michael, Abdiel, Raphael, and Uriel.