

December 29 Answers

- 1) When Jesus broke the seventh seal, all activity in heaven stopped and there was **silence** for about half an hour. This was fitting, for the seven **trumpet** judgments were about to sound, and they were more terrible than the seals. Before the angels blew their trumpets, another angel came and offered incense to God mingled with the **prayers** of the saints. This teaches us that our prayers are like a sweet smelling **incense** which God **savors** in satisfaction and delight. God also takes what we say **seriously**, for after the angel offered the incense and prayers, he filled a censer with fire and threw it on the earth. The world shook and shuddered under the impact of God's **judgment** in response to His people's prayers! The seven angels sounded their trumpets, but men would not **repent** of their idolatry or their murders or their immorality or their thefts. Yet God is **patient** and longsuffering, not willing that any should perish, and He sent two **witnesses** to preach a message of repentance. Instead of listening to them, the people did everything they could to **kill** them. God knew that when He **raised** the witnesses from the dead, some of the people would "give **glory** to God" (Rev 11:13). This teaches us that God gives the wicked every **chance** to repent before the end.