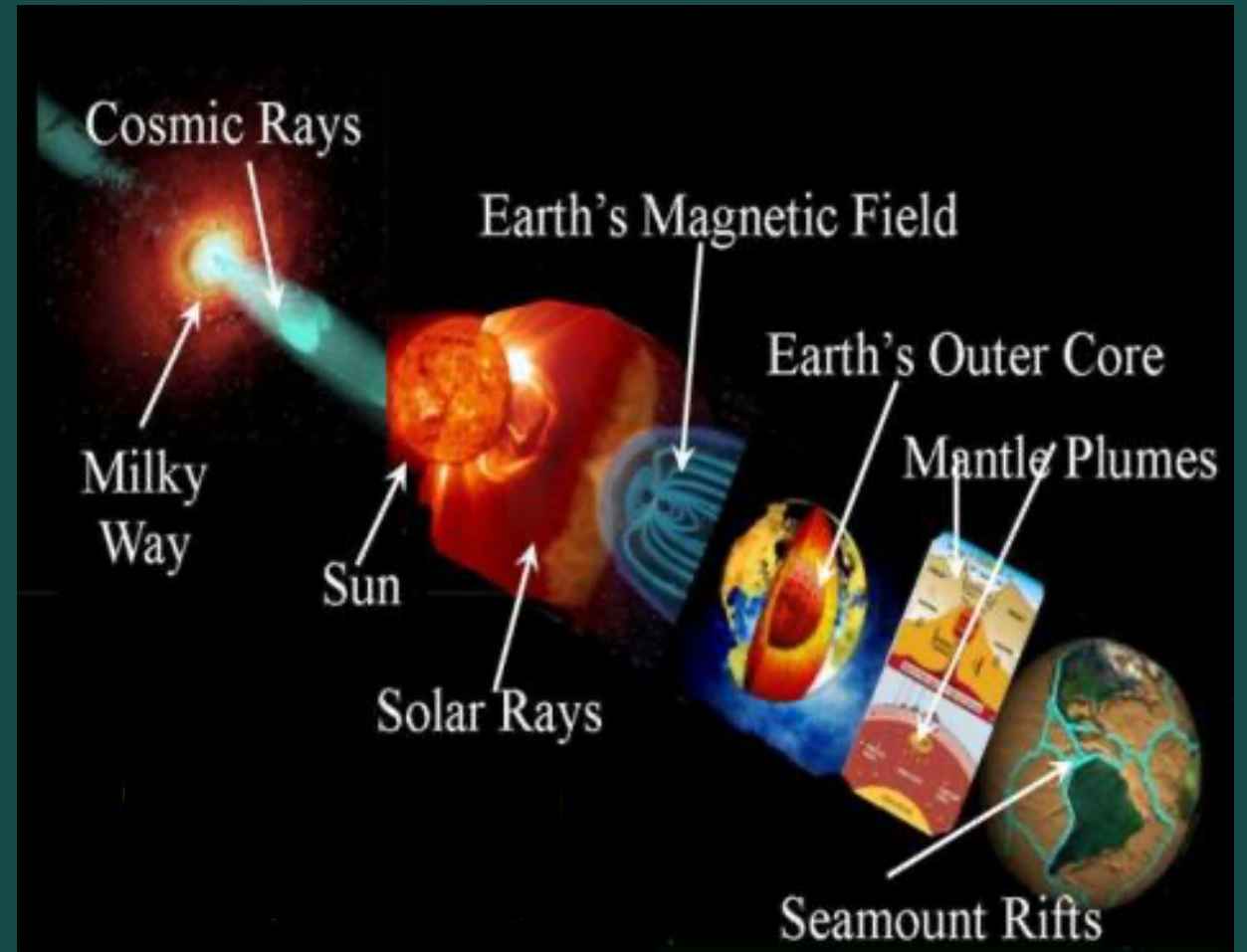


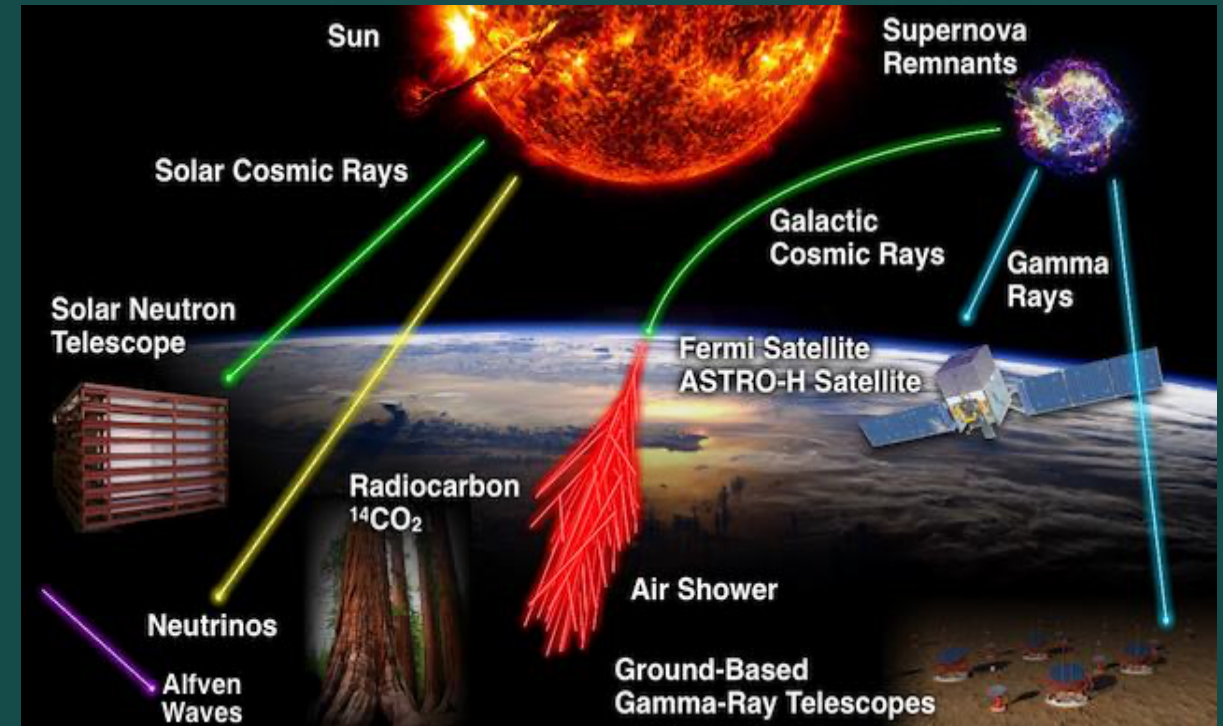
Revelation 55 – First Trumpet: Hail, Fire and Blood

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Revelation 8:6-7



Physical Manifestations have Spiritual Beginnings: Revelations Gives Both – Hermeneutics Bridges Gap

- Sun's MicroNova: Tectonic Plate Shifting
- Weakened Magnetic Shield: Intense ionic bombardment of Solar & Galactic Wind
- Weather Patterns {Wind & Tides}: Changed with intense storms and dramatic results
- Man's Control: Sin seeks Control without knowledge {Job's Dilemma} (Job 38:22-23)
- Each Element: Physical and Spiritual



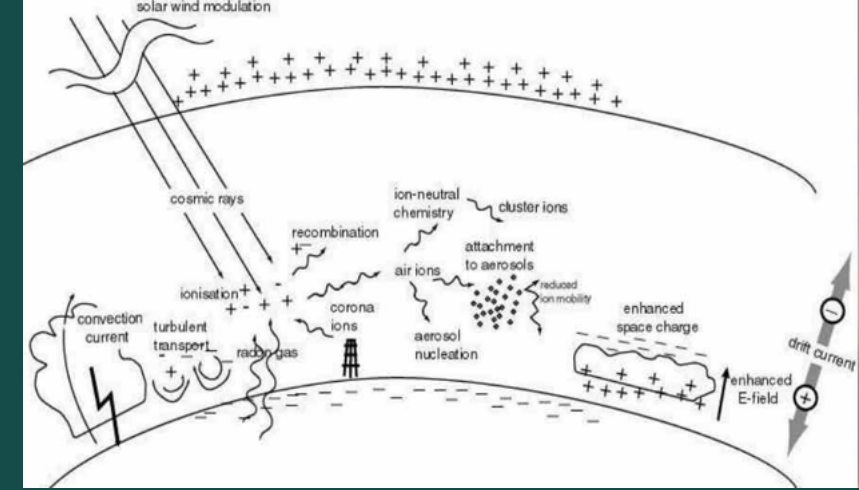
Angels and Trumpets: Announcing Christ's Holiness-Mercy

"That there are what I or anyone would call supernatural forces at work is now, I think, a scientifically proven fact" (Jastrow in *Christianity Today*, 18).



- Trumpets were simple, single note blasts for alert: Listen for the command
- Angels, spirit beings without form, imply Trumpets are metonymic
 - Each trumpet alerts specific angels to translate spiritual energies into physical energies *
 - Physical energies culminate in specific earthly effects to warn Man (Satan)
 - Trumpet calls alert Man of impending judgment and Christ's *Redemptive* return (He 10:28-31)
 - As Man (Satan) entrenches in sin, Trumpets dramatically increase their effects: Repercussions
- Hence, Three Woes {Final Three Trumpets}: Increasing severity warning Man to repent before the judgment; to remove the scales from their eyes {Metaphorical} (Ac 9:15-19)

Hail and Fire: Spiritual and Physical



- Hail and Fire: Seventh Manifestation to Pharaoh striking crop (Ex 9:13-26)
- Hail signals Times of Trouble: First Egypt, next Jews, the everyone (De 28:15-68; Ps 148:7-8; Joel 2:30-32)
 - Purpose of Hail: *Sweep away lies* of Sinners' worldviews – No God (Ps 10:3-4; Is 28:14-22; Ro 1:18-28)
- Fire associated with purification and physical manifestation of lightning (Ps 105:32-33; 1Pe 1:6-7)
 - Withholding rains causes droughts allowing lightning strike fires: Common today (Job 28:26; Ps 107:33-34, 39-43; Amos 4:7)
- Ionized atmosphere will produce tremendous clouds-thunderstorms showing Man impotence in the face of God's Recalcitrant Reality: Its message – Do Not Ignore God

Mingled Blood: Mercy Available

The Hubble Law is one of the great discoveries in science; it is one of the main supports of the scientific story of Genesis.

Robert Jastrow

Red Shift: All Observable Galaxies Move
Away from Earth at Increasing Speeds

- Physical effects can mirror the spiritual warning Man to heed the Gospel (Mt 16:1-4; Re 6:12-17)
 - Solar flares–CME's, can cause undulating, red skies {Carrington Effect-1859}
- Manifestations of Christ's holiness: *mingled* with blood denoting His mercy and offer of Salvation to all who call on His Name to be Saved {Physical-Spiritual} (Ro 10:9-10; He 10:19-31)
 - Before Christ's Sacrifice, there was only manifestations of holiness; now, the veil has been rent and mercy is available for all who call on Christ in repentance (Da 7:9-10; Jn 3:16-21)
 - Christ makes a way of escape indicating His long suffering, wishing that none should perish; it is the sinner's wish to face His holiness without the blood (1Co 10:12-14; 2Pe 3:9-10)

Christ's Recalcitrant Reality: Striking Earth's Greenery in Mercy

For the scientist who has lived by his faith in the power of reason, the story ends like a bad dream. He has scaled the mountains of ignorance, he is about to conquer the highest peak; as he pulls himself over the final rock, he is greeted by a band of theologians who have been sitting there for centuries."

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- Man blames Man (CC_2), Masses, for weather disasters {Climate Change}
 - Elites justify themselves while extending Contradictions, emulating Satan their father (Jn 8:44)
 - Tornados, hurricanes, forest fires challenge Man's sinful pride; they refuse to grasp their impotence and seek His face: But, their lies {Hail} will only grow worse (Re 16:21)
- The one-third (1/3) shows Christ's mercy in limiting the physical effects so surviving peoples will have food and shelter to live, repent and hear the Gospel
 - This manifests His mercy; He begins with warning rather than absolute judgment: 1/3 of Earth and Trees
 - Green grass completely burned shows life's transience
Now is Day of Repentance (Mt 6:28-33; Ja 1:9-11; He 3:12-15; 1Pe 1:22-25)