

Is the 1st Trumpet the destruction of Jerusalem?

Rev. 8:7 The first angel sounded, and there followed hail and fire mingled with blood, and they were cast upon the earth: and the *third part* of trees was burnt up, and all green grass was burnt up.

Note: Then we shall find evidence that only a third part of Jerusalem? was destroyed!

Luke. 19:42 Saying, If thou hadst known, even thou, at least in this thy day, the things which belong unto thy peace! but now they are hid from thine eyes.

19:43 For the days shall come upon thee, that *thine enemies shall cast a trench about thee, and compass thee round, and keep thee in on every side,*

19:44 And shall lay thee even with the ground, and thy children within thee; and *they shall not leave in thee one stone upon another*; because thou knewest not the time of thy visitation.

After the destruction of the temple, the whole city soon fell into the hands of the Romans. The leaders of the Jews forsook their impregnable towers, and Titus found them solitary. He gazed upon them with amazement, and declared that God had given them into his hands; for no engines, however powerful, could have prevailed against those stupendous battlements. **Both the city and the temple were razed to their foundations, and the ground upon which the holy house had stood was "plowed like a field."** Jeremiah 26:18. In the siege and the slaughter that followed, more than a million of the people perished; the survivors were carried away as captives, sold as slaves, dragged to Rome to grace the conqueror's triumph, thrown to wild beasts in the amphitheaters, or scattered as homeless wanderers throughout the earth. {GC 35.1}

rāze, *v.t.*; razed, *pt.*, *pp.*; razing, *ppr.* [Fr. *raser*; L. *rasus*, from *radere*, to raze, scrape.]

To subvert from the foundation; to overthrow; to destroy; to demolish; as, to *raze* a city to the ground.

Syn.—Destroy, demolish, **level**, wreck, ruin.

verb [trans.] (usu. be razed) **completely destroy** (a building, town or other site):

Note: How can a prophecy be fulfilled before it is given! If the 1st Trumpet is intended to mean Jerusalem, it cannot be a warning at all or a prophecy, but merely a statement of an historical event. The book of Revelation was written in A.D. 96, the destruction of Jerusalem was in A.D.70. Prophecy is history in advance, not the other way around.

Rev. 1:1 The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave unto him, *to show unto his servants things which **must shortly come to pass***; and he sent and signified it by his angel unto his servant John:

22:18 For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the *prophecy* of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book:

22:19 And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this *prophecy*, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book.

"John lived to be very old. *He witnessed the destruction of Jerusalem and the ruin of the stately temple.* The last survivor of the disciples who had been intimately connected with the Saviour, his message had great influence in setting forth the fact that Jesus was the Messiah, the Redeemer of the world. No one could doubt his sincerity, and through his teachings many were led to turn from unbelief. " {AA 569.1}

Conclusion: Here we see that *ALL* of the city was destroyed, not just a third! Grass and trees never represented *a city*; if they represent people, then it would be only people and not the city that was to be destroyed. Therefore this interpretation falls to the ground and must be given up. Now we are to look elsewhere then for the fulfillment of the 1st Trumpet. We find it in the downfall of the Roman Empire. See James White's "An Exposition of The Seven Trumpets of Revelation VIII & IX."