

SILENCE IN HEAVEN!

When the Lamb opened the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven for about half an hour (Revelation 8:1 ESV).

But after all that loudness, as the full fury of the final judgments is about to be released, silence falls on the heavenly scene. The implication is that when the judgment about to happen becomes visible as the seventh seal is broken and the scroll unrolled, both the redeemed and the angels are reduced to silence in anticipation of the grim reality of the destruction they see written on the scroll. The half an hour of silence is the calm before the storm. It is the silence of foreboding, of intense expectation, of awe at what God is about to do. [MacArthur, J. F., Jr. (1999). *Revelation* (pp. 237–238). Chicago: Moody Press.]

But the LORD is in his holy temple;
let all the earth keep silence before him.
(Habakkuk 2:20 ESV)

For God alone my soul waits in silence;
from him comes my salvation.
(Psalm 62:1 ESV)

Be silent before the Lord GOD!
For the day of the LORD is near;
(Zephaniah 1:7a ESV)

Then Moses and the Levitical priests said to all Israel,
“**Keep silence and hear, O Israel:**
this day you have become the people of the LORD your God.”
(Deuteronomy 27:9 ESV)

Listen to me in silence, O coastlands;
let the peoples renew their strength; let them approach,
then let them speak; let us together draw near for judgment.
(Isaiah 41:1 ESV)

Be silent, all flesh, before the LORD,
for he has roused himself from his holy dwelling.
(Zechariah 2:13 ESV)

From the heavens you uttered judgment;
the earth feared and was still,
when God arose to establish judgment,
to save all the humble of the earth. Selah
(Psalm 76:8–9 ESV)

Now therefore stand still and see
this great thing that the LORD will do before your eyes.
(1 Samuel 12:16 ESV)

The LORD will fight for you,
and you have only to be silent.
(Exodus 14:14 ESV)