

Revelation

Trumpets

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Revelation 8:1 (ESV)

When the Lamb opened the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven for about half an hour.

Last week Jesus broke 6 seals of the scroll to physically restore the earth and eradicate evil. In C.8 we see Jesus breaking the 7th and last seal, which releases the 7 angels with 7 trumpets.

Revelation 8:2-4 (ESV)

² Then I saw the seven angels who stand before God, and seven trumpets were given to them. ³ And another angel came and stood at the altar with a golden censer, and he was given much incense to offer with the prayers of all the saints on the golden altar before the throne, ⁴ and the smoke of the incense, with the prayers of the saints, rose before God from the hand of the angel.

This contains a lot of OT imagery. In the OT temple, the altar of incense stood before the throne of God and fragrant incense was offered on it that would go up and cover the Ark of the Covenant. **Here in the heavenly vision, we see here that the incense represents the prayers of the saints going up to the Throne of God.**

Revelation 8:5 (ESV)

Then the angel took the censer and **filled it with fire** from the altar and **threw it on the earth**, and there were peals of thunder, rumblings, flashes of lightning, and an earthquake.

The same censer that offered up incense and prayers is now is filled fire from the altar and thrown to the earth.

The impact of this fire will be revealed through the blowing of these 7 trumpets.

Revelation 8:6 (ESV)

Now the seven angels who had the seven trumpets prepared to blow them.

The 1st four Trumpets deal directly with the physical universe in some way. Also all the Trumpets impact 1/3 of the earth and its inhabitants.

Listen as we read through the 1st 4 Trumpets.

Revelation 8:7-12 (ESV)

⁷ The **first angel** blew his trumpet, and there followed hail and fire, mixed with blood, and these **were thrown upon the earth**. And **a third** of the earth was burned up, and **a third** of the trees were burned up, and all green grass was burned up.

⁸ The **second angel** blew his trumpet, and something like **a great mountain, burning with fire, was thrown into the sea**, and **a third** of the sea became blood. ⁹ **A third** of the living creatures in the sea died, and **a third** of the ships were destroyed.

¹⁰ The **third angel** blew his trumpet, and **a great star fell from heaven, blazing like a torch**, and it fell on **a third** of the rivers and on the springs of water. ¹¹ The name of the star is Wormwood. **A third** of the waters became as bitter as wormwood, and many people died from the water, because it had been made bitter.

¹² The **fourth angel** blew his trumpet, and **a third** of the sun was struck, and **a third** of the moon, and **a third** of the stars, so that **a third** of their light might be darkened, and **a third** of the day might be kept from shining, and likewise **a third** of the night.

Now we encounter an eagle!

Revelation 8:13 (ESV)

Then I looked, and I heard **an eagle** crying with a loud voice as it flew directly overhead, **“Woe, woe, woe to those who dwell on the earth, at the blasts of the other trumpets that the three angels are about to blow!”**

After the 1st 4 Trumpets an Eagle warns the inhabitants of earth of the next 3 Trumpets. The eagle calls them 3 Woes. **These are worse than everything mentioned before.**

Now the 5th Trumpet; the 1st Woe; **Hell on earth. Demonic Locust whose sole mission is to torment people is released. Now listen to the 5th Trumpet.**

Revelation 9:1–11 (ESV)

And the **fifth angel** blew his trumpet, and **I saw a star fallen from heaven to earth, and he was given the key to the shaft of the bottomless pit.** ² He opened the shaft of the bottomless pit, and from the shaft rose smoke like the smoke of a great furnace, and the sun and the air were darkened with the smoke from the shaft. ³ Then from the smoke came locusts on the earth, and they were given power like the power of scorpions of the earth. ⁴ They were told not to harm the grass of the earth or any green plant or any tree, **but only those people who **do not** have the seal of God on their foreheads.** ⁵ They were allowed to torment them for five months, **but not to kill them,** and their torment was like the torment of a scorpion when it stings someone. ⁶ **And in those days people will seek death and will not find it. They will long to die, but death will flee from them.**

⁷ In appearance the locusts were like horses prepared for battle: on their heads were what looked like crowns of gold; their faces were like human faces,

⁸ their hair like women's hair, and their teeth like lions' teeth; ⁹ they had breastplates like breastplates of iron, and the noise of their wings was like the noise of many chariots with horses rushing into battle. ¹⁰ They have tails and stings like scorpions, and their power to hurt people for five months is in their tails. ¹¹ **They have as king over them the angel of the bottomless pit.** His name in Hebrew is A/bad/don, and in Greek he is called A/poll/yon.

Both these names mean destruction or destroyer!

Revelation 9:12 (ESV)

The first woe has passed; behold, two woes are still to come.

Now the 6th Trumpet; the 2nd Woe. Fiendish, **Hellish Calvary bent on destruction is released to kill. Now listen as we read through the 6th Trumpet.**

Revelation 9:13–15 (ESV)

¹³ Then the **sixth angel** blew his trumpet, and I heard a voice from the four horns of the golden altar before God, ¹⁴ saying to the sixth angel who had the trumpet, **“Release the four angels who are bound at the great river Euphrates.”** ¹⁵ So the four angels, who had been prepared for the hour, the day, the month, and the year, were released to kill a third of mankind.

Four evil angels who were bound at the Euphrates River are release at a very specific time.

These evil angels and their multitude of demonic hordes kill 1/3 of all mankind. **This is an exact moment decreed by God. This is a good lesson to see our very survival is dependent on God.**

We are given the number of these demonic fiends!

Revelation 9:16 (ESV) **O/H**

The number of mounted troops numbered 200,000,000; I heard their number.

In reality, a 200,000,000 physical army would be unsustainable. All the Allied and Axis armed forces in WWII were 70 million. Therefore, this is better understood as demonic hordes. Their physical description was to communicate their evil, destructive intent. Their description and capability was clearly meant to be inconceivable, horrifying, and revolting.

Revelation 9:17–19 (ESV)

¹⁷ And this is how I saw the horses in my vision and those who rode them: they wore breastplates the color of fire and of sapphire and of sulfur, and the heads of the horses were like lions' heads, and fire and smoke and sulfur came out of their mouths. ¹⁸ By these three plagues **a third of mankind was killed**, by the fire and smoke and sulfur coming out of their mouths. ¹⁹ For the power of the horses is in their mouths and in their tails, for their tails are like serpents with heads, and by means of them they wound.

Unbelievably none of these devastations are able to change man's heart and bring him to repentance.

Revelation 9:20–21 (ESV)

²⁰ The rest of mankind, **who were not killed by these plagues**, did not repent of the works of their hands nor give up worshiping demons and idols of gold and silver and bronze and stone and wood, which cannot see or hear or walk, ²¹ nor did they repent of their murders or their sorceries or their sexual immorality or their thefts.

After all these catastrophic events, a mighty angel visits John showing God's authority and majesty!

Revelation 10:1–4 (ESV)

Then I saw another mighty angel coming down from heaven, wrapped in a cloud, with a rainbow over his head, and his face was like the sun, and his legs like pillars of fire. ² **He had a little scroll open in his hand.** And he set his right foot on the sea, and his left foot on the land, ³ and called out with a loud voice, like a lion roaring. When he called out, the seven thunders sounded. ⁴ And when the seven thunders had sounded, **I was about to write, but I heard a voice from heaven saying, "Seal up what the seven thunders have said, and do not write it down."**

Very interesting, here John was told not to write what heard. **There are some things about the End Times that God doesn't want us to know about.**

This is one reason we need put the unknown at the God's feet and leave them there. However there are things we are to know and those things we do know we are to share with confidence.

Revelation 10:5–11 (ESV)

⁵ And the angel whom I saw standing on the sea and on the land raised his right hand to heaven ⁶ and swore by him who lives forever and ever, who created heaven and what is in it, the earth and what is in it, and the sea and what is in it, that **there would be no more delay,** ⁷ but that in the days of the trumpet call to be sounded by the seventh angel, **the mystery of God would be fulfilled, just as he announced to his servants the prophets.**

⁸ Then the voice that I had heard from heaven spoke to me again, saying, **“Go, take the scroll that is open in the hand of the angel who is standing on the sea and on the land.”** ⁹ So I went to the angel and told him to give me the little scroll. And he said to me, **“Take and eat it; it will make your stomach bitter, but in your mouth it will be sweet as honey.”** ¹⁰ And I took the little scroll from the hand of the angel and ate it. It was sweet as honey in my mouth, but when I had eaten it my stomach was made bitter. ¹¹ And I was told, “You must again prophesy about many peoples and nations and languages and kings.”

The “little scroll” contains the “words from heaven” telling of things yet to be revealed. John is told to take the little scroll and eat it!

This means to consume the “word of God” and make it a part of himself. Hearing the Word of God is sweet, but sometimes speaking the word of God may be bitter for others to hear. Nonetheless, we are to speak God’s Word.

Revelation 10:11 (ESV) **O/H**

And I was told, “You must again prophesy about many peoples and nations and languages and kings.”

We do have responsibility to share what we believe and what God has shown us. This is a blessing to us and those who hear.

Revelation 1:3 (ESV) **O/H**

Blessed is the one who reads aloud the words of this prophecy, and blessed are those who hear, and who keep what is written in it, for the time is near.

Bless someone for the time in near!

Revelation 22:17 (ESV) **O/H**

The Spirit and the Bride **say, “Come.”** And let the one who hears **say, “Come.”**

Prophetic Team

Hear from the Holy Spirit to change the current situation or impact the future