



The Trumpet Judgments
Revelation 8-9
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Revelation 8 *ESV*

1 When the Lamb opened the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven for about half an hour. 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. 5 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.

Silent Prayer (8:1-5)

Desolation (8:7-13)

Desolation on earth (7)

Desolation in the seas (8-9)

Desolation in the fresh water (10-11)

Desolation in the heavens (12-13)

Torment (9:1-21) (The first and second woes)

The first woe: a locust army from the pit (9:1-12)

The second woe: demonic horsemen deployed (9:13-19)

The Sad Truth: 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.

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LifeGroup Study Guide

Prayer: Silence in heaven is a silence of awe and the anticipation of the reality of the wrath of the Lamb. When the angel makes an incense offering to God, what is in the golden censer? What does that tell you about what God thinks of our prayers?

Judgment: The Wrath of the Lamb There are 7 Seal Judgments. The Seventh seal consists of the 7 trumpet judgments (8-9). The seventh trumpet judgment consists of the 7 bowl judgments (16). Notice how the sixth seal (7) is more intense than the first 5, and how the trumpet judgments (7th seal) are even more intense. The exact timetable is not known; but in the Great Tribulation. Trumpets 1-4 (ch 8) earth's ecology; trumpets 5-7 (9) earth's inhabitants. This is the Day of the Lord (19 times in OT; Zeph 1:15-18; Acts 2:20; 2 Thess 2:2; 2 Pet 3:10).

Trumpet	What will happen	Results	Impact
1 Use this first as an example	Hail/fire/blood	1/3 of earth burnt 1/3 of trees burnt ALL green grass burnt	Fear, smoke, poor visibility, more drought, grazing for animals gone.
2			
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7	Read 10:7; 15:1; 16:1	The seventh trumpet are the seven bowls	We will discuss these later

A new Christian confides in you: "I am reading Revelation. I don't understand most of it, but the Study Bible notes help. I do understand that God pours out His wrath on the earth and unbelievers –maybe even on some of my friends! I am having a hard time understanding how a loving God can do that." How do you respond to their honest question?

How many will die in the 4th seal (6:7-8)?

How many will die in the 7th seal/ 6th trumpet (9:18)?

What is the response of the rest to the Lamb's wrath (9:20-21)?

What kind of response do you think God wants from mankind?

In light of this coming judgment, what should we be telling our friends?