

Revelation 8-10

REVELATION 8-9: THE SIX TRUMPET JUDGMENTS

THE SEVENTH SEAL IS OPENED (1-6)

- The first four trumpets announce the Divine destruction of the earth's ecology
- The last 2 trumpets announce spiritual warfare between darkness & light
- Three woes announce two demon invasions & the seventh trumpet.

1ST TRUMPET: The earth smitten (7). Hail mixed with fire and blood (7). Moses called down the same judgments in Egypt. Joel 2:30 says, "I will show wonders in the heavens and in the earth, blood and fire and pillars of smoke." This will be a judgment on the vegetation and plant life, creating famine.

2ND TRUMPET: The seas smitten (8-9). "As it were," a fiery mountain was cast into the sea (8-9). This is not a literal mountain. This could be a huge meteor, i.e. a body of matter that enters the earth's atmosphere. If this were to happen it would create a tremendous dust plume that would envelope the entire planet, block out the sun and raise temperatures where the asteroid made impact. Billions could die, and much of life on earth would be destroyed. One third of the sea will be turned to blood. One third of the sea creatures will die. One third of the ships will be destroyed. This will be an ecological disaster. Oceans cover 70 percent of earth's surface.

3RD TRUMPET: The fresh waters smitten (10-11). A burning star falls from heaven on the rivers (10-11). This is probably an asteroid that will fall into the rivers and lakes. The name of the "star" is called wormwood (bitter). Proverbs 5:4 says immorality produces bitterness like wormwood. This asteroid is a judgment on earth's immorality.

4TH TRUMPET: The heavens smitten (12-13). One third of the sun, moon, and stars are darkened (12). This judgment reaches into the atmospheric heavens. The judgment will affect the entire world. This judgment is prophesied in other places (Joel 2:1-2; Luke 21:25-26); Matthew 24:9; Hebrews 12:26-28). Three woes are pronounced by an angel regarding the next three judgments (13).

5TH TRUMPET: Men smitten (9:1-12). The army from the bottomless pit (1). Satan (a star) is cast out of Heaven (Isaiah 14:12; Luke 10:19; Revelation 12:7-9). He will be given the key to the bottomless pit (the underworld of demons, literally the abyss). God has cast evil angels there “to be reserved for the last time” (II Peter 2:4). Satan will open the bottomless pit (2), releasing locusts and smoke on the earth (3). These aren’t ordinary locusts. They are an army of demons released to hurt those who follow the Antichrist. Satan is the angel of the bottomless pit. He is called Destroyer (11). All mankind will be afflicted except the 144,000.

6TH TRUMPET: Men killed (9:13-21). The army from the east (13-21). Four angels will be loosed. An army of 200 million horsemen will be released to cross the Euphrates River and make war with the inhabitants of earth. One third of mankind will be killed. The rest of mankind will not repent. They will worship demons and idols. They will not repent of their murders, sorceries, sexual immorality, or theft (20-21).

CHAPTER 10: THE LITTLE BOOK

1. Who is the mighty angel? (1)
 - Not Jesus. He never appeared as the Angel of the Lord after the incarnation
Another means of the same kind (as the other angels)
 - Angels are created beings. Jesus created them (Colossians 1:16)
2. What is the little book? (2-6)
 - This book contains remaining judgments of the Tribulation
3. What does it mean there will be delay no longer? (6)
 - This means the final judgments will begin
4. What are the seven thunders? (3, 7)
 - They will remain a mystery until they are needed
5. Why was John told to eat the book? (8-11)
 - John had to taste the bitterness of judgment before He preached them

Ezekiel 3:1-3

- Eat it (1-3)
- Speak it (4)
- They will not listen to you, because they will not listen to Me (5-7)
- Receive in your **heart** and **hear** what I speak (10)

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THINGS TO THINK ABOUT:

1. False prophets and false teachers don't mention judgment, because false Christians don't like to hear it.
2. False prophets only preach good news, because false Christians only receive good news.
3. If there is no bad news, why do we need good news?
4. Those who speak for God, declare the whole counsel of God

John 3:14-18