

SEVEN TRUMPETS

Scope: This lesson details the seven trumpets of God that will be sounded.

After the 7 seals are opened, there comes 7 trumpets that are ready to be sounded. Each trumpet blast brings a different judgment (or wrath) to the earth.



Rev. 8:6

6 Then the seven angels with the seven trumpets prepared to blow their mighty blasts. NLT

1st TRUMPET

Rev. 8:7

7 The first angel blew his trumpet, and hail and fire mixed with blood were thrown down upon the earth, and one-third of the earth was set on fire. One-third of the trees were burned, and all the grass was burned. NLT

Results:

- Hail & fire mingled with blood were cast upon the earth.
- 1/3 of the trees were burned up
- All the green grass was burned up

This most likely a literal event. God has literally done this type of phenomenon in the past.

Exodus 9:22-26

22 Then the LORD said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand toward heaven, that there may be hail in all the land of Egypt — on man, on beast, and on every herb of the field, throughout the land of Egypt." 23 And Moses stretched out his rod toward heaven; and the LORD sent thunder and hail, and fire darted to the ground. And the LORD rained hail on the land of Egypt. 24 So there was hail, and fire mingled with the hail, so very heavy that there was none like it in all the land of Egypt since it became a nation. 25 And the hail struck throughout the whole land of Egypt, all that was in the field, both man and beast; and the hail struck every herb of the field and broke every tree of the field. 26 Only in the land of Goshen, where the children of Israel were, there was no hail. NKJV

EFFECTS ON PEOPLE:

Less trees and grass equates to less oxygen to breathe.

Less grass results in less vegetation and land animals. Food will become scarce.

2nd TRUMPET**Rev. 8:8-9**

8 Then the second angel blew his trumpet, and a great mountain of fire was thrown into the sea. And one-third of the water in the sea became blood. 9 And one-third of all things living in the sea died. And one-third of all the ships on the sea were destroyed. NLT

This is a huge meteor like a mountain smashing into the sea.

Results:

- Enormous Meteor hitting the sea
- 1/3 of the sea will become blood
- 1/3 of sea life will die
- 1/3 of the ships will be destroyed

- This also has occurred in the past (Ex. 7:19-21)

- There is a meteor in space that is hovering the earth until that trumpet sounds and God send it to the earth. He controls the meteors like he controls the lightings (Job 38)

- Astronomers have always entertained the notion that a large meteor may hit the earth someday.



- You have movies like “Deep Impact” that try to portray what it would be like.
- Scientists believe a meteor like this one has already hit the earth once leading to the extinction of the dinosaurs.

3rd TRUMPET

Rev. 8:10-11

10 Then the third angel blew his trumpet, and a great flaming star fell out of the sky, burning like a torch. It fell upon one-third of the rivers and on the springs of water. 11 The name of the star was Bitterness. It made one-third of the water bitter, and many people died because the water was so bitter. NLT

Results:

- A burning star will fall from heaven upon 1/3 of rivers and upon the fountains of waters
- 1/3 of the waters will become bitter
- Many men will die of thirst

Note: Wormwood is a plant with a strong, bitter taste. It isn't poisonous.

- This is the opposite of the miracle that was done in Marah. (Ex. 15:25).
- Moses was leading the people out of Egypt and they went 3 days into the wilderness and did not find water. When they came to Marah, they found water but they couldn't drink because it was bitter. They grumbled against Moses and so he cried out to God. God then showed him a piece of wood. He took it and cast it into the water and made the water sweet.
- It is agreed that a human person can live up to 3 days without water. This bitter water will result in severe dehydration.
- **Personal Note:** Can these plagues be the catalyst that ushers the ant-Christ as supreme ruler of earth. If countries are suffering under these horrific conditions, they would definitely welcome a "savior" to come in with solutions to their problems.

4th TRUMPET

Rev. 8:12-13

12 Then the fourth angel blew his trumpet, and one-third of the sun was struck, and one-third of the moon, and one-third of the stars, and they became dark. And one-third of the day was dark and one-third of the night also. 13 Then I looked up. And I heard a single eagle crying loudly as it flew through the air, "Terror, terror, terror to all who belong to this world because of what will happen when the last three angels blow their trumpets. NLT

Results:

- 1/3 of the sun will darken
- 1/3 of moon will darken
- 1/3 of stars will darken
- 1/3 of the day will be without light
- 1/3 of the night will be without light
- This will literally happen.
- Exodus 10:21-23 => Moses brought darkness for 3 days
- Darkness is the setting for evil. Evil will become to cover the earth.
- Darkness brings out the worst in people (Haiti has a crisis of multitude of rapes during the nights after the earthquake in 2010)
- The three woes stand for the 3 trumpets that are left.

5th TRUMPET

Rev. 9:1

Then the fifth angel blew his trumpet, and I saw a star that had fallen to earth from the sky, and he was given the key to the shaft of the bottomless pit. NLT

This star is an angel that fell from Heaven. It's making mention of Lucifer who fell as a result of his pride. (Ezekiel 28:17. Isaiah 14:12)



- The bottomless pit is also known as the Abyss. It is a place that demons are held captive until this appointed time.
- When Jesus was casting out legion from the man of the Gaderenes, they [demons] begged him not to send them to the Abyss.

Luke 8:31

31 And they begged Him that He would not command them to go out into the abyss. NKJV

Rev. 9:2-5

2 When he opened it, smoke poured out as though from a huge furnace, and the sunlight and air were darkened by the smoke. 3 Then locusts came from the smoke and descended on the earth, and they were given power to sting like scorpions. 4 They were told not to hurt the grass or plants or trees but to attack all the people who did not have the seal of God on their foreheads. 5 They were told not to kill them but to torture them for five months with agony like the pain of scorpion stings. NLT

- These locusts have the power to bring death but they will bring something worse than death. They will bring suffering.
- Note: A lot of people would rather die than suffer. But they don't understand that dying without Christ will lead to worse suffering than what they are experiencing now.
- These locusts will make people suffer but will not kill them.

- However, it will not touch the elect. Those who have been sealed by God. They will attack the rest of the people. Possibly not the believers but those who have not given their life to God will be attacked.
- What is that Seal? It is not known. It may or may not be something tangible or visible.

Rev. 9:6

6 In those days people will seek death but will not find it. They will long to die, but death will flee away! NLT

- They would rather die than suffer the excruciating pain, but they will not be able to die. Death will run away from people.

Rev. 9:7-12

7 The locusts looked like horses armed for battle. They had gold crowns on their heads, and they had human faces. 8 Their hair was long like the hair of a woman, and their teeth were like the teeth of a lion. 9 They wore armor made of iron, and their wings roared like an army of chariots rushing into battle. 10 They had tails that stung like scorpions, with power to torture people. This power was given to them for five months. 11 Their king is the angel from the bottomless pit; his name in Hebrew is Abaddon, and in Greek, Apollyon — the Destroyer. 12 The first terror is past, but look, two more terrors are coming! NLT

- The Locust are likely to be fallen angels that will be given this power.
- These are probably the Angels from the Ancient world that were imprisoned in Tartarus?

2 Peter 2:4

4 For God did not spare even the angels when they sinned; he threw them into hell, in gloomy caves and darkness until the judgment day. NLT

1 Peter 3:19

19 So he went and preached to the spirits in prison — NLT

- Angels, fallen or heavenly, can transform into other forms so they can also transform into these scorpion beasts.

2 Cor. 11:14

14 And no wonder! For Satan himself transforms himself into an angel of light. NKJV

- He also took the form of a serpent. God's heavenly angels transformed themselves into men.
- The angel of the bottomless pit is none other than Satan. The names Abaddon and Apollyon both mean "Destroyer" or "A destroying angel".

- In Revelation 20:3- Satan himself will be locked up in this Abyss during the time of the millennium.

Results:

- Locusts with the power of scorpions will attack everyone that is not sealed
- Many will try to die, but will not be able to
- There will be continuous suffering for 5 months

6th TRUMPET**Rev. 9:13-21**

13 Then the sixth angel blew his trumpet, and I heard a voice speaking from the four horns of the gold altar that stands in the presence of God. 14 And the voice spoke to the sixth angel who held the trumpet: "Release the four angels who are bound at the great Euphrates River." 15 And the four angels who had been prepared for this hour and day and month and year were turned loose to kill one-third of all the people on earth. 16 They led an army of 200 million mounted troops — I heard an announcement of how many there were.

17 And in my vision, I saw the horses and the riders sitting on them. The riders wore armor that was fiery red and sky blue and yellow. The horses' heads were like the heads of lions, and fire and smoke and burning sulfur billowed from their mouths. 18 One-third of all the people on earth were killed by these three plagues — by the fire and the smoke and burning sulfur that came from the mouths of the horses. 19 Their power was in their mouths, but also in their tails. For their tails had heads like snakes, with the power to injure people.

20 But the people who did not die in these plagues still refused to turn from their evil deeds. They continued to worship demons and idols made of gold, silver, bronze, stone, and wood — idols that neither see nor hear nor walk! 21 And they did not repent of their murders or their witchcraft or their immorality or their thefts. NLT

Results:

- 1/3 of mankind will die
- This is a time of war. Scriptures mention that an army of 200 million will come against Israel to war. Many speculate that this army is the great army of China. Others say it will be Russia.
- Those who are left alive, yet did not repent of their wicked ways.
- Repentance is going to be much tougher than we think. It's going to be tough to find.

- If one thinks they can neglect the things of God right now, thinking they can easily repent, believe God and be saved during the great tribulation period, they do not know what they are talking. They are making a foolish mistake.



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7th TRUMPET

Rev. 11:15-19

15 Then the seventh angel blew his trumpet, and there were loud voices shouting in heaven: "The whole world has now become the Kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ, and he will reign forever and ever."

16 And the twenty-four elders sitting on their thrones before God fell on their faces and worshiped him. 17 And they said, "We give thanks to you, Lord God Almighty, the one who is and who always was, for now you have assumed your great power and have begun to reign. 18 The nations were angry with you, but now the time of your wrath has come. It is time to judge the dead and reward your servants. You will reward your prophets and your holy people, all who fear your name, from the least to the greatest. And you will destroy all who have caused destruction on the earth."

19 Then, in heaven, the Temple of God was opened and the Ark of his covenant could be seen inside the Temple. Lightning flashed, thunder crashed and roared; there was a great hailstorm, and the world was shaken by a mighty earthquake. NLT

- This is very similar to the description in Rev. 4.
- The 24 elders announce the time for God's wrath, and the rewards for the saints. This may refer to the Judgment seat of Christ or of those under the altar in Seal #5.
- The ark of the covenant has always represented God's Glory. It was like his throne. His presence sat upon the mercy seat in between the Cherubim.
- Jesus sits on top of the throne of mercy and he has angels all around him saying "Holy Holy Holy"
- This was the end of the 7 trumpets of God and the last woe.
- There is now preparations to begin the final outpouring of God's wrath.