

YOUR JOURNEY TO JESUS

Bible Study Group



He Changes the Hearts and
Minds of All Who Receive Him

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Revelation 8: The Seventh Seal, Prelude to the Seven Trumpets

Good evening, and welcome to our Tuesday Night Bible Study. Tonight, we begin our study of Revelation 8. This chapter opens with a period of silence in heaven, and in this silence John sees seven angels standing before God, each given a trumpet. The first four trumpets reveal the severity of God's judgment, yet they also reveal His mercy, as the destruction is partial rather than total. This may serve as a warning to a rebellious world, calling it to repent and return to Him before the final judgment arrives. The topics we will be reading and discussing are as follows:

- **Seventh Seal:** Prelude to the Seven Trumpets (verses 1-6)
- **First Trumpet:** Vegetation Is Struck (verse 7)
- **Second Trumpet:** The Seas Are Struck (verses 8-9)
- **Third Trumpet:** The Rivers and Spring Waters Are Struck (verses 10-11)
- **Fourth Trumpet:** The Heavens Struck Are Struck (verses 12-13)

The Trumpets of Old

- [Exodus 19:18-20](#) (When the blast of the trumpet sounded long and became louder and louder, Moses spoke, and God answered him by voice)
- [Numbers 10:1-10](#) (And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying: Make two silver trumpets for yourself; you shall make them of hammered work; you shall use them for calling the congregation and for directing the movement of the camps)
- [Jeremiah 4:5-7,21-29](#), (Blow the trumpet in the land; cry, 'Gather together,' and say, 'Assemble yourselves, and let us go into the fortified cities)
- [Joel 2:1-11](#) (Blow the trumpet in Zion, and sound an alarm in My holy mountain! Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble; for the day of the Lord is coming, for it is at hand)
- [Joel 2:12-17](#) (Now, therefore," says the Lord, "Turn to Me with all your heart, With fasting, with weeping, and with mourning)

Many Will Fall But Some Will Be Preserved

- [Ezekiel 5:5-17](#) (One-third of you shall die of the pestilence, and be consumed with famine in your midst; and one-third shall fall by the sword all around you; and I will scatter another third to all the winds, and I will draw out a sword after them)
- [Zechariah 13:7-9](#) (And it shall come to pass in all the land, says the Lord, that two-thirds in it shall be cut off and die, but one-third shall be left in it)
- [Isaiah 48:9-11](#) (For My name's sake I will defer My anger, and for My praise I will restrain it from you, so that I do not cut you off; behold, I have refined you, but not as silver; I have tested you in the furnace of affliction)

The Coming of the King of Glory, His Kingdom, and His People

- [Matthew 13:24-30,36-43](#) (The parable of the wheat and the tares)
- [Matthew 13:47-50](#) (The parable of the dragnet)
- [Matthew 16:27-28](#) (For the Son of Man will come in the glory of His Father with His angels, and then He will reward each according to his works)
- [Matthew 18:1-7,10-14](#) (Assuredly, I say to you, unless you are converted and become as little children, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven)

The Day of the Lord Is Imminent

- [Isaiah 2:5-19](#) (For You have forsaken Your people, the house of Jacob, because they are filled with eastern ways)
- [Isaiah 13:9-13](#) (Behold, the day of the Lord comes, cruel, with both wrath and fierce anger, to lay the land desolate; and He will destroy its sinners from it)
- [Jeremiah 46:10,27-28](#) (For this is the day of the Lord God of hosts, a day of vengeance, that He may avenge Himself on His adversaries)
- [2 Peter 3:10-18](#) (But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up)
- [Joel 1:13-20](#) (Alas for the day; for the day of the Lord is at hand; it shall come as destruction from the Almighty)
- [Ezekiel 14:1-23](#) (Idolatry will be punished)
- [Jeremiah 51:17-23](#) (He has made the earth by His power; He has established the world by His wisdom, and stretched out the heaven by His understanding)
- [Amos 7:4-6](#) (Thus the Lord God showed me: Behold, the Lord God called for conflict by fire, and it consumed the great deep and devoured the territory)
- [Exodus 7:17-21](#) (By this you shall know that I am the Lord. Behold, I will strike the waters which are in the river with the rod that is in my hand, and they shall be turned to blood)

The Destruction That Went Forth Then, and Is Unfolding Now

- [Exodus 7:17-21](#) ((The fifth plague sent on Egypt)
- [Exodus 9:23-25](#) (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)
- [Exodus 10:21-23](#) (The ninth plague sent on Egypt)
- [Joel 2:30-32](#) (And I will show wonders in the heavens and in the earth: blood and fire and pillars of smoke. The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the coming of the great and awesome day of the Lord)
- [Isaiah 28:16-19](#) (Behold, I lay in Zion a stone for a foundation, a tried stone, a precious cornerstone, a sure foundation; whoever believes will not act hastily)
- [Isaiah 28:2](#) (Behold, the Lord has a mighty and strong one, like a tempest of hail and a destroying storm, like a flood of mighty waters overflowing, who will bring them down to the earth with His hand)
- [Ezekiel 38:19-22](#) (or in My jealousy and in the fire of My wrath I have spoken: 'Surely in that day there shall be a great earthquake in the land of Israel)
- [John 5:37-47](#) (And the Father Himself, who sent Me, has testified of Me. You have neither heard His voice at any time, nor seen His form)

God Uses His Angels for His Own Purpose

- [Job 1:6-7](#) (Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the Lord, and Satan also came among them)
- [Genesis 28:10-15](#) (A ladder was set up on the earth, and its top reached to heaven; and there the angels of God were ascending and descending on it)
- [Genesis 32:24-29](#) (Then Jacob was left alone; and a Man wrestled with him until the breaking of day)
- [Genesis 19 :24-29](#) (Then the Lord rained brimstone and fire on Sodom and Gomorrah, from the Lord out of the heavens)
- [Psalm 68:17-20,32-35](#) (The chariots of God are twenty thousand, even thousands of thousands; the Lord is among them as in Sinai, in the Holy Place)
- [Luke 1:5-22](#) (The angel used to announce the birth of John)
- [Luke 1:26-38](#) (The angel used to announce the birth of Jesus Christ)
- [2 Kings 19:35-37](#) (And it came to pass on a certain night that the angel of the Lord went out, and killed in the camp of the Assyrians one hundred and eighty-five thousand)
- [Matthew 24:29-31,37-44](#) (And He will send His angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they will gather together His elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other)
- [Matthew 25:31-46](#) (When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then He will sit on the throne of His glory)

- [Matthew 26:52-54](#) (Do you think that I cannot now pray to My Father, and He will provide Me with more than twelve legions of angels)
- [Luke 12:8-10](#) (Whoever confesses Me before men, him the Son of Man also will confess before the angels of God)
- [Luke 15:8-10](#) (Likewise, I say to you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents)
- [John 20:11-18](#) (Mary saw two angels in white sitting, one at the head and the other at the feet, where the body of Jesus had lain)
- [Acts 7:51-52](#) (You stiff-necked and uncircumcised in heart and ears; you always resist the Holy Spirit; as your fathers did, so do you)
- [Psalm 91:1-16](#) (For He shall give His angels charge over you, to keep you in all your ways)