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Week 4 – The 7 Trumpets

Revelation 8:1

*“When He opened
the seventh seal
there was silence
in heaven.”*

***The Sabbath of
stillness proved
God's might.***

Revelation 8:2

“I saw the seven angels who stand before God and to them were given seven trumpets.”

Luke 1:19

“And the angel answered and said to him, ‘I am Gabriel, who stands in the presence of God; and I have been sent to speak to you and to bring to you this good news.’”

Two Angels

• ***Gabriel***

• ***Michael***

Revelation 8:3-5

“Another angel who had a golden censor came and stood at the altar. He was given much incense to offer with the prayers of the saints on the golden altar before the throne. The smoke of the incense together with the prayers of the saints went up before God from this angel’s hand and the angel took this censor and he filled it with fire from the altar and he hurled it to the earth and there came peals of thunder and rumbling and flashes of lightning and an earthquake.”

The altar of incense that belonged in God's presence was a place of prayer.

This altar was also mentioned in Revelation 5.

The altar of incense is just outside the Holy of Holies and that means that it was placed as close to God's presence as possible.

**The Bible then says
that some coals were
then taken from that
altar and were
thrown to the earth.**

Leviticus 16:12-13

“Here’s how you have to do it. Take the coals from the altar of sacrifice and take them to the altar of incense and that’s what burns the incense. You can’t use any other fire. It can only be those coals that can be brought to that altar.”

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The prayers that are offered up, the fire that burns it comes from the altar of sacrifice and there's no doubt that the altar of sacrifice is a symbol to us today of Jesus Christ.

“Your prayers go before Me. They are in My presence. They are a sweet aroma to Me.”

They not only delight God, but they move Him to action.

Three Different Kinds of Tribulation

***1. First of all there are the
trials of everyday life.***

Three Different Kinds of Tribulation

*2. There is something
in the Bible called the
Great Tribulation.*

Three Different Kinds of Tribulation

***3. A 3rd expression of what
God's going to do in the
end is called throughout
the Old Testament
and again in the
New Testament,
The Day of the Lord.***

Revelation 8:6-8

“The seven angels who had the seven trumpets prepared to sound them. The first angel sounded his trumpet and there came hail and fire mixed with blood and it was hurled down upon the earth. A third of the earth was burned up and a third of the trees and the green grass. The second angel sounded the trumpet and something like a huge mountain all ablaze was thrown into the sea. A third of the sea turned into blood.”

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***1. One-third of the
Earth destroyed.***

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***2. One-third of the
sea destroyed.***

Joel 2:30

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3. One-third of the fresh water destroyed.

“A great star blazing like a torch fell from the sky on a third of the rivers and on the springs of water. The name of the star is Wormwood. A third of the waters turned bitter and many people died from the waters that had become bitter.”

– Revelation 8:10-11

Exodus 15:23-25

“What are we going to drink.”

“Then he cried out to the Lord and the Lord showed him a tree. And he threw the tree into the waters and the waters became sweet.”

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4. One-third of sun, moon, and stars destroyed.

“The fourth angel sounded his trumpet and a third of the sun was struck, a third of the moon, a third of the stars so that a third of them turned dark. A third of the day was without light and also a third of the night.”

– Revelation 8:12

The Judgments

**The first four judgments –
Nature**

***The last three judgments –
Man***

**To really come to grips
with what the book of
Revelation teaches and how
to understand all the
prophetic studies what's
going to happen in the
future, you have to
understand the difference
between three things.**

The Difference Between Three Things

1. Prophetic Revelation

2. Prophetic Interpretation

3. Prophetic Speculation

Prophetic Revelation – God has revealed himself very clearly.

Prophetic Interpretation – Where there may be two or three ideas that Christians have had over the last 2000 years as they've studied a particular passage.

Prophetic Speculation – *“I think it could mean this... based on what I see or some headlines I read today. It's sort of what I think.”*

Prophetic Revelation – God will judge the world with destruction.

Prophetic Interpretation – The judgments that are in the book of Revelation do they occur all at the same time or do they occur one right after the other?

Prophetic Speculation –
“The means for destruction is nuclear explosion.”

**The Left Behind
Series –
Speculation**

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5. Mankind is tortured and locusts come.

“A fifth angel sounded his trumpet and I saw a star that had fallen from the sky to earth. The star was given the key to the shaft of the abyss. When he opened the abyss smoke rose from it like smoke from a gigantic furnace and the sun and the sky were darkened by this smoke and out of the smoke locusts came down upon the earth and were given power like that of the scorpions of the earth.”

– Revelation 9:1-3

Revelation 9:7

“These locusts looked like horses prepared for battle. On their heads they wore something like crowns of gold and their faces resembled human faces.”

Revelation 9:8-9

“They have breastplates like breastplates of iron and the sound of their wings was like the thundering of many horses and chariots. They had tails and stings like scorpions and in its tail they had the power to torment people for five months. And they had as king over them the angel of the abyss whose name in Hebrew is Abaddon and in Greek Apollyon which means Destroyer.”

Revelation 9:5

“Here’s who you can strike. Here’s how far you can go. You can’t kill them. Here’s how long it can last –five months.”

Three Purposes of these end time events

1. To unmask Satan.

**Three Purposes of
these end time events**

2. To judge sin.

Three Purposes of these end time events

***3. To invite
Salvation***

What is this “abyss”?

Hades – A temporary place where demons reside and where those who don't know Christ are awaiting judgment.

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6. One-third of man-kind destroyed.

“The sixth angel sounded his trumpet. I heard a voice coming from the horns of the golden altar that was before God. It said to the sixth angel, ‘Release the four angels who are bound at the great river Euphrates.’”

– Revelation 9:13-14

Revelation 9:16

“The number of the mounted troops was twice ten thousand times ten thousand. I heard their number.”

Revelation 9:17-18

“Their breastplates were fiery red, dark blue, yellow as sulfur. The heads of the horses resembled heads of lions and out of their mouths came fire and smoke and sulfur.”

Revelation –
these troops –
God reveals to us that
they will destroy a
third of mankind.

Two Interpretations for two hundred million troops

- 1. they are a great human army that God uses as an instrument of judgment.**
- 2. they are a demonic army and the same demons that were released to torture earlier are now released to kill and destroy.**

Speculation –

**these troops are
the army of China
(largest army in
the world).**

**Don't get so caught
up in **Speculation**
that you miss the
Revelation.**

Revelation 9:20-21

“The rest of mankind that were not killed by these plagues still did not repent of the work of their hands.

They did not stop worshipping demons, the idols of gold, silver, bronze, stone and wood, idols that cannot see, hear or walk. Nor did they repent of their murders, their magic arts, their sexual immorality or their thefts.”

Three Descriptions

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***1. They're Rebelliously
Unrepentant.***

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**2. They're Religiously
Idolatrous.**

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3. Morally Decadent.

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