

The Book Of The Revelation of Jesus Christ

Chapter Eight

The Seven Trumpets

Focus Verse: **Revelation 8:13**

“And I beheld, and heard an angel flying through the midst of heaven, saying with a loud voice, Woe, woe, woe, to the inhabitants of the earth by reason of the other voices of the trumpet of the three angels, which are yet to sound!”

I. Introduction - Where Are We?

Here we are going to attempt to place some of the events that we have read about, and are about to read about in the Book of the Revelation on a prophetic “time-line.” Some things to note about Scriptural prophecy:

- A. Prophecy really is simple to work with
- B. Scripture most often is chronological, but does not always have to be
- C. If a scripture doesn’t make sense, it is because of any of the following reasons:
 1. Nothing like what is being talked about may never have happened before (ie, the flood in Noah’s day)
 2. You have not found a cross-reference verse that would explain the passage from a different light
 3. Or, you have not learned yet that FACT (the Bible) is always wilder than FICTION (as portrayed on TV, radio, and in magazines)!

II. Introduction To The Lesson

As far as I can tell, the Book of the Revelation from chapters 6-19 is divided up into 4 sections. Three deal with the specific judgments of seals (5-7), trumpets (8-11), and vials (15-19), and the fourth deals with the seven specific works of the Antichrist (12-14). Probably, each of these sections runs the reader through the entire seven years of the Tribulation each time. Whatever these divisions may be, we know that the ending of each definitely starts the whole judgment process over again just as you would read the four Gospels (Matthew, then Mark, Luke, then John).

	Judgments							
Trib Event	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	(Gap)	7th
7 Seals (6:1-8:1)	White Horse Antichrist False Peace	Red Horse Wars	Black Horse Famine	Pale Horse Death & Hell	Great Persecution Genocide	Earthquake Sun Darkened	144,000 Witnesses	Silence
7 Trumpets (8:2-11:19)	Fire & Hail	Meteor	Comet “Wormwood”	Sun & Moon Darkened	Plague of Locusts	Army of 200,000,000	The Little Book	The “Last” Trumpet
7 Persons (12:1- 14:20)	A Woman	A Red Dragon	A Man Child	Michael	The False Prophet	The Living Image of the Beast	The Lamb and the 144,000	The Son of Man and the Death Angel
7 Vials (15:1- 18:24)	Grievous Sore	Sea becomes Blood	Rivers become Blood	The Sun Novas	Darkness	Euphrates Dries Up	BABYLON	“It is DONE”

Table 5 - List of Tribulation Judgments

III. Lesson - The First of the Seven Trumpets, or The Worst is Yet To Come (8:1-13)

A. **The Seventh Seal** - _____ (8:1)

Can you imagine this? Implies here, as well as when the seventh judgment occurs with any of the four divisions, that the end of the Tribulation is in view (see the 7th Trumpet 11:15; the 7th Vial 16:17; and the 7th personage 14:18).

B. First Trumpet (8:2-7) - 33% of All _____ Are Burned Up!

1. The land and its ecological systems are affected.
2. The altar of incense is related to the prayers of the saints (8:3,4)
3. The answer to their prayers is the judgment of this world by *fire*
4. The judgment starts off with 1/3 of all the trees burning up - what an ECOLOGICAL thought! This is the same as the 7th Egyptian plague (Ex 9:22-26)

C. Second Trumpet (8:8,9) - 33% of the Sea Became _____

The sea and its ecological systems are affected. See Ex 7:19-21 for the sea being turned to blood before in the first Egyptian plague. This is probably either a large land mass sinking into an ocean (like California), or a meteor falling into an ocean. Note the words, "and as it were a great mountain." This judgment matches the first Vial in 16:2,3.

D. Third Trumpet (8:10,11) - 33% of the Rivers Become _____

1. The rivers and their ecological systems are affected.
2. A comet named "Wormwood" falls to the earth and disintegrates over a large portion of land. Cf Jer 9:15; 51:25 - A VERY intoxicating herb!

E. Fourth Trumpet (8:12,13) - 33% of the Sun and Moon _____

1. The atmosphere and its ecological systems is affected.
2. Seems to match the sixth seal of 6:12, and the fifth Vial in 16:10.
3. Yet, the worst is YET TO COME (8:13)!

IV. Conclusion - Some Questions

1. Provide one of the three reasons given why Scripture sometimes may not make sense to you: _____

2. How many sections is the Book of the Revelation divided up into? _____
3. What is the name of the star that falls to the earth and affects the rivers? _____
4. Describe how each series of "seven judgments" ends as we looked at it in the Table: _____
