

Sermon Discussion Guide:

The Seven Trumpets (Part 1)

Sunday, May 23, 2021

Scripture: **Revelation 8:6–9:21**

Series: **Revelation**

OVERVIEW

This passage follows the breaking of the seven seals described in Revelation 6:1–8:5. The seals, which depicted the unfolding plan of God, could only be opened by the Lamb of God. After the seventh seal is opened, there is 30 minutes of silence after which the seven angels enter the scene. In this section, these seven angels blow their trumpets one by one. With each successive trumpet blast, another catastrophic global chain of events is unleashed. **This worldly devastation is a preview and a warning of God's coming judgement on wickedness.**

CORROBORATING TEXTS

Revelation 6:9–10; Luke 10:17–20

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Who is this letter addressed to and what is the purpose of the letter?
2. What is the overall theme of the letter and why is it important to keep this in mind as we listen to it being read and preached from?
3. What do the seven trumpets tell us about the scale and extent of God's sovereignty?
[Physical—from cosmic to micro; Spiritual—demonic and relational]
4. Fallen man sees sin as only offending man or nature but redeemed man understands that sin is an offense against God. How does this difference affect how we cope under difficult and seemingly chaotic times?
5. What does God promise his people in the midst of this tribulation?
6. The acts of judgment described in this section are a foreshadowing of the ultimate judgment. What do these communicate to
 - a. the wicked
 - b. those longing to see judgement on the wicked, and
 - c. to the church?
7. Re-read Revelation 9:20–21. What does this imply about the depth of man's depravity and what is your response to these verses?