

Seven Trumpets of the Tribulation – Blasts of Destruction

Revelation 8-11

[REVELATION 8:1-13](#)

- I. John saw Angels standing in Heaven in God's presence with 7 Trumpets after a (half-hour) period of silence.
 - Trumpets are used to call to war.
 - Trumpets are sometimes used to call to worship.
 - Trumpets are sometimes used to call together a convocation of people to proclaim festivals ([Ex. 19:16](#); [Amos 3:6](#); [Zeph. 1:14-16](#)).
 - Trumpets used for arrival of Royalty.
 - Trumpets used to summons to battle.
 - Trumpets used as a signal of alarm.
- II. These 7 Angels prepared themselves to sound the trumpets. They had been given the trumpets – they were in their positions – they were ready.
- III. What were these Trumpets?
 1. The trumpet is a judgment which takes place in the Tribulation – Each trumpet is a judgment.
 2. These trumpets are directed toward unbelieving Gentiles.
 3. In chapter 8 we have 4 of the 7 trumpets.
 4. In the first 4 trumpets, *nature* is affected.
 5. In the last 3 trumpets, *mankind* is affected.
 6. In 7 verses we have the 1st 4 trumpets – [Rev. 8:7-13](#)
 - Rev. 8:7 1st trumpet
 - Rev. 8:8, 9 2nd trumpet
 - Rev. 8:10, 11 3rd trumpet
 - Rev. 8:12 4th trumpet
 7. In 51 verses we have the last 3 Trumpets ([Revelation 9:1 through 11:19](#)).
 - [Rev. 9:1](#) 5th trumpet
 - [Rev. 9:13](#) 6th trumpet
 - [Rev. 11:15](#) 7th trumpet

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- IV. Before the trumpets were sounded (expressed) John saw another angel with a golden censer – [Rev. 8:3-6](#)
1. This angel came and stood at the altar.
 2. This angel has a golden censer (which is a small gold shovel used to carry incense or coals [Ex. 30:1-10](#); [Ex. 37:25-28](#))
 3. [Revelation 8:3](#) tells us that there *"was much incense"*, which means *prayers acceptable to God*.
 4. Who's Prayers? The prayers of all saints – these are the dying Gentile believers in the Tribulation.
 5. These prayers were for deliverance from their enemies.
 6. [Revelation 8:5](#) tells us how these prayers were answered!
 7. The fire of Rev. 8:5 means Judgment – God's Fiery Judgment
 8. These Gentile believers who are going to die in the Tribulation will pray for those persecuting them, and then REST in the LORD (Turning the matter over completely to the Lord – Rest in Faith [RIF]).
- V. First Trumpet – [Rev. 8:6, 7](#) (Description and Results)
1. The Judgment is manifested by FIRE, HAIL, and Blood.
 2. The result of this Judgment is revealed by 1/3 of the trees being destroyed, and all green grass burned up. This is judgment through vegetation. Grass and trees will be used to administer judgment.
 3. Joel 2:30, 31 speaks of signs preceding the 2nd Advent. *"³⁰And I will show wonders in the heavens and in the earth, blood, and fire, and pillars of smoke. ³¹The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the great and terrible day of the Lord come."*
 4. Hail and Fire mingled with BLOOD (reveals death and bloodshed).
- VI. Second Trumpet – [Rev. 8:8, 9](#)
1. And the second angel trumpeted *"and as it were a great mountain burning with fire was cast into the sea"* – John does not say it was a mountain – This has to be a great volcanic eruption, some say. Others say, a meteor mass ablaze with fire. A BURNING MASS on the sea, and it turns a 1/3 part of the sea into blood.
 2. Results of this burning mass is *as it were a mountain* – 1/3 of sea becoming blood – 1/3 of the living creatures in the sea die – and 1/3 of the ships destroyed. (What? Perhaps a Tidal Wave?)

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VII. Third Trumpet – [Rev. 8:10-11](#)

1. When the third trumpet sounded a "GREAT STAR" fell from Heaven burning like lamp – *torch*.
2. Results of this meteor which will be in the form of Torch (It will have a blasting path – with gaseous vapors exploding along the way). Water will absorb these noxious gases.
 - The "*rivers and fountains will be poisoned, and made bitter*"
 - People will die from drinking of these poisoned waters.
 - Waters become Wormwood, because the star was called wormwood (Greek word αψινθός)
 - The English word is Absinthe (pronounced *ab-sinth*). This is an herb, having a pronounced licorice flavor – extremely bitter. The prophet Jeremiah spoke of Wormwood in [Jeremiah 9:13-15](#).

VIII. Fourth Trumpet – [Rev. 8:12](#)

1. When the trumpet sounded, the Sun, Moon, and Stars were *smitten* – struck.
2. Results are similar to the 6th Seal in [Rev. 6:12](#) – This is a natural catastrophe – This means that during the tribulation, nature will be acting up. These are natural disasters, which affect people in relationship to water, food, shelter, etc. YET THERE IS MORE TO COME – EVEN WORSE!

IX. The Flying Eagle – Warning Angel – [Rev. 8:13](#)

1. The Greek word aetou (ἀετοῦ) – [Rev. 12:14](#)
2. The word Eagle is used instead of Angel – No Problem – If God could make Balaam's Ass to speak, then He can surely use an Eagle to speak His message.
3. What was the message of the Eagle? Three words: WOE! WOE! WOE!
 - This Angel is flying where all can see.
 - This Angel is announcing where all can hear!

X. The Last 3 Trumpets:

1. WOE One – 5th trumpet ([Rev. 9:1-12](#) – the invasion from Tartarus of fallen angels, called "*sons of God*" in [Genesis 6:4](#), who had cohabited with human women to produce the Nephilim).
2. WOE Two – 6th trumpet ([Rev. 9:13ff](#) – the invasion of 4 special fallen angels – super angels under the command of Satan).
3. WOE Three – 7th trumpet ([Rev. 11:15](#)) – The Baptism of Fire (Great White Throne Judgment) which immediately precedes the 1,000-year reign of our Lord Jesus Christ. THIS LEADS TO THE 2ND ADVENT!