

Revelation 8

• Questions

1. What happened when the Lamb (6:1) opened the seventh seal and what did John see (8:1-2)?
2. What went up before God out of the angel's hand (8:3-4)?
3. What happened when the angel cast down fire from the altar (8:5)?
4. What happened to the earth when the first angel sounded his trumpet (8:6-7)?
5. What happened to the sea when the second angel sounded his trumpet (8:8-9)?
6. What happened to the waters when the third angel sounded his trumpet (8:10-11)?
7. What happened to the sun, moon, and stars when the fourth angel sounded his trumpet (8:12)?
8. What did the eagle (angel, KJV/NKJV) flying in mid heaven say (8:13)?

• Digging Deeper

1. What were trumpets used for in Bible times (8:2)?

2. What was done at the altar of incense in the OT tabernacle (8:3)?
3. Where previous in Revelation are the prayers of the saints mentioned (8:3-4)?
4. How does Revelation 7:1-3 related to the judgments of Chapter 8?
5. How were the effects of the first four trumpets similar to the 10 plagues of Egypt (8:7-12)?
6. What is the significance of a “third part” in the first four trumpets (8:7, 9, 10, 12)?
7. What is wormwood and what was it used for (8:11)?

• **Applications for Today**

1. The opening of the seventh seal ushers in the seven trumpets; one series of judgments with the seals leads to another series of judgments with the trumpets (8:1-2). The lesson here is that there will be more time in God’s plan for punishment (upon Rome) and persecution (upon Christians). Why is God longsuffering (2 Pet. 3:9; Rev. 9:21)? What is God’s attitude toward the wicked (Ezek. 33:11)? What happens to the faithful during periods of God’s longsuffering (Jer. 15:15)?
2. God always warns mankind of his coming judgment like the blowing of a trumpet (8:2). What will happen at “the last trump” (1 Cor. 15:52)?
3. God hears the prayers of saints who are suffering on the earth (8:3-4). What are some things that Christians should and should not do in times of suffering (1 Pet. 3:8-17)?

4. “Woe” to any person who falls under God’s judgment (8:13). What “woes” did Jesus pronounce in Matthew 23 and Luke 11? What “woe” did Jude pronounce in Jude 11?