

LESSON EIGHT

Revelation 8:7 – 11

The final seventh seal of judgment inaugurates the seven trumpet judgments. From the first 6 verses of Chapter 8, it seems the prayers of the people are a catalyst for the next level of the judgment of God to finally begin. Chapters 8 and 9 can be disturbing and must have caused the apostle John anxiety because in chapters 10 and 11, God pushes the pause button. These two chapters give us the assurance that God knows exactly what He is doing.

1. How do you see the trumpet being used in Old Testament times? See Ezekiel 33:5, Judges 7:19, Zechariah 9:14 and Matthew 24:31.
2. Compare:

First trumpet Revelation 8:7	and	Exodus 9:19,23-26
Second trumpet Revelation 8:8,9	and	Exodus 7:20,21
Third trumpet Revelation 8:10-11	and	Jeremiah 9:12-15
Fourth trumpet Revelation 8:12	and	Matthew 24:31 and Luke 21:25
3. At this point, the “woe” trumpet judgments begin. There is a shift of the judgments that incorporates terrifying demonic beings. Read Revelation 9. What do you know about the abyss from Luke 8:31? Compare these verses to Joel 2:1-11. Who do you see is in control? What is the reaction of the people in Revelation 9?
4. Read Revelation 10 which is an angelic explanation of the need for judgment. What do you think is the significance of the sweet and sourness of the little scroll?
5. Chapter 11 is a chapter of hope and victory. The “holy city” in verse 2 is Jerusalem. What does Jesus say about Jerusalem in Matthew 23:37?
6. Who is the beast? See also 1 John 2:18 and 2 Thessalonians 2:3.
7. What is the significance of the ark of the covenant in Revelation 11:19? See Exodus 25:22.

Prayer Most Holy Father, from the beginning of man in the Garden of Eden there has been a battle for the hearts and souls of mankind. You desire that none should perish, but Satan desires to steal, kill and destroy. Your judgments are just and merciful. We know that it will be during the Tribulation that the greatest harvest of all time will take place. Many who do not know you will come to faith by your power and majesty. Yet there will be those who refuse to repent and come to you and your son, Jesus. Like John, we rejoice that the judgments bring about your kingdom on earth that will be as sweet as honey. But we also have heavy hearts as You do, Father, knowing that your judgments will cause some people to turn their backs completely on You. Give us eyes to see and ears to hear who we should lift up in prayer that they may come to faith in our Lord and Savior Jesus. Amen.