



UNLOCKING THE MYSTERIES OF REVELATION – PT 4

The 7 Trumpets

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When the 7th Seal is opened, there is silence. (8:1)

I. THE ANGEL AT THE ALTAR OF PRAYER (8:2-5)

3 different types of “Tribulation”

1. The trials of everyday life
2. The great tribulation
3. The day of the Lord

II. THE 7 TRUMPETS

1. 1st trumpet: destruction of a third of the earth. (8:6)
 - Compare with Exodus 9:23-26
2. 2nd trumpet: destruction of a third of the sea. (8:8)
 - Compare with Joel 2:30
3. 3rd Trumpet: destruction of a third of fresh water. (8:10)

“And when they came to Marah, they could not drink the waters of Marah, for they were bitter; therefore it was named Marah. So the people grumbled at Moses, saying, ‘What shall we drink?’ Then he cried out to the LORD, and the LORD showed him a tree; and he threw it into the waters, and the waters became sweet.” Exodus 15:23-25 (NASB)

4. 4th Trumpet: destruction of a third of the **sun.** (8:12)

It is very important when studying prophecy to distinguish the difference between:

- Prophetic **revelation**
- Prophetic **interpretation**
- Prophetic **speculation**

5. 5th Trumpet: mankind is tortured (9:1)

What are God's purposes in this time of tribulation?

- To unmask **satan**
- To judge **sin**
- To invite **salvation**

6. 6th Trumpet: destruction of a third of **mankind.** (9:13)

The Euphrates River stood at the edge of Jewish influence and of the Roman Empire.

How will people respond? (9:20-21)

- Rebelliously **unrepentant**
- Religiously **idolatrous**
- Morally **decadent**

7. The 7th trumpet will be the 7 bowls of God's wrath.