

Discussion Guide Revelation 8-11

Key Takeaways:

- The book of Revelation uses symbolic language to convey spiritual truths.
- The trumpets in Revelation represent God's judgments and wake-up calls to humanity.
- The two witnesses symbolize the faithful church throughout history.
- God's mercy is greater than His judgment, even in times of tribulation.
- Christians are called to be faithful witnesses, even in the face of persecution.

Discussion Questions:

1. How does understanding Revelation as symbolic rather than strictly literal change your perspective on end-times prophecy?
2. The podcast mentions that the "trumpets" in Revelation are wake-up calls. Can you think of any events in recent history or your own life that have served as spiritual wake-up calls?
3. How does the idea of Christians being "sealed" by God impact your view of spiritual warfare and demonic influences?
4. Discuss the concept of the church being the "two witnesses." How does this interpretation differ from what you may have heard before?
5. The podcast emphasizes God's mercy even in judgment. How does this affect your understanding of God's character?
6. What does it mean to be a "faithful witness" in today's world? Share examples from your own life or those you admire.
7. How can we maintain hope and faith in the face of apparent defeats or setbacks in our Christian walk?

Practical Applications:

This week, pay attention to news events or personal experiences that could be seen as "wake-up calls." Journal about how these might be prompting spiritual growth or repentance.

Practice sharing your faith with someone, remembering that you are part of the "two witnesses" as a member of Christ's church.

Identify an area where you've been fearful of spiritual attack. Pray daily, claiming your "seal" of protection in Christ.

Look for opportunities to demonstrate God's mercy in your interactions with others, especially those who may oppose your faith.

Commit to reading a portion of Revelation each day, asking God to reveal its symbolic meanings and applications for your life.