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DEFINITIONS (REVELATION 8:2-13)

- **Censor:** a container in which incense is burned
- **Incense:** a substance that is used often in religious ceremonies to produce a strong and pleasant smell when it is burned
- **Rebel:** a person who opposes or fights against his government; a person who opposes a person or group in authority.
- **Catastrophe:** a terrible disaster; something that happens suddenly and causes much suffering or loss to many people
- **Condemned:** a severe punishment

QUESTIONS (REVELATION 8:2-13)

1. What four truths does God want us to know from the book of Revelation?
 - Christ will return to earth in his glorified body as the Savior of his people and the judge of all
 - We cannot and will know the time of Christ's return
 - Christ's return may be sooner than we expect
 - Christ's return may be later than we expect
2. What were some of the ways trumpets were used in the Bible?

Trumpets were used to signal devastation/punishment, signal the beginning of the Day of Atonement & liberation of slaves, call Israel to assemble at the Lord's sanctuary, crowning of a new king, to make the walls of Jericho fall, and approaching attack.
3. What is the only way a rebellious heart can be changed? (Hint: Ezekiel 36:26-27)

Hearts of stone remain deaf to the signals of God's power and justice. Only the Spirit, speaking good news of grace, replaces stony hearts with those made tender to the voice of the Lord.
4. Why does God destroy or harm only a third of creation?

God is merciful and just. He wants people to repent and turn from their ways. He is giving a final opportunity for people to accept Christ's invitation for eternal life.