

**OUTLINE Revelation 2 Deconstruction Time**  
**THE 7 TRUMPETS • Part 2 of 10**  
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*“When the Lamb ripped off the seventh seal Heaven fell quite—complete silence for about half an hour.”*

Revelation 8:1 (MSG)

**THE ANGEL AT THE ALTAR OF PRAYER**

v. 2 *“I saw the Seven Angels who are always in readiness before God handed seven trumpets.”*

Revelation 8:2 (MSG)

*“Then another Angel, carrying a gold censer, came and stood at the Altar. He was given a great quantity of incense so that he could offer up the prayers of all the holy people of God on the Golden Altar before the Throne. Smoke billowed up from the incense-laced prayers of the holy ones, rose before God from the hand of the Angel.*

*Then the Angel filled the censer with fire from the Altar and heaved it to earth. It set off thunders, voices, lightnings, and an earthquake.”* Revelation 8:3-5 (MSG)

- 1) There are the trials of everyday life.
- 2) There is something in the Bible called the Great Tribulation.
- 3) There is what God’s going to do in the end called throughout the OT and NT the Day of the Lord.

## **THE SEVEN TRUMPETS**

*The Seven Angels with the trumpets got ready to blow them. At the first trumpet blast, hail and fire mixed with blood were dumped on earth. A third of the earth was scorched, a third of the trees, and every blade of green grass—burned to a crisp. The second Angel trumpeted. Something like a huge mountain blazing with fire was flung into the sea. A third of the sea turned to blood, a third of the living sea creatures died, and a third of the ships sank.”* Revelation 8:7-9 (MSG)

1. The first trumpet is the destruction of a third of the earth.
2. The second trumpet is the destruction of a third of the sea.
3. The third trumpet is the destruction of the fresh water.

*“The third Angel trumpeted. A huge Star, blazing like a torch, fell from Heaven, wiping out a third of the rivers and a third of the springs. The Star's name was Wormwood [the name has the idea of bitterness]. A third of the water turned bitter, and many people died from the poisoned water.”* Revelation 8:10-11 (MSG)

4. There's a fourth trumpet.

*The fourth Angel trumpeted. A third of the sun, a third of the moon, and a third of the stars were hit, blacked out by a third, both day and night in one-third blackout.* Revelation 8:12 (MSG)

**IMPORTANT:** *To really come to grips with eschatology (The study of the future end times) you have to understand the difference between three things.*

**Prophetic Revelation** – God has revealed himself very clearly. We know that's exactly what he's going to do. There is no doubt about it.

**Prophetic Interpretation** – where there may be two or three ideas that Christians have had over the last 2000 years as they've studied a particular passage.

**Finally, Prophetic Speculation.** That's where you sort of go, "I think it could mean this... based on what I see or some headlines I read today. It's sort of what I think."

**PROPHETIC REVELATION IS:** "JESUS IS COMING AGAIN."

**PROPHETIC INTERPRETATION WOULD BE:** "IS HE COMING BACK IN THE MIDDLE OF THE TIME OF TRIBULATION?"

**PROPHETIC SPECULATION IS ME SAYING:** "I BELIEVE HE'S COMING BACK BEFORE THE YEAR 2024 BASED ON THE EVENTS THAT I SEE."

## 5. The fifth trumpet mankind is tortured and locusts.

*The fifth Angel trumpeted. I saw a Star plummet from Heaven to earth. The Star was handed a key to the Well of the Abyss. He unlocked the Well of the Abyss—smoke poured out of the Well, billows and billows of smoke, sun and air in blackout from smoke pouring out of the Well. Then out of the smoke crawled locusts with the venom of scorpions. They were given their orders: "Don't hurt the grass, don't hurt anything green, don't hurt a single tree—only men and women, and then only those who lack the seal of God on their foreheads." They were ordered to torture but not kill, torture them for five months, the pain like a scorpion sting. Revelation 9:1-6 (MSG)*

*The locusts looked like horses ready for war. They had gold crowns, human faces, women's hair, the teeth of lions, and iron breastplates. Revelation 9:7 (MSG)*

*"...and iron breastplates. The sound of their wings was the sound of horse-drawn chariots charging into battle.*

*Their tails were equipped with stings, like scorpion tails. With those tails they were ordered to torture the human race for five months. They had a king over them, the Angel of the Abyss. His name in Hebrew is Abaddon, in Greek, Apollyon—"Destroyer."*  
Revelation 9:8-11 (MSG)

## THREE PURPOSES OF END TIME EVENTS

- 1) To unmask Satan
- 2) To judge sin
- 3) To invite salvation

6. The sixth trumpet is the destruction of a third of mankind.

*The sixth Angel trumpeted. I heard a voice speaking to the sixth Angel from the horns of the Golden Altar before God: "Let the Four Angels loose, the Angels confined at the great River Euphrates."* Revelation 9:13-14 (MSG)

*The remaining men and women who weren't killed by these weapons went on their merry way—didn't change their way of life, didn't quit worshiping demons, didn't quit centering their lives around lumps of gold and silver and brass, hunks of stone and wood that couldn't see or hear or move. There wasn't a sign of a change of heart. They plunged right on in their murderous, occult, promiscuous, and thieving ways.*

**Revelation 9:20-21 (MSG)**

There's three descriptions given here.

1). They are unbending and unrepentant. They just won't repent.

2) They're religiously idolatrous; they keep serving idols that can't talk that can't do anything.

3) They are morally corrupt which may be the reason they are rebelliously unrepentant and religiously idolatrous.

## **SOME LAST LESSONS**

1) Pray for the salvation of those who don't know God that they'll come to know Him.

*Here's a personal application.*

2) Hold lightly to the temporal things of the world and tightly to the eternal things of God