



# Vision 3 – Part 1: The Seven Trumpets

## Rev 8:6 – 9

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Seven trumpets were used in the battle of Jericho (Joshua 6).

The first four trumpets affect the wicked physically and the last three affect the wicked spiritually.

### The First Trumpet – Hail and Fire

Rev 8:7

1. Hail and fire
  - a. Ex 9:23-26 – Then Moses stretched out his staff toward heaven, and the Lord sent thunder and hail, and fire ran down to the earth. And the Lord rained hail upon the land of Egypt. 24 There was hail and fire flashing continually in the midst of the hail, very heavy hail, such as had never been in all the land of Egypt since it became a nation. 25 The hail struck down everything that was in the field in all the land of Egypt, both man and beast. And the hail struck down every plant of the field and broke every tree of the field. 26 Only in the land of Goshen, where the people of Israel were, was there no hail.
  - b. Ez 38:22 – With pestilence and bloodshed I will enter into judgment with him, and I will rain upon him and his hordes and the many peoples who are with him torrential rains and hailstones, fire and sulfur.
2. Third (Rev 8:8-12; 9:15, 18)
  - a. Ez 5:1-2 – And you, O son of man, take a sharp sword. Use it as a barber's razor and pass it over your head and your beard. Then take balances for weighing and divide the hair. 2 A third part you shall burn in the fire in the midst of the city, when the days of the siege are completed. And a third part you shall take and strike with the sword all around the city.
  - b. Ez 5:12 – A third part of you shall die of pestilence and be consumed with famine in your midst; a third part shall fall by the sword all around you; and a third part I will scatter to all the winds and will unsheathe the sword after them.

### The Second Trumpet – Sea Became Blood

Rev 8:8

1. Something like a great mountain, burning with fire, was thrown into the sea.
  - a. Ps 46:1-3 – God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. 2 Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way, though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea, 3 though the waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble at its swelling.



- b. Jer 51:25 – Behold, I am against you, O destroying mountain, declares the Lord, which destroys the whole earth; I will stretch out my hand against you, and roll you down from the crags, and make you a burnt mountain.
  - c. Jer 51:42 – The sea has come up on Babylon; she is covered with its tumultuous waves.
2. Third of the sea became blood
- Ex 7:19-21 – Thus says the Lord, “By this you shall know that I am the Lord: behold, with the staff that is in my hand I will strike the water that is in the Nile, and it shall turn into blood. 18 The fish in the Nile shall die, and the Nile will stink, and the Egyptians will grow weary of drinking water from the Nile.” 19 And the Lord said to Moses, “Say to Aaron, “Take your staff and stretch out your hand over the waters of Egypt, over their rivers, their canals, and their ponds, and all their pools of water, so that they may become blood, and there shall be blood throughout all the land of Egypt, even in vessels of wood and in vessels of stone.” 20 Moses and Aaron did as the Lord commanded. In the sight of Pharaoh and in the sight of his servants he lifted up the staff and struck the water in the Nile, and all the water in the Nile turned into blood. 21 And the fish in the Nile died, and the Nile stank, so that the Egyptians could not drink water from the Nile. There was blood throughout all the land of Egypt.

## The Third Trumpet – Wormwood

Rev 8:11 – The name of the star is Wormwood. Wormwood is a plant native to Europe, Asia, and northern Africa, with a bitter-tasting and poisonous extract.

1. Dt 29:18 – Beware lest there be among you a man or woman or clan or tribe whose heart is turning away today from the Lord our God to go and serve the gods of those nations. Beware lest there be among you a root bearing poisonous and bitter fruit
2. Pr 5:3-4 – For the lips of a forbidden woman drip honey, and her speech is smoother than oil, 4 but in the end she is bitter as wormwood, sharp as a two-edged sword.
3. Jer 9:15 – Therefore thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Behold, I will feed this people with bitter food, and give them poisonous water to drink.
4. Jer 23:15 – Therefore thus says the Lord of hosts concerning the prophets: “Behold, I will feed them with bitter food and give them poisoned water to drink, for from the prophets of Jerusalem ungodliness has gone out into all the land.”
5. Lam 3:15 – He has filled me with bitterness; he has sated me with wormwood.
6. Lam 3:19 – Remember my affliction and my wanderings, the wormwood and the gall!
7. Amos 5:6-7 – Seek the Lord and live, lest he break out like fire in the house of Joseph, and it devour, with none to quench it for Bethel, 7 O you who turn justice to wormwood and cast down righteousness to the earth!

## The Fourth Trumpet – Darkness

Rev 8:12

1. Third of their light might be darkened, and a third of the day might be kept from shining, and likewise a third of the night.  
Ex 10:21-23 – Then the Lord said to Moses, “Stretch out your hand toward heaven, that there may be darkness over the land of Egypt, a darkness to be felt.” 22 So Moses



stretched out his hand toward heaven, and there was pitch darkness in all the land of Egypt three days. 23 They did not see one another, nor did anyone rise from his place for three days, but all the people of Israel had light where they lived.

2. Sun, moon, stars (Mic 3:6; Judg 5:20)
  - a. Is 13:9-10 – Behold, the day of the Lord comes, cruel, with wrath and fierce anger, to make the land a desolation and to destroy its sinners from it. 10 For the stars of the heavens and their constellations will not give their light; the sun will be dark at its rising, and the moon will not shed its light.
  - b. Is 24:21-23 – On that day the Lord will punish the host of heaven, in heaven, and the kings of the earth, on the earth. 22 They will be gathered together as prisoners in a pit; they will be shut up in a prison, and after many days they will be punished. 23 Then the moon will be confounded and the sun ashamed, for the Lord of hosts reigns on Mount Zion and in Jerusalem, and his glory will be before his elders.
  - c. Is 34:1-4 – Draw near, O nations, to hear, and give attention, O peoples! Let the earth hear, and all that fills it; the world, and all that comes from it. 2 For the Lord is enraged against all the nations, and furious against all their host; he has devoted them to destruction, has given them over for slaughter. 3 Their slain shall be cast out, and the stench of their corpses shall rise; the mountains shall flow with their blood. 4 All the host of heaven shall rot away, and the skies roll up like a scroll. All their host shall fall, as leaves fall from the vine, like leaves falling from the fig tree.
  - d. Is 50:3 – I clothe the heavens with blackness and make sackcloth their covering.
  - e. Ez 32:7-8 – When I blot you out, I will cover the heavens and make their stars dark; I will cover the sun with a cloud, and the moon shall not give its light. 8 All the bright lights of heaven will I make dark over you, and put darkness on your land, declares the Lord God.
  - f. Joel 2:10 – The earth quakes before them; the heavens tremble. The sun and the moon are darkened, and the stars withdraw their shining.
  - g. Joel 2:30-31 – And I will show wonders in the heavens and on the earth, blood and fire and columns of smoke. 31 The sun shall be turned to darkness, and the moon to blood, before the great and awesome day of the Lord comes.
  - h. Amos 8:9-10 – And on that day,” declares the Lord God, “I will make the sun go down at noon and darken the earth in broad daylight. 10 I will turn your feasts into mourning and all your songs into lamentation; I will bring sackcloth on every waist and baldness on every head; I will make it like the mourning for an only son and the end of it like a bitter day.”

## Eagle’s Warning

Rev 8:13

1. Eagle crying with a loud voice as it flew directly overhead
  - a. Dt 28:49 – The Lord will bring a nation against you from far away, from the end of the earth, swooping down like the eagle, a nation whose language you do not understand
  - b. Hos 8:1 – Set the trumpet to your lips! One like a vulture is over the house of the Lord, because they have transgressed my covenant and rebelled against my law.
  - c. Matt 24:28 – Wherever the corpse is, there the vultures will gather.



2. Woe! Woe! Woe! – Triple repetition indicates most severe (Rev 4:8). Contrast with Is 6:3 (Holy, holy, holy).

## The Fifth Trumpet – Demonic Forces

### Rev 9:1

1. I saw a star fallen from heaven to earth.  
Luke 10:18 – And he said to them, “I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven.”
2. Was given the key
  - a. Rev 1:17-18 – When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. But he laid his right hand on me, saying, “Fear not, I am the first and the last, 18 and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades.
  - b. Rev 9:4-5 – **They were told** not to harm the grass of the earth or any green plant or any tree, but only those people who do not have the seal of God on their foreheads. 5 **They were allowed** to torment them for five months, but not to kill them, and their torment was like the torment of a scorpion when it stings someone.
3. The bottomless pit, Greek *abyss*. (Rev 9:2, 11; 11:7; 17:8; 20:1, 3).  
Luke 8:31 – And they begged him not to command them to depart into the abyss.

### Rev 9:3

1. Locusts
  - a. Ex 10:13-15 – So Moses stretched out his staff over the land of Egypt, and the Lord brought an east wind upon the land all that day and all that night. When it was morning, the east wind had brought the locusts. 14 The locusts came up over all the land of Egypt and settled on the whole country of Egypt, such a dense swarm of locusts as had never been before, nor ever will be again. 15 They covered the face of the whole land, so that the land was darkened, and they ate all the plants in the land and all the fruit of the trees that the hail had left. Not a green thing remained, neither tree nor plant of the field, through all the land of Egypt.
  - b. Joel 1:4 – What the cutting locust left, the swarming locust has eaten. What the swarming locust left, the hopping locust has eaten, and what the hopping locust left, the destroying locust has eaten.
  - c. Joel 2:1-11 – Blow a trumpet in Zion; sound an alarm on my holy mountain! Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble, for the day of the Lord is coming; it is near, 2 a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness! Like blackness there is spread upon the mountains a great and powerful people; there like has never been before, nor will be again after them through the years of all generations. 3 Fire devours before them, and behind them a flame burns. The land is like the garden of Eden before them, but behind them a desolate wilderness, and nothing escapes them. 4 Their appearance is like the appearance of horses, and like war horses they run. 5 As with the rumbling of chariots, they leap on the tops of the mountains, like the crackling of a flame of fire devouring the stubble, like a powerful army drawn up for battle. 6 Before them peoples are in anguish; all faces grow pale. 7 Like warriors they charge; like soldiers they scale the wall. They march each on his way; they do not swerve from their paths. 8 They do not jostle one another; each marches in his path; they burst through the weapons and are not halted. 9 They leap upon the city, they run upon the walls, they climb up into the houses, they enter through the



windows like a thief. 10 The earth quakes before them; the heavens tremble. The sun and the moon are darkened, and the stars withdraw their shining. 11 The Lord utters his voice before his army, for his camp is exceedingly great; he who executes his word is powerful. For the day of the Lord is great and very awesome; who can endure it?

2. Scorpions

- a. Dt 8:15 – who led you through the great and terrifying wilderness, with its fiery serpents and scorpions and thirsty ground where there was no water, who brought you water out of the flinty rock
- b. Luke 10:17-19 – The seventy-two returned with joy, saying, “Lord, even the demons are subject to us in your name!” 18 And he said to them, “I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. 19 Behold, I have given you authority to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall hurt you.

Rev 9:4 – They were told not to harm the grass of the earth or any green plant or any tree, but only those people who do not have the seal of God on their foreheads. Note that the first trumpet did harm the grass, plants, and trees.

1. Ez 9:3-6 – Now the glory of the God of Israel had gone up from the cherub on which it rested to the threshold of the house. And he called to the man clothed in linen, who had the writing case at his waist. 4 And the Lord said to him, “Pass through the city, through Jerusalem, and put a mark on the foreheads of the men who sigh and groan over all the abominations that are committed in it.” 5 And to the others he said in my hearing, “Pass through the city after him, and strike. Your eye shall not spare, and you shall show no pity. 6 Kill old men outright, young men and maidens, little children and women, but touch no one on whom is the mark. And begin at my sanctuary.” So they began with the elders who were before the house.
2. Rev 7:2-3 – Then I saw another angel ascending from the rising of the sun, with the seal of the living God, and he called with a loud voice to the four angels who had been given power to harm earth and sea, 3 saying, “Do not harm the earth or the sea or the trees, until we have sealed the servants of our God on their foreheads.”

Rev 9:5 – Five months

A normal locust swarm would move on after a few days. This demonic swarm stays for the whole period during which locusts might be seen. (The Reformation Study Bible, 2005)

Rev 9:6 – People will seek death and will not find it

1. Job 2:6 – And the Lord said to Satan, “Behold, he is in your hand; only spare his life.”
2. Job 3:20-21 – Why is light given to him who is in misery, and life to the bitter in soul, 21 who long for death, but it comes not, and dig for it more than for hidden treasures, 22 who rejoice exceedingly and are glad when they find the grave?
3. Jer 8:3 – Death shall be preferred to life by all the remnant that remains of this evil family in all the places where I have driven them, declares the Lord of hosts.

Rev 9:7 – In appearance the locusts were like horses prepared for battle.

Job 39:19-20 – Do you give the horse his might? Do you clothe his neck with a mane? 20 Do you make him leap like the locust? His majestic snorting is terrifying.

Rev 9:8

1. Their hair like women’s hair – indicative of attractiveness.



Heb 11:24-25 – By faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, 25 choosing rather to be mistreated with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin.

2. Their teeth like lions' teeth.

Joel 1:6 – For a nation has come up against my land, powerful and beyond number; its teeth are lions' teeth, and it has the fangs of a lioness.

Rev 9:9

Joel 2:4-5 – Their appearance is like the appearance of horses, and like war horses they run. 5 As with the rumbling of chariots, they leap on the tops of the mountains, like the crackling of a flame of fire devouring the stubble, like a powerful army drawn up for battle.

Rev 9:11

1. They have as king over them

- a. Pro 30:27 – the locusts have no king, yet all of them march in rank
- b. Eph 2:1-2 – And you were dead in the trespasses and sins 2 in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience
- c. John 12:31 – Now is the judgment of this world; now will the ruler of this world be cast out.
- d. 2 Cor 4:4 – In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.
- e. 1 John 4:1-4 – Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world. 2 By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, 3 and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you heard was coming and now is in the world already. 4 Little children, you are from God and have overcome them, for he who is in you is greater than he who is in the world.
- f. 1 John 5:19 – We know that we are from God, and the whole world lies in the power of the evil one.

2. Abaddon, Apollyon. Abaddon means destruction; Apollyon means destroyer.

- a. Job 26:6 – Sheol is naked before God, and Abaddon has no covering.
- b. Job 28:20-22 – From where, then, does wisdom come? And where is the place of understanding? 21 It is hidden from the eyes of all living and concealed from the birds of the air. 22 Abaddon and Death say, 'We have heard a rumor of it with our ears.'
- c. Ps 88:10-11 – Do you work wonders for the dead? Do the departed rise up to praise you? Selah 11 Is your steadfast love declared in the grave, or your faithfulness in Abaddon?
- d. Pro 15:11 – Sheol and Abaddon lie open before the Lord; how much more the hearts of the children of man!

## The Sixth Trumpet – Great Tribulation or Warfare

Rev 9:14



1. Four angels

Rev 7:1 – After this I saw four angels standing at the four corners of the earth, holding back the four winds of the earth, that no wind might blow on earth or sea or against any tree.

2. Great river Euphrates

- a. Gen 15:18 – On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, “To your offspring I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates,
- b. 1 Ki 4:21 – Solomon ruled over all the kingdoms from the Euphrates to the land of the Philistines and to the border of Egypt. They brought tribute and served Solomon all the days of his life.
- c. Dt 1:7-8 – Turn and take your journey, and go to the hill country of the Amorites and to all their neighbors in the Arabah, in the hill country and in the lowland and in the Negeb and by the seacoast, the land of the Canaanites, and Lebanon, as far as the great river, the river Euphrates. 8 See, I have set the land before you. Go in and take possession of the land that the Lord swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give to them and to their offspring after them.’
- d. Jos 1:4 – From the wilderness and this Lebanon as far as the great river, the river Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites to the Great Sea toward the going down of the sun shall be your territory.
- e. Ps 72:8-9 – May he have dominion from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth! 9 May desert tribes bow down before him, and his enemies lick the dust!
- f. Is 8:5-8 – The Lord spoke to me again: 6 “Because this people has refused the waters of Shiloah that flow gently, and rejoice over Rezin and the son of Remaliah, 7 therefore, behold, the Lord is bringing up against them the waters of the River, mighty and many, the king of Assyria and all his glory. And it will rise over all its channels and go over all its banks, 8 and it will sweep on into Judah, it will overflow and pass on, reaching even to the neck, and its outspread wings will fill the breadth of your land, O Immanuel.

Rev 9:17 – The color of fire and of sapphire and of sulfur (compare with Rev 9:17b – “fire and smoke and sulfur came out of their mouths” and Rev 9:18 – “the fire and smoke and sulfur coming out of their mouths”)

Rev 9:17, 18

1. Fire

- a. Judg 1:8 – And the men of Judah fought against Jerusalem and captured it and struck it with the edge of the sword and set the city on fire.
- b. Judg 9:49 – So every one of the people cut down his bundle and following Abimelech put it against the stronghold, and they set the stronghold on fire over them, so that all the people of the Tower of Shechem also died, about 1,000 men and women.
- c. Judg 18:27 – But the people of Dan took what Micah had made, and the priest who belonged to him, and they came to Laish, to a people quiet and unsuspecting, and struck them with the edge of the sword and burned the city with fire.
- d. 1 Sam 30:1-3 – Now when David and his men came to Ziklag on the third day, the Amalekites had made a raid against the Negeb and against Ziklag. They had overcome Ziklag and burned it with fire 2 and taken captive the women and all who were in it, both small and great. They killed no one, but carried them off and went



their way. 3 And when David and his men came to the city, they found it burned with fire, and their wives and sons and daughters taken captive.

2. Smoke

- a. Judg 20:40 – But when the signal began to rise out of the city in a column of smoke, the Benjaminites looked behind them, and behold, the whole of the city went up in smoke to heaven.
- b. 2 Sam 22:8-9; Ps 18:8 – Then the earth reeled and rocked; the foundations of the heavens trembled and quaked, because he was angry. 9 Smoke went up from his nostrils, and devouring fire from his mouth; glowing coals flamed forth from him.
- c. Is 30:27 – Behold, the name of the Lord comes from afar, burning with his anger, and in thick rising smoke; his lips are full of fury, and his tongue is like a devouring fire

3. Sulfur, also known as brimstone.

Gen 19:24 – Then the Lord rained on Sodom and Gomorrah sulfur and fire from the Lord out of heaven.

## Purpose of Trumpets – Repentance

Rev 9:20

1. Did not repent

- a. Rev 2:21 – I gave her time to repent, but she refuses to repent of her sexual immorality.
- b. Rev 16:9-11 – They were scorched by the fierce heat, and they cursed the name of God who had power over these plagues. They did not repent and give him glory. 10 The fifth angel poured out his bowl on the throne of the beast, and its kingdom was plunged into darkness. People gnawed their tongues in anguish 11 and cursed the God of heaven for their pain and sores. They did not repent of their deeds.
- c. Rom 1:32 – Though they know God's righteous decree that those who practice such things deserve to die, they not only do them but give approval to those who practice them.

2. Nor give up worshiping demons

- a. Dt 32:16-17 – They stirred him to jealousy with strange gods; with abominations they provoked him to anger. 17 They sacrificed to demons that were no gods, to gods they had never known, to new gods that had come recently, whom your fathers had never dreaded.
- b. 1 Cor 10:20 – No, I imply that what pagans sacrifice they offer to demons and not to God. I do not want you to be participants with demons.

3. Idols of gold and silver and bronze and stone and wood, which cannot see or hear or walk

- a. Ps 115:4-8 – Their idols are silver and gold, the work of human hands. 5 They have mouths, but do not speak; eyes, but do not see. 6 They have ears, but do not hear; noses, but do not smell. 7 They have hands, but do not feel; feet, but do not walk; and they do not make a sound in their throat. 8 Those who make them become like them; so do all who trust in them.
- b. Is 44:9-20 – All who fashion idols are nothing, and the things they delight in do not profit. Their witnesses neither see nor know, that they may be put to shame. 10 Who fashions a god or casts an idol that is profitable for nothing? 11 Behold, all his companions shall be put to shame, and the craftsmen are only human. Let them all





assemble, let them stand forth. They shall be terrified; they shall be put to shame together. 12 The ironsmith takes a cutting tool and works it over the coals. He fashions it with hammers and works it with his strong arm. He becomes hungry, and his strength fails; he drinks no water and is faint. 13 The carpenter stretches a line; he marks it out with a pencil. He shapes it with planes and marks it with a compass. He shapes it into the figure of a man, with the beauty of a man, to dwell in a house. 14 He cuts down cedars, or he chooses a cypress tree or an oak and lets it grow strong among the trees of the forest. He plants a cedar and the rain nourishes it. 15 Then it becomes fuel for a man. He takes a part of it and warms himself; he kindles a fire and bakes bread. Also he makes a god and worships it; he makes it an idol and falls down before it. 16 Half of it he burns in the fire. Over the half he eats meat; he roasts it and is satisfied. Also he warms himself and says, "Aha, I am warm, I have seen the fire!" 17 And the rest of it he makes into a god, his idol, and falls down to it and worships it. He prays to it and says, "Deliver me, for you are my god!" 18 They know not, nor do they discern, for he has shut their eyes, so that they cannot see, and their hearts, so that they cannot understand. 19 No one considers, nor is there knowledge or discernment to say, "Half of it I burned in the fire; I also baked bread on its coals; I roasted meat and have eaten. And shall I make the rest of it an abomination? Shall I fall down before a block of wood?" 20 He feeds on ashes; a deluded heart has led him astray, and he cannot deliver himself or say, "Is there not a lie in my right hand?"

- c. Ex 20:3-4 – You shall have no other gods before me. 4 "You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth."

Rev 9:21 – Their murders or their sorceries or their sexual immorality or their thefts

1. Ex 20:13-15 – You shall not murder. 14 You shall not commit adultery. 15 You shall not steal.
2. Dt 18:10-12 – There shall not be found among you anyone who burns his son or his daughter as an offering, anyone who practices divination or tells fortunes or interprets omens, or a sorcerer 11 or a charmer or a medium or a necromancer or one who inquires of the dead, 12 for whoever does these things is an abomination to the Lord. And because of these abominations the Lord your God is driving them out before you.
3. Ex 22:18 – You shall not permit a sorceress to live.
4. Gal 5:19-21 – Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, 20 idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, 21 envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

Just as the plagues of Egypt did not lead to their repentance, so these judgments do not lead to repentance.