

Lesson 9: Revelation Chapters 8-11

1 Understanding the End Times

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The Trumpet "1/3" Judgments

The Little Book and the Two Witnesses

2 The First Angel: Vegetation 8:7

The first angel sounded his trumpet: hail and fire, mingled with blood, were thrown to the earth

- ◇ God's restraint holding back the angels in 7:3 is now over
- ◇ 1/3 of trees were burned up
- ◇ All the grass was burned up

3 The Second Angel: Seas 8:8-9

The second angel sounded his trumpet: something like a great mountain burning with fire was thrown into the sea

- ◇ Singular usage could indicate the Mediterranean, but the context suggests all of the seas on earth are affected
- ◇ 1/3 of the sea became blood
- ◇ 1/3 of the living sea creatures died
- ◇ 1/3 of the ships in the sea were destroyed

4 The Third Angel: Fresh Water 8:10-11

Then the third angel sounded his trumpet: a great star fell from heaven, burning like a torch

- ◇ It fell on a 1/3 of the rivers
- ◇ And on the springs of water
- ◇ The name of the star is Wormwood (bitter or grievous)
- ◇ 1/3 of the waters became wormwood
- ◇ Many died from the water because it was made bitter

5 The Fourth Angel: Heavens 8:12-12

The fourth angel sounded his trumpet

- ◇ 1/3 of the sun struck (already darkened 6:12)
- ◇ It did not shine 1/3 of the day
- ◇ 1/3 of the moon (turned like blood 6:12)
- ◇ 1/3 of the stars were darkened (some fell to earth 6:13)
- ◇ No light during 1/3 of the night
- ◇

6 The Angel Between the Fourth and Fifth Seal 8:13

John sees and hears an angel

- ◇ Flying through the midst of heaven
- ◇ Saying with a loud voice: woe, woe, woe to the inhabitants of the earth
 - ◇ Because of the remaining three trumpets to be blasted by the remaining three angels
 - ◇ The remaining trumpets are about to sound
 - ◇ Call to repentance, trust in God?

7 The Fifth Angel: Locusts and the Bottomless Pit 9:1-4

The fifth angel sounded his trumpet

- John sees a "star" fall from heaven to earth

- To "him" was given the key to the bottomless pit
- Smoke arose out of the pit like the smoke of a great furnace
- The sun and air were darkened because of the smoke
- Locusts came out of the smoke to go to the earth
- The locusts were given power, like the power of scorpions
- Locusts commanded to harm only those men who do not have the seal of God on their foreheads

8 **The Fifth Angel: Locusts and the Bottomless Pit 9:5-6**

- ◇ The locusts from the bottomless pit
 - ◇ Not given authority to kill men
 - ◇ But to torment them for five months with something like a scorpion's sting
- ◇ Men will seek death, and not find it
 - ◇ They will desire to die,
 - ◇ But death will flee from them

9 **The Fifth Angel: Locusts and the Bottomless Pit 9:7-11**

- Description of the locusts
 - Like horses prepared for battle
 - Wearing crowns of something like gold
 - Had faces like men
 - Hair like a woman's
 - Teeth like a lion
 - Breastplates like iron
 - Sound of their wings like many chariots running in battle
 - Scorpion-like tails
 - Their power was to hurt men for five months
 - Locust king – Abaddon (Hebrew) Apollyon (Greek) "Perdition" or "Destruction"

10 **Between the Fifth and Sixth Seals 9:12**

- ◇ One woe is past
- ◇ Behold two more woes are coming

11 **The Sixth Angel: Angels to come from the Euphrates 9:13-15**

The sixth angel sounded his trumpet

- ◇ John hears a voice from the four horns of the golden altar before God (incense/prayers)
- ◇ "Release the four angels who are bound at the great river Euphrates"
 - ◇ The angels who had been prepared for the hour, day, month, and year (God's long plan for redemption is being fulfilled)
 - ◇ Released to kill 1/3 of mankind

12 **Angels from the Euphrates 9:16-19**

Army of horsemen = 200,000,000

- ◇ Wearing breastplates of fiery red, hyacinth blue, and sulfur yellow
- ◇ The heads of the horses like the heads of lions
- ◇ Out of their mouth came fire, smoke, brimstone
 - ◇ 1/3 of mankind killed (now 50% since beginning of seals)

◇The power is in their mouths and tails

13 **□ The Mighty Angel 10:1-3**

- ◇John sees another “mighty angel”
 - ◇Coming down from heaven
 - ◇He was clothed with a cloud and has a rainbow on his head
 - ◇His face was like the sun and his feet like pillars of fire
 - ◇He had a little book in his hand
 - ◇He set his right foot on the sea, and his left foot on the land
 - ◇He cried out with a loud voice, as when a lion roars

14 **□ The Seven Thunders 10:3-5**

- ◇Uttered their voices when the mighty angel cried out
- ◇John was about to write what he heard the seven thunders say
 - ◇Then he hears a voice from heaven saying:
“Seal up the things which the seven thunders uttered, and do not write them”
 - ◇No way of knowing what the seven thunders said

15 **□ The Mighty Angel Declares 10:5-7**

- He raises his hand up to heaven
- A swears by Him ...
 - Who lives forever and ever
 - Who created the earth and the things that are in it
 - Who created the sea and the things that are in it
- There will be no further delay in God’s judgment
 - When the seventh trumpet angel sounds, there will no longer be a mystery about what God is doing
 - In accordance with what God declared to His prophets

16 **□ John and the Little Book 10:8-11**

- ◇The voice from heaven spoke to John again
“Go, take the little book which is open in the hand of the angel who stands on the sea and on the earth”
 - ◇John is told to eat it
 - ◇It will make his stomach bitter even though it tastes good
 - ◇John takes and eats the book (Ezekiel 3:1-3)
“You must prophesy again about many people, nations, tongues, and kings”

17 **□ Measuring the Temple 11:1-2**

- ◇The mighty angel gave John a reed to use as a measuring rod and said:
 - ◇Rise and measure the temple of God, the altar, and those who worship there
 - ◇But leave out the outer court
 - ◇It has been given to the Gentiles (not Christians)
 - ◇They will tread the holy city under foot for forty-two months
- ◇

18 **□ The Two Witnesses 11:3**

- Given power to witness and prophesy

- 1,260 days (forty-two months; 3½ years)
- 11:14 seems to indicate that the end of their witnessing will bring on the final judgments
- The 3½ “days” mentioned in 11:11-13 could loosely be interpreted as an age, a time period, or even a year.
 - If 3½ years is the intended meaning, this would nicely round out the full 7-year period
- Clothed in sackcloth – consistently a sign of sorrow, remorse, anguish or repentance

19 **The Two Witnesses 11:4-5**

- ◊ Two olive trees (Israel: Romans 11) and two lampstands (Church: Revelation 2-3) standing before God on the earth (Zechariah 4)
- ◊ Having divine power for protection and witnessing
 - ◊ Fire goes from their mouth and devours their enemies
 - ◊ Those who want to harm them must be killed in this manner

20 **The Two Witnesses 11:6**

The Power to Work Signs and Wonders

- ◊ To shut up heaven so that no rain falls during the time of their prophesying
- ◊ The power to turn waters to blood
- ◊ To strike the earth with all plagues as often as they desire

21 **The Two Witnesses 11:7-10**

- When they finish their testimony
 - The beast that ascends out of the bottomless pit will make war against them, overcome them and kill them
 - Antichrist/Satan

22 **The Two Witnesses 11:7-10**

- Their dead bodies will be in the streets of the great city, spiritually Sodom and Egypt, where also our Lord was crucified (Jerusalem)
 - All the people of earth will see their dead bodies for 3½ “days”
 - Their bodies are not allowed to be put in graves
- Those on the earth will rejoice over their dead bodies, make merry, and send gifts to one another because the two prophets “tormented” those who dwell on the earth

23 **The Two Witnesses 11:11-14**

After the 3½ “days”

- The breath of life from God entered them
- They stood on their feet
- Great fear fell on those who saw them
- A loud voice from heaven called to them
“Come up here”

24 **The Two Witnesses 11:11-14**

- They ascended up into heaven in a cloud as witnessed by their enemies
- A great earthquake hits, and a 10th of the city fell
 - Seven thousand people were killed
 - The rest were afraid and gave glory to the God of heaven
- “The second woe is past. Behold, the third woe is coming quickly

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25 **▫ The Seventh Trumpet 11:15**

- The seventh angel sounded his trumpet
 - With loud voices in heaven saying:
"The kingdoms of the world have become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever!"
 - The 24 elders who sat before God on their thrones fell on their faces and worshiped God
 - Then the temple of God was opened in heaven, and the ark of the covenant was seen in His temple
 - There were lightnings, noises, thunderings, an earthquake and great hail

26 **▫ Chorus of the Twelve Elders 11:17-18**

"We give You thanks, O Lord God Almighty,
The One who is and who was and who is to come,
Because You have taken Your great power and reigned.
The nations were angry, and Your wrath has come,
And the time of the dead, that they should be judged,
And that You should reward Your servants the prophets and the saints,
And those who fear Your name, small and great,
And should destroy those who destroy the earth."