

Jesus and Kingdom

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Main Passage: Revelation 8:7-13; Revelation 9:1-21; Revelation 11:15-19

Theological Theme

God is merciful, just, and right.

Introduction

- ❓ When you think about God bringing judgment, how do you typically respond?
- ❓ Why is this judgment necessary?

1. The First Four Trumpets (Revelation 8:7-13)

The first four trumpets, all deal with nature, and are destructive. They also resemble the plagues God unleashed on the people of Egypt in the book of Exodus.

- ❓ Describe the events that take place in this passage.
- ❓ What other biblical events might these be compared with? Why would that be significant?
- ❓ How does God's judgment provide a signpost and opportunity for repentance?

2. The Fifth and Sixth Trumpets (Revelation 9:1-6,13-21)

Already living in a devastating reality due to the previous events, the judgment unbelievers face in the fifth trumpet reads like a nightmare. The "abyss" John described here is the same one referred to in Luke 8. The one which the legion of demons begged not to be returned to: "And they begged him not to banish them to the abyss" (Luke 8:31).

- ❓ What judgments do these verses describe?
- ❓ Passages like this can bring fear and anxiety. How do they also push us toward urgency and grace?

- ❓ When was a time God used hardship to lead you to His grace?

3. The Seventh Trumpet (Revelation 11:15-19)

The seventh trumpet brings a departure from the others. Remember, in Scripture, seven is a number of perfection. The number of fullness and completion. With the blowing of the seventh trumpet, God's mystery as announced to the prophets was completed, and there was much celebration.

- ❓ What took place when the seventh trumpet was blown?
- ❓ How is this different from the other trumpets?
- ❓ How does Christ's victory give us reason for celebration and hope every day, no matter what we face?

Conclusion

The trumpet judgments started with natural calamities. "Hail and fire, mixed with blood" that burned up a third of the earth (Revelation 8:7), "a third of the sea became blood," killing a third of the living creatures within it (8:8-9), a third of the water became bitter and undrinkable (8:11), and "a third of the day was without light and also a third of the night" (8:12). And it only got worse from there. With every trumpet judgment, the people were given a chance to repent. But they didn't heed the moment. Revelation says that they still wouldn't repent, even after God, in His mercy, had given more chances. Their hearts remained hard. The last trumpet ends on a triumphant note, and we are reminded that Jesus has already won.

- ❓ This is a hard portion of Scripture to study. How were you challenged?
How can you be encouraged?
- ❓ How are we to live in light of what we've read today?
- ❓ How does today's study give you urgency to share the gospel with others?