

# Online Bible Courses

**John's Book of Revelation**  
written exclusively to Christians

Lesson 6 - Chapters 8 & 9

# The Seventh Seal

## 7 trumpets

- A pattern: There's a pause before the final act.
  - 6 seals → sealing the saints → 7<sup>th</sup> seal (7 trumpets)
  - 6 trumpets → little book → 7<sup>th</sup> trumpet
- Purpose of trumpets – To Call
  - An assembly (Num 10:2)
  - To repentance (Lev 23:24)
  - To battle
    - Ehud (Judges 3:27)
    - Gideon (Judges 6:18)

“Make two silver trumpets for yourself; you shall make them of hammered work; you shall use them for calling the congregation and for directing the movement of the camps. Numbers 10:2

“Speak to the children of Israel, saying: ‘In the seventh month, on the first *day* of the month, you shall have a sabbath-*rest*, a memorial of blowing of trumpets, a holy convocation. Leviticus 23:24

# Fire from Heaven

- Prayers of the saints – 5:8
  - Incense & prayers (Psm 141:2; Luke 1:10)
  - “How long?”

Let my prayer be set before  
You as incense,  
The lifting up of my hands  
as the evening sacrifice. –  
Psalm 141:2

So it was, that while he was serving as priest before God in the order of his division, according to the custom of the priesthood, his lot fell to burn incense when he went into the temple of the Lord. And the whole multitude of the people was praying outside at the hour of incense. Luke 1:8-10

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- Noises, ...
  - 4:5; 8:5; 11:19; 16:18
  - Mt Sinai (Ex 19:16)
  - Mt Zion (Isa 29:6)

Then it came to pass on the third day, in the morning, that there were thunderings and lightnings, and a thick cloud on the mountain; and the sound of the trumpet was very loud, so that all the people who *were* in the camp trembled.  
Exodus 19:16

“Moreover the multitude of your foes Shall be like fine dust, And the multitude of the terrible ones Like chaff that passes away; Yes, it shall be in an instant, suddenly. You will be punished by the LORD of hosts With thunder and earthquake and great noise, *With* storm and tempest And the flame of devouring fire.  
Isaiah 29:5-6

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## 4 trumpet blasts

8:7-13

- 1<sup>st</sup>: Fire burns 1/3 vegetation
  - Against Egypt (Ex 9:24-25)
- 2<sup>nd</sup>: Fire destroys 1/3 of sea
  - Against Babylon (Jer 51:25)
  - Also see 1<sup>st</sup> plague (Ex 7:20-21)

“Behold, I *am* against you, O destroying mountain, Who destroys all the earth,” says the LORD. “And I will stretch out My hand against you, Roll you down from the rocks, And make you a burnt mountain.     Jeremiah 51:25

So there was hail, and fire mingled with the hail, so very heavy that there was none like it in all the land of Egypt since it became a nation. And the hail struck throughout the whole land of Egypt, all that *was* in the field, both man and beast; and the hail struck every herb of the field and broke every tree of the field.

Exodus 9:24-25

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- 3<sup>rd</sup>: Fire torches 1/3 of drinking water
  - Wormwood (Jer 9:15; 23:15)
- 4<sup>th</sup>: 1/3 of light is shut down
  - (Isa 13:10; 34:4-5; Joel 2:10)

“Therefore thus says the LORD of hosts concerning the prophets: ‘Behold, I will feed them with wormwood, And make them drink the water of gall; For from the prophets of Jerusalem profaneness has gone out into all the land.’”  
Jeremiah 23:15

The earth quakes before them, The heavens tremble; The sun and moon grow dark, And the stars diminish their brightness. Joel 2:10

# Woe to the unsealed

## The 5<sup>th</sup> trumpet

9:1-12

- Woe earth-dwellers (8:13)
  - 3:10; 6:10; 8:13; 11:10; 12:12; 13:8, 12, 14; 14:6; 17:8
- The bottomless pit:
  - 9:1, 2, 11; 11:7; 17:8; 20:1, 3
- Scorpion-like locusts
  - Harm only the unsealed (7:1-8)
  - Not to kill, but torment
  - Satan is their leader

# An army unleashed The 6<sup>th</sup> trumpet

9:13-21

- From the horns of the altar
- Angels release the army
- 200,000,000 horsemen!
  - Habakkuk saw flying horses (Hab 1:5-8)
- 1/3 of mankind is killed
- Those remaining did not repent! (9:20, 21)

Their horses also are swifter than leopards,  
And more fierce than evening wolves. Their  
chargers charge ahead; Their cavalry comes  
from afar; They fly as the eagle *that* hastens  
to eat. Habakkuk 1:8

