

**Daniel & Revelation End-time Prophecies Sermon Series**  
**Study #43: 7 Trumpets Blow 7 Last Plagues!**  
**Revelation 8:7 - 13**  
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**Review - Summary**

**Remember, John's third vision starts in a heavenly scene beginning in Revelation 8:2**

**Verse 2** - Seven angels are given seven trumpets waiting for orders from the Master to blow the trumpets.

**Verses 3 - 4** The "Angel" with the censer full of incense in the Most Holy place ministering before the throne of God is not a created angel or being, but our Lord Jesus Christ, the archangel (the chief of all angels). Jesus is not only our Judge going through each case, but He is our ONLY High Priest in the MOST HOLY place.

**Verse 5** - Jesus finishes his work as our High Priest in the Most Holy Place. The anti-typical day of atonement and judgment is complete. Jesus then fills His censer with fire and throws it to the earth and voices, thunders, lightnings, and an earthquake follow.

**Verse 6** - Seven angels are given seven trumpets waiting for orders from the Master to blow the trumpets. These trumpets are not trumpets of warning, but trumpets of doom and war.

**What happens when the trumpets blow?** The seven last plagues

Remember the seven trumpets are the same event of the seven last plagues. The seven trumpets of Revelation 8 and the seven last plagues of Revelation 16 complement each other. When you line them up together, they reveal a complete picture. In general, the seven last plagues in Revelation 16 give us information of WHAT happens, but the same plagues described after the seven trumpets blow give us details like WHEN, WHERE, WHY, and HOW. These trumpets also explain the CAUSE and EFFECT of the plagues.

**What does the Bible call the seven trumpets?** Plagues

**Remember, John names it after the sixth trumpet blows in Revelation 9:20. Let's not guess. Let the Bible speak for itself.**

**Revelation 9:20**

20 And the rest of the men which were not killed by these **plagues** yet repented not of the works of their hands, that they should not worship devils, and idols of gold, and silver, and brass, and stone, and of wood: which neither can see, nor hear, nor walk:

The plagues described in Revelation 8 and in Revelation 16 are LITERAL events. These plagues are NOT symbolic. The entire context of Revelation 8 and 16 is literal. There are not images of beasts, etc.

Today we are going to look at the events of the trumpets and line them up with the seven last plagues in Revelation 16.

Some may be thinking, I thought the seven trumpets were symbolic in representing the Turkish wars and the fall of the Ottoman Empire. We are going to briefly analyze this interpretation next study.

### **How long do the seven last plagues last?**

#### **Revelation 18:8**

8 Therefore shall her (Babylon) **plagues come in one day**, death, and mourning, and famine; and she shall be utterly burned with fire: for strong is the Lord God who judgeth her.

Context of Revelation 18 is written in symbolic context. So a day-for-a-year principle applies.

#### **One day = 1 year**

All those in Babylon will suffer from the plagues. The seven last plagues will last for one year.

**Why is it important that we study and know the events of the seven trumpets blowing the seven last plagues?** When you see the plagues fall as described in Revelation you will know approximately how long you have until your deliverance!

### **What plague did John see after the first angel blew the first trumpet?**

#### **Revelation 8:7**

7 The first angel sounded, and there followed **hail and fire mingled with blood, and they were cast upon the earth: and the third part of trees was burnt up, and all green grass was burnt up.**

This is not symbolism, these are literal events. After the first angel blows his trumpet hail and fire mixed with blood hit the earth burning up one-third of all the trees and all the green grass on the earth. This is major devastation!

### **Is there a real literal example of hail and fire hitting this earth in the past?**

The first plague of the first trumpet compares with the plague of hail and fire that hit Egypt when Pharaoh refused to free the Israelites from slavery.

#### **Exodus 9:22-24**

22 And the LORD said unto Moses, Stretch forth thine hand toward heaven, that there may be hail in all the land of Egypt, **upon man, and upon beast, and upon every herb of the field**, throughout the land of Egypt.

23 And Moses stretched forth his rod toward heaven: and the LORD sent thunder and hail, **and the fire ran along upon the ground**; and the LORD rained hail upon the land of Egypt. [note that class, the fire ran along the ground probably caused by lightning striking the earth.]

24 So there was **hail, and fire mingled with the hail**, very grievous, such as there was none like it in all the land of Egypt since it became a nation.

**This hail and fire plague of Egypt is very similar to the plague of the first trumpet.** The hail and fire that hit Egypt was literal, it happened. And this is exactly what is going to happen in the first plague after the first angel blows his trumpet, but there will be greater devastation in which one-third of the earth's trees and all its green grass will be burned up (could be from the wildfires from the lightning strikes and/or drought like conditions).

**“Mingled with Blood” = Blood Shed**

During the first plague of the first trumpet not only will trees and grass be struck by hail and fire, but many of the people and animals on the earth will get struck too. This will cause a lot of bloodshed! That’s why John describes this plague as hail and fire mingled with blood.

**Compare to Seven Last Plagues**

**Now remember the plagues described after each trumpet blows are the same seven last plagues described in Revelation 16.**

**The first of the seven plagues in Revelation 16 tell us what happened.**

**Revelation 16:2**

2 And the first went, and poured out his vial (cup) upon the earth; and there **fell** a noisome and grievous sore upon the men which had the mark of the beast, and *upon* them which worshiped his image.

**Cause**

But when you go back to the first plague of first trumpet it tells us **HOW they receive their noisome (injurious) and grievous (hurtful) sores.** The hail described in the first trumpet literally hits and wounds many people on the earth causing these painful wounds and sores described in the first plague of Revelation 16:2

<b>Revelation 16:</b> Seven Last Plagues (What happened) - EFFECT	<b>Revelation 8:</b> Seven Trumpets (How it happened) - CAUSE
<b>First Plague</b> - Verse 2: “ <b>fell</b> a noisome and grievous sore upon the men”	<b>First Trumpet</b> – Verse 7: “ <b>hail and fire mingled with blood, and they were cast upon the earth...</b> ” <b>1/3 trees and all green grass burned up</b>

**What was the second plague that John saw after the second angel blew the second trumpet?**

**Revelation 8:8-9**

8 And the second angel sounded, and as it were a **great mountain burning with fire** was cast into the sea: and the **third part of the sea became blood;**

9 And the **third part of the creatures which were in the sea**, and had **life, died;** and the **third part of the ships were destroyed.**

Here we see a great mountain burning with fire thrown into the sea or ocean and as a result **one-third** of the ocean becomes blood, **one-third** of the animals in the ocean die and **one-third** of the ships in the sea are destroyed.

**Mountain with fire** = Volcano casting great big chunks of the mountain into the sea with ash, fire and lava

1/3 sea blood = Volcano red lava is “bleeding” into the sea destroying everything in its path. Also this can cause a disaster in the ocean like “red tide” that has already killed thousands of sea animals in our recent past.

As a result of the major volcano 1/3 of sea animals die and 1/3 ships are destroyed.

1/3 part of sea (ocean) - 3 major oceans: Atlantic, Pacific, Indian

Fact: 90% of all volcanic activities happen in the ocean.

It is very likely that this great volcano of the second plague could come from the gigantic volcanic mountain range of the Mid-Atlantic Ridge that covers the entire length of the Atlantic Ocean or from one of the 300 or more currently active volcanoes in the Pacific Ocean.

**The second of the seven plagues in Revelation 16 tell us what happened.**

When you compare the second trumpet to the second last plague in Revelation 16, the **second plague** (effect) tells you **what happen** and the **second trumpet** (cause) tells you **how it happen**.

**Revelation 16:3**

3 And the second angel poured out his vial upon the sea; and it became **as the blood of a dead man**: and **every living soul died in the sea**. [This is the what]

Second Trumpet told us the how... 1/3 of sea affected by major volcano, red lava as blood killing ALL that were in the 1/3 affected area. The second plague reveal that all those persons aboard the 1/3 of ships on that were destroyed are killed.

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<b>Second Plague</b> – Verse 3: “Sea (Ocean) became <b>as the blood of a dead man</b> : and <b>every living soul died in the sea</b> .”	<b>Second Trumpet</b> – Verses 8, 9: “ <b>a great mountain burning with fire</b> was cast into the sea: and the <b>third part of the sea became blood...</b> ” <b>1/3 sea creatures and ships destroyed</b>

**What was the third plague that John saw in vision after the third angel blew the third trumpet?**

**Revelation 8:10&11**

10 And the third angel sounded, and there fell a great star from heaven, burning as it were a lamp, and it fell upon the **third part of the rivers, and upon the fountains of waters**;

11 And the name of the star is called **Wormwood**: and the third part of the waters became wormwood; and **many men died of the waters**, because they were made **bitter**.

**1/3 of the rivers and foundation of waters** (where we get our drinking water from) are made undrinkable “bitter” as a result of a meteor “star” known as Wormwood strikes the earth. Many die from drinking the poisonous bitter water.

**The third of the seven plagues of Revelation 16 tell us what happened.**

When you compare the third trumpet to the third last plague in Revelation 16, the third plague tells you what happened and the third trumpet tells you how it happen.

**Revelation 16:4**

4 And the third angel poured out his vial upon the **rivers and fountains of waters**; and they became blood

These are the same rivers and foundations of waters spoken of in Revelation 8:11. They will become blood or like blood obviously making a third part of the drinking water too poisonous to drink after the meteorite Wormwood hits the earth.

<b>Revelation 16: Seven Last Plagues</b> (What happened) - EFFECT	<b>Revelation 8: Seven Trumpets</b> (How it happened) - CAUSE
<b>Third Plague</b> – Verse 4: “ <b>rivers and fountains of waters</b> ; and they became blood.”	<b>Third Trumpet</b> – Verses 10, 11: “fell a great star (Wormwood) from heaven, burning as it were a lamp, and it fell upon the <b>third part of the rivers, and upon the fountains of waters...</b> ” <b>many men die from bitter undrinkable water.</b>

**What was the fourth plague that John saw after the fourth angel blew the fourth trumpet?**

**Revelation 8:12**

12 And the fourth angel sounded, and the **third part of the sun was smitten**, and the **third part of the moon**, and the third part of the stars; so as the third part of them was darkened, and the day shone not for a third part of it, and the night likewise.

Sun, moon and stars will not give light. In a 24 hour period about 12 hours are daylight hours and about 12 hours are night time hours. 1/3 of a 12 hours is 4 hours (12 divided by 3 = 4). 1/3 or approximately 4 hours of the day the sun will be darkened and 1/3 (4 hours) of the night the moon and stars will not give light. It appears that this will happen worldwide! The darkening of the sun WILL NOT be a result of an ellipse.

**The fourth of the seven plagues tell us what happened when the sun was shining bright 2/3 of the day (approximately 8 hours)**

**Revelation 16:8**

8 And the fourth angel poured out his vial upon the sun; and power was given unto him to scorch men with fire.

During at least 8 daylight hours, the sun will be scorching many people on the earth with very intense heat. This is going to be some serious heat.

<b>Revelation 16: Seven Last Plagues</b> (What happened) - EFFECT	<b>Revelation 8: Seven Trumpets</b> (How it happened) - CAUSE
<b>Fourth Plague</b> – Verse 8: “And the fourth angel poured out his vial upon the sun; and power was given unto him to scorch men with fire.”	<b>Fourth Trumpet</b> – Verse 12: “fourth angel sounded, and the <b>third part of the sun was smitten</b> , and the <b>third part of the moon</b> ”

**Summary of the first four plagues comparing Seven Plagues and Seven Trumpets**

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**After John sees the devastating scenes of the first, second, third, and fourth trumpets of Revelation chapter 8 that will cause massive calamity on this earth what did he see and hear next before he sees the fifth angel blow his trumpet?**

### **Revelation 8:13**

13 And I beheld, and heard an angel flying through the midst of heaven, saying with a loud voice, Woe, woe, woe, to the inhabitants of the earth by reason of the other voices of the trumpet of the three angels, which are yet to sound!

**Woe (Greek) is an exclamation of grief! What are these woes!**

Woe, Woe, Woe.. To be continued... Appeal... God's people sealed and preserved from the plagues

### **Psalms 91:1-16**

- 1 He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.
- 2 I will say of the LORD, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust.
- 3 Surely he shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler, and from the noisome pestilence.
- 4 He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings shalt thou trust: his truth shall be thy shield and buckler.
- 5 Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night; nor for the arrow that flieth by day;
- 6 Nor for the pestilence that walketh in darkness; nor for the destruction that wasteth at noonday.
- 7 A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand; but it shall not come nigh thee.
- 8 Only with thine eyes shalt thou behold and see the reward of the wicked.
- 9 Because thou hast made the LORD, which is my refuge, even the most High, thy habitation;
- 10 There shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling.
- 11 For he shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways.
- 12 They shall bear thee up in their hands, lest thou dash thy foot against a stone.
- 13 Thou shalt tread upon the lion and adder: the young lion and the dragon shalt thou trample under feet.

14 Because he hath set his love upon me, therefore will I deliver him: I will set him on high, because he hath known my name.

15 He shall call upon me, and I will answer him: I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him, and honour him.

16 With long life will I satisfy him, and shew him my salvation.

**We will look at two of the “woe” plagues in our next study.**

**Preparation time is NOW NOW NOW! Don't delay!**

### **Hebrews 3:7,8 and 15-19**

7 Wherefore (as the Holy Ghost saith, To day if ye will hear his voice,

8 Harden not your hearts, as in the provocation, in the day of temptation in the wilderness:

15 While it is said, **To day if ye will hear his voice**, harden not your hearts, as in the provocation.

***Why did only 2 (Joshua and Caleb) of the original who were numbered in Numbers chapter 1 who were delivered from Egypt NOT ENTER into the Canaan land?***

16 For some, when they had heard, did provoke: howbeit not all that came out of Egypt by Moses.

17 But with whom was he grieved forty years? was it not with them that had sinned, whose carcasses fell in the wilderness?

18 And to whom sware he that they should not enter into his rest, but to them that believed not?

19 So we see that they could not enter in because of **unbelief**.

Do you believe? Only those who belief and take heed to ALL of God's Bible truth will be saved. The world is being played by Satan! Make a decision to follow Jesus with your whole heart without any division.

**Is tomorrow promised to you?**

**Proverbs 27:1**

1 Boast not thyself of to morrow; for thou knowest not what a day may bring forth.

**What is the reality?**

**James 4:13-17**

13 Go to now, ye that say, To day or to morrow we will go into such a city, and continue there a year, and buy and sell, and get gain:

14 Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away.

15 For that ye ought to say, If the Lord will, we shall live, and do this, or that.

16 But now ye rejoice in your boastings: all such rejoicing is evil.

17 Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin.

**NO MORE DELAY....**

**2 Corinthians 6:2**

2 (For he saith, I have heard thee in a time accepted, and in the day of salvation have I succoured [relieved] thee: behold, **now is the accepted time**; behold, **now is the day of salvation**.)