

## Lesson 14: The Seventh Seal & The Trumpets

Key Texts: Revelation 8

### Lesson Outline

- I. Seventh Seal (8:1)
- II. Seven Angels are given Trumpets (8:2)
- III. Angel with the Golden Censer (8:3,4)
- IV. Heavenly Response to Prayers (8:5)
- V. Preparation for the Trumpets (8:6)
- VI. First Trumpet (8:7)
- VII. Second Trumpet (8:8,9)
- VIII. Third Trumpet (8:10,11)
- IX. Fourth Trumpet (8:12)
- X. Introduction to the Three Woes [Trumpets 5-7] (8:13)

### Review of Seals

Seal #1 – Pentecost in AD 31

Seal #2 – Roman Empire persecution

Seal #3 – Decline of Spiritual Christianity (Constantine)

Seal #4 – Death of Spiritual Christianity (Tradition over Bible – Middle Ages)

Seal #5 – Oppression of God's people throughout Christian History

Seal #6 – Signs of Second Coming of Jesus

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| Seals 1-4 | The means God uses to keep His people on track   |
| Seal 5    | God's people harmed and martyred by enemies      |
| Seals 6-7 | God's judgment against the enemies of His people |

## **Meaning of Silence**

Genesis 7:4-10

1 Kings 19:9-13

Matthew 24:21,22

*Silence represents an interlude or pause between the judgment against God's people and the judgment against the earth.*

## **Significance of Trumpets**

Judges 7:19-23

1 Corinthians 15:51,52

*The sound of trumpets, in the Bible, ushers in feelings of: terror, joy, reverent expectation*

## **Purposes of Trumpets**

- Liturgy & Worship (Lev. 25:9)
- Covenant Warfare (Num. 10:8-10)
- Battles (Joshua 6:20,21)
- Warning (Ezekiel 33:3-6)
- Signaling (Isaiah 27:13; Matthew 24:31)
- Coronation (1 Kings 1:34,39)
- Theophany (God's appearance) (Exodus 19:16-20)

**Next Week - Revelation 9: The Fifth and Sixth Trumpets**