

With the seventh seal on God's Judgment Scroll finally broken, the Tribulation continues to unfold. The first four plagues are introduced by angels blowing horns. A third of the earth, sea, rivers, and heavenly bodies are destroyed.

Outline

Chapter Preview	Introduction
The Seventh Seal	Revelation 8:1-6

The First Four Trumpets Revelation 8:7-13



Truths & Principles

- ✓ God receives the prayers of His people and acts in response to those prayers.
- ✓ God uses natural disasters to accomplish His purposes.
- ✓ God's judgments are designed to bring people to repent.
- ✓ God's disciplining judgments in history will climax in a final time of tribulation, devastating nature as never before.

Preview

The seven trumpets begin to sound and terrible calamities follow. These judgments are so severe that the global blaze they ignite nearly destroys the whole planet. The whole world is at war and all life is in danger of extinction.



Applications

- ✓ Believe that some plagues are the natural consequence of sin and evil, but others by the plan of God.
- ✓ Learn about how God's people will be victorious during times of divine judgment by looking at the patterns in the Book of Exodus.



Test all things; hold fast wha
is good, 1 Thessalonians 5:21

1. On opening the 7 th seal, what happened in heaven (8:1)?
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- 2. What were the 7 angels who stand before God, given (8:2)? _____
- 3. What ascended before God with the incense smoke (8:3)? ______
- 4. When the 1st angel sounded its trumpet what happened (8:7)?
- 5. When the 2nd angel sounded its trumpet what happened (8:8-9)?
- 6. When the 3rd angel sounded its trumpet what happened (8:10-11)? _____
- 7. What is Wormwood? (8:11)
- 8. When the 4th angel sounded its trumpet what happened (8:12)? ______

Study Questions

- 1. How does the description in 8:1-4 help you to understand and picture what happens when we pray?
- 2. After the Lamb breaks the 7th seal, heaven is silent for ½ an hour. Evidently the only sounds are the prayers of God's people (8:3).
 - ❖ What is the value of silence in your relationship with God?
 - ❖ What can you learn from Psalm 46:10 and Isaiah 30:15?
- 3. Do you think God causes the disasters we experience now, or do you think He permits these things to happen?
 - ❖ What light can be shed on this from Romans 8:21-22?
- 4. What about the future natural disasters? Will they be consequences of natural events, or will God cause them?
 - Explain your answer.
- 5. The supernatural plagues described in Revelation 8-11 parallel the plagues of Egypt (Exodus 7-11).
 - What comfort can you take from the way the plagues of Egypt affected God's people?