

## Lecture 26 – Revelation 8-11: Trumpet Warnings

*When he opened the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven for about half an hour. And I saw the seven angels who stand before God, and to them were given seven trumpets. Another angel, who had a golden censer, came and stood at the altar. He was given much incense to offer, with the prayers of all the saints, on the golden altar before the throne. The smoke of the incense, together with the prayers of the saints, went up before God from the angel's hand. Revelation 8:1-4*

### Key Terms

Six trumpets, troubles, judgments, scroll, two witnesses, total triumph

### Lecture Objectives

- List and describe the seven trumpets found in Revelation 8-11
- Briefly outline the role the trumpets play in our understanding of Revelation
- Identify some important applications for the church today

### Preliminary Questions

- Dr. Doriani states in the introduction to this lecture that the seven trumpets “sound a warning.” Based on your study so far, for whom is this warning sounded? What might John be hoping to accomplish in the lives of his readers with this warning?

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### I. Introduction

- A. Theme: Seventh seal closes one cycle and opens a new one.
- B. Seventh seal introduces 7 trumpets: Trumpets sound out warning.

### II. The First Six Trumpets (8-9)

#### A. Words of further troubles:

1. A third of the earth suffers damage (8:3-13).
2. A third of the sea ...
3. (8:3-4) Angel came and stood at the altar ...

#### B. Traits of trumpets

1. They are result of prayers of church
2. Similar to some plagues of Egypt
  - a. \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. \_\_\_\_\_
3. Purpose:
  - a. To sound warning and call to repentance
  - b. Language of the woe: the language of warning but ...
  - c. ch 9: the rest of mankind ...
  - d. The word of all judgment is ...

#### C. Locust plague (#5) (ch. 9)

1. Points out:
  - a. From God:
  - b. And from Satan:

#### D. Trumpet 6: Further judgments released

### III. A Little Scroll (10)

#### A. A Vision:

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

B. Structurally the scroll is part of sixth trumpet, but is only loosely connected to it.

C. Message sealed up, yet clues re its meaning.

1. Mystery:

a. \_\_\_\_\_

b. \_\_\_\_\_

c. \_\_\_\_\_

2. John given a scroll to eat:

a. \_\_\_\_\_

b. \_\_\_\_\_

c. Scene resembles Ezekiel in 2:3-3:9.

3. Experience of Ezekiel and John (10:9-11) is universal.

a. There is a sweetness:

b. There is bitterness:

#### IV. Two Witnesses (11)

A. Traits and acts of the two witnesses

1. God will give them power: (Allusion to Zech 4:6)

2. Two witnesses: (Deut 19:15, Matt 10, etc.)

3. Sackcloth:

4. Two olive trees, two lamp stands:

5. Power: miracles remind of Elijah and Moses

6. Activity of two witnesses: measure the temple

B. Identity and time of the two witnesses

1. Does the vision point to two historic figures or to the church's witness globally?

2. After they finish their testimony ...

3. City (Sodom, Egypt, Jerusalem) represents ...

a. Sodom is known for its ...

b. Egypt is known for its ...

c. Jerusalem is known for its ...

d. Perhaps Rome ...

4. Point in sum: all God's witnesses are liable to ...

a. (Mt 23:35):

b. (Rev 17:6):

5. In the last analysis ...

6. The time:

a. 42 months or 1260 days = time when the Gentiles trample holy city.

b. This started at fall of Jerusalem (Luke 21:24) and continues through the gospel age.

c. What about the covenant? Grace or law prominent?

1) Adam

2) Abraham

3) Moses

4) New Covenant

5) Eternity

C. The 7th trumpet: total triumph and the day of judgment

#### V. Conclusion