

Revelation Study
Vision 2
The First Four Trumpets
Revelation 8:2-13

- I. The Seven Angels Are Prepared To Sound (8:2-6)
 - A. The use of trumpets
 - 1. War
 - 2. Worship
 - 3. Judgement
 - B. The prayers of the saints are simultaneous with the sounding of the trumpets
 - C. Present suffering and abiding judgment on sin
- II. Trumpets 1-4
 - A. Trumpet 1: Burning (cf. Exodus 9:22-25)
 - 1. Not part of “The Day of the Lord”
 - 2. Only impacts part of the earth and humanity
 - 3. Men live on to reject God after this (cf. 8:13; 9:20-21)
 - 4. This is a picture of the abiding, ever present displeasure of God against humanity’s sin
 - B. Trumpet 2: A Judging and Judges Kingdom (cf. Jeremiah 51:25; Exodus 7:20)
 - 1. The mountain is often used in the OT & NT as a picture of a kingdom
 - 2. Fire is often associated with judgment
 - 3. In this case – “Babylon” is both judged and a judgment
 - a. Its presence in the world causes pain and suffering for the inhabitants of earth

- b. Most view its presence, sadly, as for their good
 - C. Trumpet 3: Bitterness (cf. Jeremiah 9:15; 23:15; Lamentations 3:15, 19; Exodus 15:23; Deuteronomy 29:18; Hebrews 12:15)
 - 1. Death coming by poisonous bitterness
 - 2. The abiding presence of sin and the “burning mountain” causes mankind to become bitter
 - a. Constantly discontent
 - b. Constantly seeking, but never finding
 - D. Trumpet 4: Darkness in the Cosmos (cf. Revelation 6:12-13; Exodus 10:21-23; Ezekiel 32:7-8)
 - 1. Creation itself is to declare the glory of God
 - 2. Men should see by the light of creation their need of God
 - 3. Yet, mankind’s mind, by the abiding presence of “the burning mountain,” has been darkened (cf. Psalm 19; Roman 1:18-32)
- III. The Coming Woes (13)
 - A. The eagle announces ever increasing sorrow (cf. Deuteronomy 28:49; Jeremiah 4:13; 48:40; 49:22; Lamentations 4:19; Ezekiel 17:3; Hosea 8:1; Habakkuk 1:8)
 - B. An escalating cycle of judgment against the hard hearted (cf. the Exodus)
 - C. The believers? They must overcome