

Union Chapel M.B. Church

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Revelation 8

(Study Material: *Wilmington Guide to the Bible & The Bible Exposition Commentary New Testament*)

The seal judgments are now over; the trumpet judgments are about to begin. These will be followed by the bowl (vial) judgments, culminating in the destruction of Babylon and Christ's return to earth.

Note the from the *seals* to the *trumpets* to the *bowls*, the judgments increase in their intensity. Note also that the trumpet and the bowl judgments touch on the same areas, as the following summary illustrates:

<i>The Trumpets</i>	<i>The Judgment</i>	<i>The Bowls</i>
8.1-7	The earth	16.1-2
8.8-9	The sea	16.3
8.10-11	The rivers	16.4-7
8.12-13	The heavens	16.8-9
9.1-12	Mankind – torment	16.10-11
9.13-21	An army	16.12-16
11.15-19	Angry nations	16.17-21

The trumpet judgments are released during the *first half* of the tribulation, and the bowl judgments during the *last half*, which is also called “the wrath of God” (Rev 14.10; 15.7). The trumpet judgments parallel the plagues that God sent on the land of Egypt.

A. Preparation, 1-6

1. Silence, v1
2. Supplication, vv2-6

B. Desolation, 7-13

1. 1ST Trumpet – Desolation on earth, v7
 - i. One third of vegetation destroyed; Plant life was first to be created (Gen 1.11-12)
 - ii. Reminds us of the seventh Egyptian plague (Ex 9.18-26)
2. 2nd Trumpet – Desolation in the seas, vv8-9
 - i. One third of ocean life and ships destroyed
 - ii. Reminds us of the first Egyptian plague (Ex. 7:19–21)
3. 3rd Trumpet – Desolation in the fresh water, vv10-11
 - i. One third of fresh water poisoned
 - ii. A meteor containing stifling and bitter gases
4. 4th Trumpet – Desolation in the heavens, vv12-13
 - i. One third of sun, moon, and stars darkened (Gen 1.14-16, Amos 8.9)
 - ii. Reminds us of the ninth Egyptian plague (Ex. 10:21–23), which lasted three days

Practical Applications:

1. **The Power of Silence:** Use moments of quiet to listen for God's voice and prepare our heart for His guidance
2. **The Role of Prayer:** Commit to interceding for others and trusting that our prayers are heard and valued by God
3. **Awareness of Judgment:** Understand the reality of God's judgment and the call to live righteously motivate us to share the gospel and live a life that honors God.
4. **Hope in Redemption:** Despite the severity of the judgments, remember to hold onto God's ultimate plan of redemption, restoration, the hope of Christ's return, and the establishment of His kingdom.