

Final Countdown: The Book Of Revelation
“The Seven Trumpets Of Judgment: What Will It Take?” #14
Cornerstone Church of Poway
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Big Idea: God extends His mercy with a final countdown before He judges the World.

What Will It Take?

“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. Then the angel took the censer, **filled it with fire** from the altar, and **hurled it on the earth**; and there came peals of **thunder**, **rumblings**, flashes of **lightning** and an **earthquake**.”

Revelation 8:1-13 (NIV)

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Trumpet #1: One Third Of The Earth Is Burned

“Then the seven angels who had the **seven trumpets** prepared to sound them. The **first angel** sounded his trumpet, and there came **hail and fire mixed with blood**, and it was hurled down upon the earth. **A third of the earth was burned up**, a third of the **trees** were burned up, and all the **green grass was burned up**.” **Revelation 8:6-7 (NIV)**

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Trumpet #2: One Third Of The Sea Is Destroyed

“The **second** angel sounded his trumpet, and *something like* a **huge mountain**, all ablaze, was **thrown into the sea**. **A third of the sea turned into blood**, a third of the **living creatures** in the sea died, and a third of the **ships** were destroyed.” **Revelation 8:8-9 (NIV)**

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Trumpet #3: One Third Of The Fresh Water Is Destroyed

“The **third** angel sounded his trumpet, and a **great star**, blazing like a torch, fell from the sky on a third of the rivers and on the springs of water-- the name of the star is **Wormwood**. **A third of the waters turned bitter**, and many people died from the waters that had become bitter.”

Revelation 8:10-11 (NIV)

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Trumpet #4: One Third Of The Celestial Light Is Darkened

“The **fourth** angel sounded his trumpet, and a **third of the sun** was struck, a third of the **moon**, and a third of the **stars**, so that a third of them turned dark. **A third of the day was without light, and also a third of the night**. As I watched, I heard an eagle that was flying in midair call out in a loud voice: “**Woe! Woe! Woe to the inhabitants of the earth**, because of the trumpet blasts about to be sounded by the other three angels!” **Revelation 8:12-13 (NIV)**

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Trumpet #5: Demonic Torture For Five Months

“The **fifth** angel sounded his trumpet, and I saw a **star** that **had fallen** from the sky to the earth. The star was given the **key to the shaft of the Abyss**. When he opened the Abyss, smoke rose

from it like the smoke from a gigantic furnace. The **sun and sky were darkened** by the smoke from the Abyss. And out of the smoke locusts came down upon the earth and were given power like that of scorpions of the earth. They were told **not to harm the grass of the earth** or any plant or tree, **but only those people who did not have the seal of God** on their foreheads.”

Revelation 9:1-4 (NIV)

“They were **not given power to kill** them, but **only to torture** them for five months. And the agony they suffered was **like that of the sting of a scorpion** when it strikes a man. **During those days men will seek death, but will not find it**; they will long to die, but death will elude them. The locusts looked **like horses prepared for battle**. On their heads they wore *something like crowns of gold*, and their **faces resembled human faces**. Their hair was **like women's hair**, and their **teeth were like lions' teeth**. They had breastplates like **breastplates of iron**, and the **sound** of their wings was like the **thundering of many horses** and chariots rushing into battle. They had tails and stings like scorpions, and in **their tails they had power to torment people** for five months. **They had as king over them the angel of the Abyss**, whose name in Hebrew is **Abaddon**, and in Greek, **Apollyon**. The first woe is past; two other woes are yet to come.”

Revelation 9:5-12 (NIV)

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Trumpet #6 Two Hundred Million Mounted Troops

“The **sixth angel** sounded his trumpet, and I heard a voice coming from the **horns** of the **golden altar** that is before God. It said to the **sixth angel** who had the trumpet, **“Release the four angels who are bound at the great river Euphrates.”** And the four angels who had been **kept ready** for this **very hour and day and month and year** were released **to kill a third of mankind**. The number of the mounted troops was **two hundred million**. I heard their number. The horses and riders I saw in my vision *looked like this*: Their **breastplates were fiery red, dark blue, and yellow as sulfur**. The **heads of the horses** resembled the **heads of lions**, and **out of their mouths came fire, smoke and sulfur**. **A third of mankind was killed by the three plagues of fire, smoke and sulfur** that came out of their mouths. The **power** of the horses was **in their mouths and in their tails**; for their **tails were like snakes**, having heads with which they inflict injury.”

Revelation 9:13-19 (NIV)

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Still No Repentance?

“The **rest of mankind** that were not killed by these plagues **still did not repent** of the **work of their hands**; they **did not stop worshiping demons**, and **idols** of gold, silver, bronze, stone and wood--idols that cannot see or hear or walk. **Nor did they repent of their murders, their magic arts, their sexual immorality or their thefts.”** **Revelation 9:20-21 (NIV)**

“Or do you show contempt for the riches of his kindness, tolerance and patience, not realizing that **God's kindness leads you toward repentance?** But because of your **stubbornness and your unrepentant heart**, you are storing up wrath against yourself for the day of God's wrath, when his righteous judgement will be revealed.” **Romans 2:4-5 (NIV)**

➤ What will it take?

My next right step, I will:

- Accept Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior
- Sign up for Partnership Class Nov. 22, 10:45 am-12:30 pm, lunch included
- Invite someone to church or join a watch party on Sunday
- Join our Zoom Bible Study on the Book of Revelation-Tuesdays 6:30 pm

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Family Corner: [Choose one day this week to ask questions to go deeper in faith as a family. Try this over dinner. Keep it under 12 minutes.]

Small Groups: [Choose as many questions that honor your group's time commitment]

Open in Prayer:

- What thoughts from this week's message encourage you to live like Jesus?

Review the Remember Verse “**Blessed** is the one who **reads** the words of this prophecy, and blessed are those who **hear** it and **take to heart** what is written in it, because the time is near.” **Revelation 1:3 (NIV)**

How has God blessed you so far in this study of God's Word?

Icebreaker: When you are home alone, do you like silence, or do you have to have noise going on? Why?

What Will It Take?

Read Revelation 8:1-5

During the seals and trumpets, why was there silence?

What is a censor?

What do altars and incense teach us about prayer?

Read Revelation 8:6-11

What events follow the first four trumpets?

How do these trumpet events compare with the first six seals?

Note how the seals describes what happens to believers and how the trumpets describes what happens to unbelievers.

Think about the effects of 1/3 of plants, ocean, and fresh water being destroyed.

How would it affect our economy?

Our agriculture?

Food supply?

Our culture?

Read Revelation 8:12-13

How would 1/3 less light affect our culture?

Revelation 9:1-21

What happens when the fifth trumpet sounds?

What power do the locusts have?

How are they restrained?

Are the angels in 9:14 good or bad?

What is God's role in their action?

What is the difference between the power of the locusts and the horses?

What events are inaugurated by the sixth trumpet?

Why do you suppose this woe failed to bring the majority to repentance as originally intended? [v.20-21]

What do you have in common with the people mentioned in 9:20-21?

Where has God changed your heart and behavior in the past year or two?

Close in Prayer.