

THE SIX TRUMPETS
Judgment is coming but Salvation is now
Revelation 8-9

Introduction:

- A. How do we know when terrible events are God's judgments?
1. Terrible events that are a result of man's sinful choices or simply an act of n_____ are not judgments of God. They are natural results of a f_____ world.
 2. God does not judge secretly but proclaims His judgments in advance which have super_____ results.
 - a. The ten p_____ upon Egypt were made known to Pharaoh that it was God's judgment.
 - b. The Babylonian takeover of Israel was prophesied as a _____ year judgment.
- B. The seventh seal is full of the judgments of God.
1. These are NOT recorded as a way of getting unbelievers to r_____ even though it may be pointed out to them (Lk 3:7).
 2. These ARE recorded for believers to know what they are missing out on - the w_____ of God (Rom 5:9)

Six trumpets summarized

- A. The first four trumpets – catastrophic events that affect the earth (8:6-12)
1. The first trumpet – 1/3 of land and 1/3 of trees are burned up but _____% of the green grass is burned up (v. 7)
 2. The second trumpet – 1/3 of the sea turns into b_____, 1/3 of sea life dies, and 1/3 of ships are destroyed (vv. 8,9).
 3. The third trumpet - 1/3 of the f_____ water supply is poisoned and cause many who drink it to die (vv. 10,11).
 4. The fourth trumpet – 1/3 of the d____ the sun gives no light and 1/3 of the n_____ the moon and stars give no light (v. 12).
- B. Observations of the first four trumpets
1. The fraction 1/3 tells us that God's judgment is s_____
 - a. It will not affect a _____ believers.
 - b. It will not affect a _____ unbelievers.

2. These first four trumpets correspond with the four angels of
 - h_____ back in 7:2,3.
 - a. The first four trumpets happen a_____ God finishes saving all the people He is going to save (7:3 – *do not harm the earth, the sea, or the trees until we have sealed the bondservants of our God on their foreheads.*)
 - b. Jesus prophesied in Matt 24:14 that gospel has to first be preached to all the ethnic peoples of the world and then the e_____ will come.
- C. The last three trumpets equal the three w_____ (8:13-9:21)
 1. The fifth trumpet or the first woe (9:1-11)
 - a. L_____ are released from the bottomless pit with a key given to a star that fell to the earth from heaven – this tells us that God determines the t_____ of this event.
 - b. The locusts are described as looking scary, sounding scary, and inflicting a sting as painful as a s_____’s sting.
 - c. The locusts only have the power to t_____ unbelievers (those who do not have the seal of God on their foreheads) for a period of _____ months (they cannot kill anyone).
 - d. Those tortured try to commit s_____ but cannot.
 - e. The king of the locusts identified
 - 1) The a_____ of the bottomless pit.
 - 2) Named with a name that means D_____
 - 3) Who is this king? – S_____
 - D. The sixth trumpet or the second woe (9:13-21)
 1. The four angels bound (probably d_____) at the Euphrates River are released to serve for this very moment.
 - a. The four angels command an army of 200 m_____
 - b. The horses breathe out fire, smoke, and sulfur which are called p_____ (v. 20)
 2. The effect
 - a. 1/3 of the unbelieving world are k_____
 - b. The rest of the unbelieving world do not repent of:
 - 1) Their s_____ lifestyles
 - 2) Their r_____ lifestyles of idolatry.

Two truths derived

- A. Only God can c_____ a person's heart.
1. The means of change is not in our delivery (e.g. c_____ arguments; emotional appeals).
 2. The means of change is the g_____ (Rom 1:16; Rom 10:17).
 - a. There is only _____ gospel (Gal 1:9)
 - b. The word gospel means g_____ news (it is the good news of what God has done for us in Christ).
 3. Know the gospel you are to share (1 Cor 15:1-6)
 - a. Christ d_____ for our sins according to the scriptures (v. 3).
 - 1) Christ is G_____ in the flesh (Jn 1:1,14)
 - 2) Is 53 prophesied of this sacrifice for sins through suffering centuries before it happened.
 - b. Christ was b_____ (v. 4a)
 - 1) Wrapped in traditional burial clothes
 - 2) Put in a rich man's t_____ and closed up by a l_____ stone.
 - 3) G_____ by Roman guards
 - 4) S_____ with a governmental seal
 - c. Christ rose from the d_____ on the third day according to the scriptures (Ps 16:10) showing Himself alive to all His followers (v. 4b-6).
 - d. Believe (i.e. t_____) in Jesus to be your sin payment and the God of your life (Jn 3:16)
- B. One day God's grace is going to end
1. It will be impossible to r_____
 2. But today is not that day. Today is the day of s _____ (2 Cor 6:2; Heb 4:7).