

### **3<sup>rd</sup> ... THE SEVEN TRUMPETS OF WARNING** (Chapters 8-11) – Ezekiel 33:2-4

*'...the calamities of earthquake, the devastations of storm, the (destructions) of war, and all the terrible catastrophes of plague, have only been co-workers with God — slaves compelled to tug the galley of the divine purpose across the sea of time... in every event of Providence, God has a purpose... all history is but one. There are many scenes, but it is one drama; there are many pages, but it is one book... there be lords many and rulers many, yet is there but one empire, and God the only Potentate.'* – **C.H. Spurgeon** – *The Infallibility Of God's Purpose*, (Vol. 7, #406)

**Opening Scene:** 8:2-6

**1<sup>st</sup> Trumpet** – 8:7... hail & fire “*thrown to the earth*”

**2<sup>nd</sup> Trumpet** – 8:8-9 ... burning mountain “*thrown into the earth*”

**3<sup>rd</sup> Trumpet** – 8:10-11 ... burning star “*fell from heaven*”

**4<sup>th</sup> Trumpet** – 8:12-13 ... the heavens are darkened...

**5<sup>th</sup> Trumpet** ... 9:1-12 ... tormenting locusts...

**6<sup>th</sup> Trumpet** ...9:13-21 ... release of the four angels...

## Interlude What about God's people? – 10:1-11:14

**10:1-10 ... GOD'S PEOPLE WILL SUFFER** – Acts 14:22

**11:1-2 ... GOD'S PEOPLE ARE CARED FOR AND PROTECTED** – 1 Corinthians 3:16-17

**11:3-6 ... GOD'S PEOPLE ARE TO BE WITNESSES**

- **TWO OLIVE TREES** – symbolizing **Zerubbabel** (governor) and **Joshua** (high priest)  
– Zechariah 4:2-1
- **TWO LAMPSTANDS** –symbolizing **Moses & Elijah** – James 5:17-18

*'These witnesses symbolize the church militant bearing testimony... throughout the present dispensation. The fact that there are two witnesses emphasizes the missionary task of the Church'* – **William Hendricksen**, *More Than Conquerors* (p. 129)

**11:7-10 ... GOD'S PEOPLE ARE SILENCED**

**11:11-13 ... GOD'S PEOPLE ARE RAISED** (Church is revived)

*'Squeezed and hemmed in down the ages, (the church) nevertheless exercises a power and an influence in the lives of millions. Threatened with extinction at various times, it continues to rise again... these are God's precious people. They are Christians of East Timor. They are Christians of the Sudan. They are the Christians of imperial Rome. They are you and me.'* – **Richard Bewes**, *The Lamb Wins* (p. 75)

**7<sup>th</sup> Trumpet ... 11:15-19 ... The Great Kingdom Proclamation** – 1 Corinthians 15:24-25