

Points to Remember from the Sermon:

1. If the meaning of the seven seals can be summarized as: difficult times mark the “last days” for _____, but God protects them, and they have a glorious future...then the meaning of the seven trumpets in Revelation can be summarized as : difficult times mark the “last days” for the “_____.”
2. The images in this long scene are addressed to our emotions and imaginations and move us as mere _____ never could.
3. The devil wants to convince us that prayer is _____, and _____.
4. Judgment is being worked out on the _____.
5. Trumpets in the OT were sounded for different reasons, but mostly to _____ people.
6. The tragedy of the scene of the sounding of the seven trumpets is that not everyone _____.
7. The trumpets alone do not bring about _____. What enables the trumpets to bring about _____ is _____.

Questions to Discuss or Consider at Home or in Small Group:

1. How do you think about prayer? Is it a job? A duty? A ritual?
2. How can judgment also be a mercy? What situations have you seen or experienced where justice brought mercy?
3. If we are to pray for those who persecute us, then why do the prayers of the saints from Seal 5 get answered with the trumpets of Revelation 8-9?
4. How are we to view the ongoing partial judgments in the world? How are we to respond? How are we to act?
5. Do you see any parallel of the trumpets (#1-4) with the judgment of the plagues of Egypt in the Old Testament? How do they fit together?
6. What was Pharaoh’s reaction to the plagues? What is the reaction of the earth dwellers to trumpets #1-6 according to Revelation?

Sermon Notes



Title: *Visions of Heaven that Shape Visions of Earth, #5*

Text: Revelation 8-9:12

Theme: The Hope of Coming Justice

Sermon Outline:

1. Review

2. The Power of Prayer

3. The Wait of Grace

4. The Call to Prophecy