

Revelation 8:6-13 (HCSB)

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⁸ *The second angel blew his trumpet, and something like a great mountain ablaze with fire was hurled into the sea. So a third of the sea became blood, ⁹ a third of the living creatures in the sea died, and a third of the ships were destroyed.*

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¹⁰ *The third angel blew his trumpet, and a great star, blazing like a torch, fell from heaven. It fell on a third of the rivers and springs of water. ¹¹ The name of the star is Wormwood, and a third of the waters became wormwood. So, many of the people died from the waters, because they had been made bitter.*

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¹² *The fourth angel blew 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 were darkened. A third of the day was without light, and the night as well.*

¹³ *I looked again and heard an eagle flying high overhead, crying out in a loud voice, "Woe! Woe! Woe to those who live on the earth, because of the remaining trumpet blasts that the three angels are about to sound!"*

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- (1) 144,000 Jewish _____, who will preach on the earth (1-8);
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Tribulation Saints of Revelation 7 – Lessons Learned:

- (1) Through the 144,000 Jewish evangelists, Israel will become the _____ nation that God intended them to be throughout OT history;
- (2) While the tribulation period will be a time of unprecedented _____, it will also be a time of unparalleled _____ (Mt. 24:14).

The Danger in Waiting (until the rapture/tribulation) to be Saved:

- (1) It's a _____ hope – Scripture never encourages waiting until tomorrow (much less the tribulation period) to be saved.
 - The chances of _____ before then
 - The conviction of the Holy Spirit may _____ with the passing of time, especially during the tribulation period (2 Thess. 2:11-12).
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Context of Revelation 8:6-13

- The world has already suffered through six _____ judgments, comprising the _____ quarter (21 months) of the Tribulation period.
- The breaking of the _____ seal introduces the seven _____ judgments, describing what conditions on earth will be like during the _____ quarter of the Tribulation period.
- The trumpet judgments are more _____ and more _____ than the seal judgments. The seals will wipe out one-_____ of the world's population. The trumpets will decimate another _____ of it.

I. First Trumpet Judgment: _____ is _____ (7).

- Parallel to OT judgments on _____ & _____ (Gen. 18-19).
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Each aspect of the first trumpet judgment, hail, fire, and blood, represents certain _____ concepts in the wrath of God.

- (1) "Hail" comes from _____ and naturally speaks of the source as well as the suddenness (cf. Isaiah 28:2).
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II. Second Trumpet Judgment: _____ Life & _____ Destroyed (8-9).

Three catastrophic, supernaturally designed effects result from the collision from an _____:

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III. Third Trumpet Judgment: _____ are _____ (10-11).

-- A falling star (meteorite) fell from heaven on earth's _____ sources, _____ many people and _____ a third of the world's fresh waters.

-- Parallels the experience of the _____ at the waters of Marah (Exodus 15:23-25).

-- Important principle: _____ brings bitterness.

IV. Fourth Trumpet Judgment: Sun, Moon & Stars Darkened (12).

-- An atmospheric phenomenon will cause the 24-hour period that constitutes a day to be _____ by one-third to _____ hours.

-- Darkness is a common symbol of _____ in the OT, and the "_____ of the _____" was prophesied to be a time of darkness.

-- Similar to the ninth plague upon _____ (Ex. 10:21-23), which brought supernatural darkness to the Egyptians for _____ days.

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