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The seven angels with the seven trumpets are part of the seventh seal, after the door of grace is closed.

There are two supplementary interpretations for those trumpets:



The punishment of God for those who have oppressed the people of God since Jesus' time until the Second Coming (in parallel to the seven seals).



The punishment of God for those who are not willing to receive the seal of God (in parallel to the seven plagues).

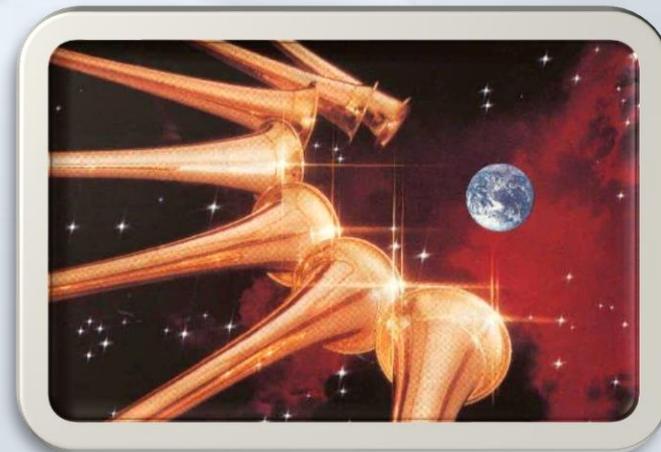
**7** The seventh seal. Revelation 8:1-5

 The 7 trumpets. Revelation 8:6-9:21

**( )** Interlude:

 The angel with the little book. Revelation 10

 The two witnesses. Revelation 11





# THE SEVENTH SEAL

“When He opened the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven for about half an hour.” (Revelation 8:1)

**A deep silence reigns in heaven as everyone waits for the divine judgment that is going to be poured out on Earth.**

**More incense is given to the angel who is presenting the prayers of the saints (v. 3-4).**



**When the embers (v. 5) are thrown outside (to the courtyard of the Temple, to the Earth), John sees the divine judgment fall down on rebellious humanity.**



# THE 7 TRUMPETS (1)

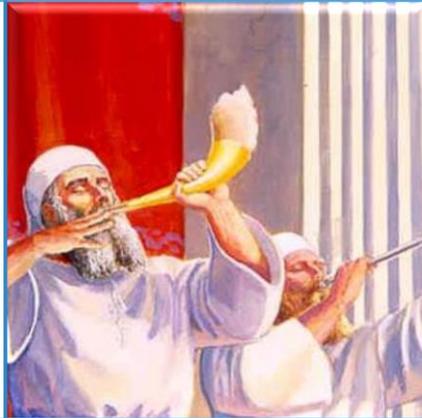
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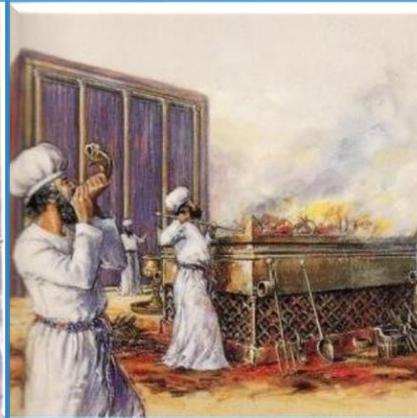
How were trumpets used in the Old Testament?



To bring together the people  
(Numbers 10:2-4)



To warn and to call to war  
(Numbers 10:9)



To celebrate the feasts, the holocausts and the peace sacrifices  
(Numbers 10:10)



To announce the “day of the Lord”, the Judgment  
(Joel 2:1)



The people of God are already sealed (9:4) and the four angels release the winds (9:14-15; cf. 7:1-3), so this happens in parallel to the last seven plagues.

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The trumpets caused plagues very similar to the plagues in Egypt.

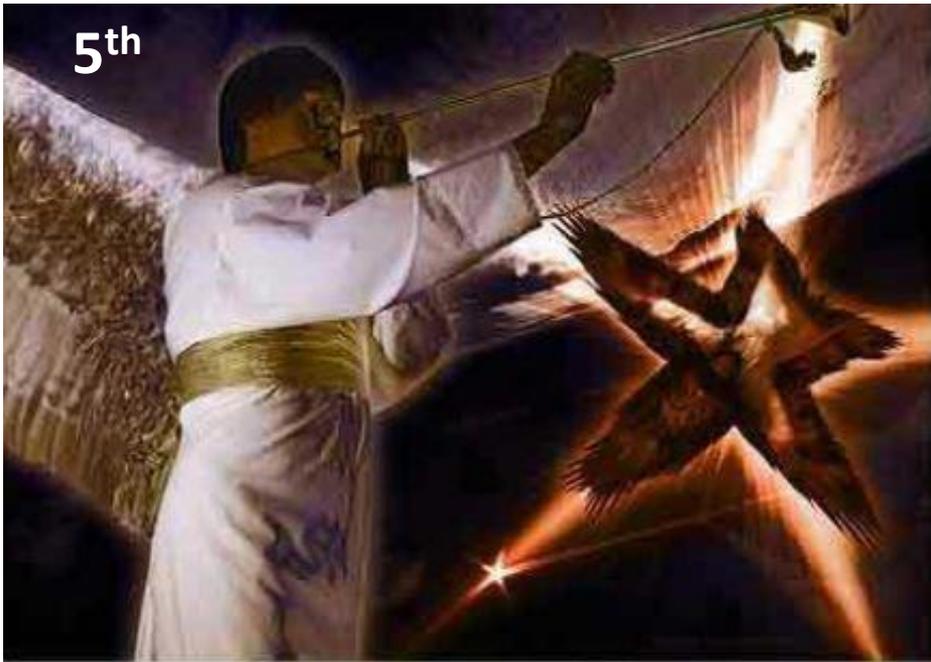


If we interpret the seal and the winds as applicable to all the saints (Ephesians 1:13), we may apply the interpretation of the seven trumpets to history as shown in the next slides.



	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>INTERPRETATION</b>	<b>REFERENCES</b>
<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	Hail and fire mingled with blood. Green grass and a third of the trees are burned up.	Judgment on Jerusalem.	Trees = The righteous: Ps. 1:1-3; Is. 61:3; Jer. 11:16-17. Hail, fire and blood: Ex. 9:23-26; Is. 10:16-20; Ez. 38:22. Jerusalem: Mt. 23:37-38; Lk. 23:28-31.
<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	A great mountain burning that falls into the sea. A third of the sea becomes blood, a third of the sea creatures die and a third of the ships are destroyed.	Judgment on Rome.	Blood: Ex. 7:19-21. Mountain = Babylon: Jer. 51:24-25, 41-42. Babylon = Rome: 1P. 5:13
<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>	A star like a torch (Wormwood) falls on fresh waters and the third of the waters become wormwood.	Judgment on the church in the Middle Ages.	A star falls = The work of Satan: Is. 14:12-19; Lk. 10:18; Rev. 12:9. Wormwood = The truth is preserved: Ps. 1:3; 84:6-7; 119:105; Jer. 2:13.
<b>4<sup>th</sup></b>	The sources of light (sun, moon and stars) are struck. Partial darkness.	Judgment on Romanism and Protestantism.	Darkness = the truth is eclipsed: Ex. 20:21-23; Job 38:2; Is. 8:22; Jn. 1:4-11; 3:18-21.

5th



7th



6th



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<b>5<sup>th</sup></b>	A star falls, the abyss is open, and the smoke brings darkness. Locusts with the power of scorpions torment men but not trees.	Judgment on atheism and secularism.	Trees = The righteous (see 1st trumpet). Rejecting the light involves torment: Rev. 9:3-11; Lk. 10:17-20; Eph. 1:13-14.
<b>6<sup>th</sup></b>	The winds by the Euphrates are released. A great army kills a third of men with fire, smoke and brimstone. The idolatrous don't repent.	Judgment on the spiritual Babylon.	Battle by river Euphrates: Rev. 16:12-16. The fall of Babylon: Is. 47:9-12. The idolatry of Babylon: Dan. 5:4, 23.
<b>7<sup>th</sup></b>	Joy in heaven because the world has finally been rescued.	The Second Coming	Judgment: Ps. 9:8; 96:16; Acts 17:31.

# THE ANGEL WITH THE LITTLE BOOK

*"I saw still another mighty angel coming down from heaven, clothed with a cloud. And a rainbow was on his head, his face was like the sun, and his feet like pillars of fire." (Revelation 10:1)*



There's an explanatory interlude between God's judgments on the wicked and the 7th trumpet.

God explains how He's called people to Him during the 1,260 years of persecution and before the end of grace. He used the Remnant (chapter 10) and the Bible (chapter 11).

The aspect of the mighty angel in Revelation 10 reveals that He is Jesus Christ (Rev. 1:13-16; 5:5; Ho. 11:10; Am. 3:8).

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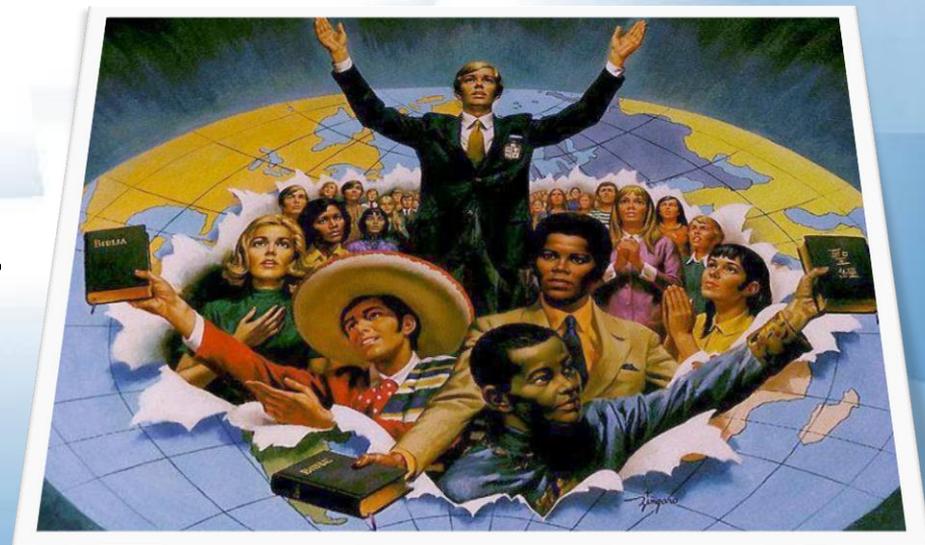


“and swore by Him who lives forever and ever, who created heaven and the things that are in it, the earth and the things that are in it, and the sea and the things that are in it, that there should be delay no longer.”  
(Revelation 10:6)

The message of that angel is the last sealed section of Revelation.

The angel has the book of Daniel in His hand, and He declares that time will be no more (cf. Daniel 12:7-9). That declaration is stated between the end of the 1,260 years of persecution and the end of the longest time prophecy in Daniel, the 2,300 years (i.e. 1844 AD).

There are no more time prophecies after that. There’s just one task: to preach the Gospel. “And he said to me, ‘You must prophesy again about many peoples, nations, tongues, and kings.’” (v. 11).



**“This time, which the angel declares with a solemn oath, is not the end of this world’s history, neither of probationary time, but of prophetic time, which should precede the advent of our Lord. That is, the people will not have another message upon definite time... The longest reckoning reaches to the autumn of 1844.”**

Ellen G. White (SDA Bible Commentary, on Revelation 10)

# THE TWO WITNESSES

“Then I was given a reed like a measuring rod. And the angel stood, saying, ‘Rise and measure the temple of God, the altar, and those who worship there.’”  
(Revelation 11:1)



The temple John had to measure was the Heavenly Sanctuary and its golden altar. The outer court shouldn't be measured, because it represents Earth, where the people of God were going to be persecuted for 1,260 years. During the persecution, the two witnesses work in harsh circumstances.

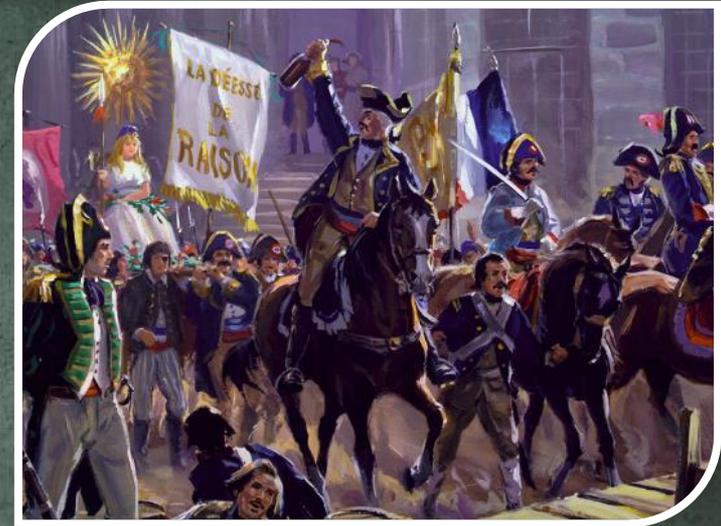


By comparing that to the vision in Zechariah 4, we understand that those two witnesses are “the Word of the Lord” strengthened “by My Spirit.” (v. 6)



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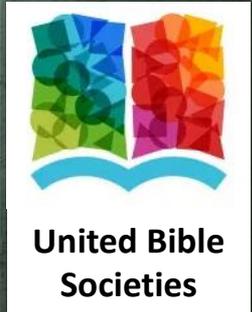
**"When they finish their testimony, the beast that ascends out of the bottomless pit will make war against them, overcome them, and kill them." (Revelation 11:7)**



**After the persecution, the French Revolution tried to destroy the Bible, banning it for three and a half years (from 11/26/1793 to 6/17/1797).**

**However, the Bible Societies spread and uplifted the Bible in such a way that it could never be destroyed again.**

**"Forever, O Lord, Your word is settled in heaven." (Psalm 119:89)**



**“Solemn events before us are yet to transpire. Trumpet after trumpet is to be sounded; vial after vial poured out one after another upon the inhabitants of the earth. Scenes of stupendous interest are right upon us and these things will be sure indications of the presence of Him who has directed in every aggressive movement, who has accompanied the march of His cause through all the ages, and who has graciously pledged Himself to be with His people in all their conflicts to the end of the world. He will vindicate His truth. He will cause it to triumph. He is ready to supply His faithful ones with motives and power of purpose, inspiring them with hope and courage and valor in increased activity as the time is at hand.”**