

**Sunday, June 2, 2024**

*1 Timothy 4:13, "Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to exhortation, to teaching."*

**Title:** The Sounding of the Trumpets

**Series:** Revelation ... 14

**Text:** Revelation 8:1 - 13

Purpose: I want to INFORM my congregation of the significance of the four trumpets sounding in Revelation 8:1 – 13.

### **Introduction:**

In the devotional last week from chapter 7 we considered the two distinctly different 'seings:'

1) vs. 1, "After this I saw..."; 2) vs. 9, "looked..."

~ John saw 1) The 144,000 and 2) Behold, a Great Multitude

~ In Revelation 8 we are introduced to the first FOUR of the SEVEN trumpets.

~ Notice that Revelation 8:6 is connected to 8:2. Verses 3, 4, and 5 introduce us to an eighth angel; he has a golden censer with much incense to offer with the prayers of all the saints on the golden altar before the throne. After the offering of incense he fills it with fire from altar (brazen altar) and casts it to the earth; then the trumpets begin to sound. See Leviticus 16:12 - 13

~ For some 2,000 years the redeemed around the world have been praying: "Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven."

### **1. Sounding the Trumpets in Numbers 10:**

~ Read Numbers 10:1 – 10

~ vs. 2, "Make two silver trumpets. Of hammered work you shall make them, and you shall use them for summoning the congregation and for breaking camp."

To summon the people for directions.

~ vs. 9, "And when you go to war in your land against the adversary who opposes you, then you shall sound an alarm with the trumpets, that you may be remembered before the LORD your God, and you shall be saved from your enemies."

Announcement of war.

~ vs. 10, "On the day of your gladness also, and at your appointed feasts and at the beginnings of your months, you shall blow the trumpets over your burnt offerings and over the sacrifices of your peace offerings. They shall be a reminder of you before your God: I am the LORD your God."

My person suspicion.

1 Thessalonians 4:16, "For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first."

### **2. Sounding the Trumpets at Jericho:**

~ Read Joshua 5:13 – 6:11

~ Joshua 5:13 – 15, "When Joshua was by Jericho, he lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, a man was standing before him with his drawn sword in his hand. And Joshua went to him and said to him. "Are you for us, or for our adversaries?" (14) And he said, "No; but I am the commander of the army of the LORD. Now I have come." And Joshua fell on his face to the earth and worshiped and said to him, "What does my lord say to his servant?" (15) And the commander of the LORD'S army said to Joshua. "Take off your sandals from your feet, for the place where you are standing is holy." And Joshua did so."

~ Joshua 6:3 march around once for six days.

~ Joshua 6:4 Seven priests each with a trumpet of rams' horn, on the seventh day the trumpets shall sound and then the people are to shout.

~ Joshua 6:10, "But Joshua commanded the people, "You shall not shout or make your voice heard, neither shall any word go out of your mouth, until the day I tell you to shout. Then you shall shout."

~ Read Deuteronomy 20:16 – 18

~ Joshua or Jehoshua = "Jehovah is salvation"

### **3. Sounding of the First Four Trumpets:**

~ Concerning the trumpet judgments Warren W. Wiersbe has made the following observation: "The trumpet judgments are released during the first half the tribulation, and the bowl judgments during the last half, which is called "the wrath of God." See Revelation 14:10 and 15:7; Daniel 9:27

~ Read Revelation 8:6 – 13, the blowing of the first four trumpets.

~ Notice the common wording of all four trumpets and their affect on the natural world – it is partial, "a third." Is God in His mercy giving a final warning to humankind?

~ From the Fire Bible: "He desires, above all else, that we would receive his forgiveness and entrust their lives to him so that they too can escape the judgment to come. In fact, he is patiently waiting even, now, allowing more time for people to turn to him."

~ Revelation 9:20 -21, "The rest of mankind, who were not killed by these plagues, did not repent of the works of their hands nor give up worshiping demons and idols of gold and silver and bronze and stone and wood, which cannot see or hear or walk, (21) nor did they repent of their murders or their sorceries or their sexual immorality or their thefts."

~ vs. 7 the first trumpet judgment thrown upon the earth hits vegetation. Reminds me of Egypt!

~ vs. 8 the second trumpet judgment upon the sea; reminds again me of Egypt!

~ vs. 10 – 11 the third trumpet judgment on rivers and springs. Reminds me of Exodus 15:23 and the water at Marah.

~ vs. 12 the fourth trumpet judgment has some sort of cosmic affect. Egypt and the plague of darkness.

**Conclusion:** 2 Peter 3:9 - 12