

Revelation 8  
The Worst is Yet to Come

Seventh Seal is Opened (1-5)

Silence in heaven for ½ hour (Psalm 46:10)

***He is God! His judgments are real! Our God is an awesome God!***

Seven angels prepared for their task

***The time has come, being ready to do His will***

Standing before God – reporting for duty (II Timothy 2:3-4)

***Do I seek orders from my Commanding Officer?***

Seven trumpets signaling His judgments (Joshua 6:4, 13, 20)

***Preparing for the LORD to engage the battle (the battle belongs to the LORD)***

Saints in prayer (II Corinthians 1:10-11 / I John 5:14-15)

***He responds to our prayers according to His will***

Smoke from the incense coming before the Altar (Luke 1:8-9)

***Our prayers our like incense before the LORD***

Sent to the earth – prayers are responded to (Revelation 6:10)

***When our hearts are ready to see His judgments (How long O Lord?)***

Sound the Trumpets – the time has come (6-12)

One-third of the earth burned up – Trumpet 1: Hail & fire mixed with blood

***Just a warning – the worst is yet to come***

One-third of the sea creatures killed – Trumpet 2: Huge mountain into the sea

***No place to run from these judgments***

One-third of the waters turned bitter – Trumpet 3: Wormwood (a star into waters)

(John 4:13-14) ***for those who rejected the Living Water***

One-third of light turned to darkness – Trumpet 4: striking the sun, moon & stars

(Ephesians 5:8-14) ***for those who rejected the true Light***

Sent a warning (13) ***more and worse judgments are coming, how will you respond?***

Watching an eagle loudly proclaim the warning (Isaiah 40:31)

***We can rise above what we must face when we wait on the LORD***

Woe! Woe! Woe! – on the inhabitants of the earth (II Thessalonians 1:8-9)

***None of these judgments compare to an eternity in hell***

Warning of the three remaining Trumpet blasts

***A call to repentance***

## Discussion questions for Revelation 8

What events have left you speechless before God?

Do you stand ready for God's call on your life? How can we prepare? (Hebrews 12:1-2 / II Timothy 4:16-17) ***Am I available to be used by God or am I loaded down with unnecessary burdens and/or entangled with sins? Do I know I'm on the right course with my eyes fixed upon the prize. Am I taking advantage of the training manual, allowing corrections to be made and putting into practice the lessons I learn?***

Why does God announce His judgments beforehand? (Amos 3:6-7 / Isaiah 48:5-6)  
***To give us the opportunity to turn our lives to Him. To give us the opportunity to warn others. To show without questions that He is God. All things are subject to Him.***

What danger is there in God delaying His judgments? (Ecclesiastes 8:11 / II Peter 3:3-4, / Romans 2:4) ***People become complacent, believing that they won't have to face any judgment for their actions. This can lead to an increase in sinful behavior. People do not recognize God's kindness to them and His desire for them to repent and come to know Him.***

What benefit is there in God delaying His judgments? (II Peter 3:9 / I Timothy 2:3-6 / Ezekiel 18:23) ***I'm still alive! I have the opportunity to turn my heart to God. I have the opportunity to change, or rather to allow Him to change my life. It is not God's desire to destroy me.***

Why does prayer matter? (Jeremiah 33:2-3 / Isaiah 55:6-7)  
***God wants me to know Him better and to know His plan for my life - ASK***  
***God wants me to seek Him that I may draw closer to Him in fellowship - ASK***  
***God wants to help me in my time of need, to give my strength and comfort - ASK***

How does the knowledge of these coming judgments impact your life? (Colossians 1:6 / I Corinthians 7:31) ***It is a strong motivation to share the Gospel now. While there will be many saved during the Tribulation, no one wants to go through that time. It makes me realize that the things of this world are not worth getting attached to.***

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