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Book of The Revelation of Jesus Christ
The Seven Trumpets
Rev. 8:6-11:19

- I. The First Angel and Trumpet. 8:6-7**
 - a. Hail and fire mixed with blood were thrown down on the earth.
 - b. A third part of the trees were burned up.
 - c. All of the green grass was burned up.
- II. The Second Angel and Trumpet. 8:8-9**
 - a. Something like a great mountain burning with fire was thrown into the sea.
 - b. A third part of the sea became blood.
 - c. A third part of the ships in the ocean were destroyed.
 - d. A third part of things living in the sea were killed.
- III. The Third Angel and Trumpet. 8:10-11**
 - a. A great star named “Wormwood”, burning like a lamp, fell on the third part of the rivers and the fountains of water.
 - b. These waters became “wormwood” and drinking of them, many people died.
- IV. The Fourth Angel and Trumpet. 8:12-13**
 - a. Light from the Sun, Moon, and stars was diminished by a third.
 - b. Complete, utter Woe is pronounced to the inhabitants of the world because of the next three Trumpets about to be blown. (Notice the triple use of the word “woe”. But, since there are actually three woes, corresponding with the last three Trumpets, it might be simply that the angel is announcing there are three more coming, as indicated in 8:12.)
- V. The Fifth Angel and Trumpet (Also, the First Woe). 9:1-12**
 - a. A star, with the key to the bottomless pit, falls to the earth. :1
 - b. Smoke, darkening the air and Sun, arises out of the pit after being unlocked by the star. :2
 - c. Scorpion-like locusts come out of the smoke and torment people who do not have the seal of God on their foreheads. :3-5 (See 7:2-3; 14:1)
 - d. Terrible as these days shall be, men will seek death but it will elude them. :6
 - e. A description of the locusts:
 - i. Shaped like horses prepared for battle. :7
 - ii. Heads crowned with gold crowns. :7
 - iii. Faces like faces of men. :7
 - iv. Hair like the hair of women. :8
 - v. Teeth like lions. :8
 - vi. Breastplates of iron. :9
 - vii. Sound of the wings was like the sound of many chariots running into battle. :9
 - viii. Scorpion-like tails that can inflict stings like the stings of scorpions. :10

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- ix. Their supreme leader was named “Abaddon” in Hebrew and “Apollyon” in Greek. :11
- f. The Sixth Angel and Trumpet, (Also the Second Woe). 9:13-11:14
Inside the Sixth Trumpet we find very precise details concerning a plan God has been waiting to execute, related to
 - i. Loosing of the 4 Angels that had been bound heretofore in the Euphrates River. :14
 - ii. These angels’ sole purpose is to kill a third of the people in the world, and they have been reserved for this very purpose. :15
 - iii. These angels seem to drive a 200,000,000 member army by which the third part of the people will be killed. :16-19
 - iv. :18 The means by which this army killed all these people were the fire, smoke, and brimstone that issued out of the mouths of the warriors with the following description:
 - 1. Horses with horsemen. :16
 - 2. Breastplates of fire, jacinth, and brimstone. :17
 - 3. Horses’ heads were like lions’ heads belching fire, smoke, and brimstone.
 - 4. Their power to hurt people was not only in their mouths but in their tails, as well, which were like snakes. :19
 - v. :20-21 The people not killed by the foregoing “plagues” (:20) did not repent of their *idolatries* nor of *wicked acts*.
 - vi. Another mighty angel appears, prophesies about the “mystery of God” being finished in the days of voice/Trumpet of the Seventh Angel (See 11:15), and gives John a little book. 10:1-7
 - vii. This mighty angel’s shout causes 7 Thunders to rumble with words, which John is told *not to* record. 10:4
 - viii. John is told by the one who spoke to him previously (4:1) to take the book from the mighty angel. 10:8
 - ix. The mighty angel warns John about the book and then tells him that he will do more prophesying before many peoples, nations, tongues, and kings. 10:11
 - 1. The fact that the next chapter introduces to us the “two witnesses” that prophesy leads us to believe that John the Apostle will be resurrected in the end days and sent to prophesy to the nations from Jerusalem, along with another witness (maybe Moses, Elijah, Elisha, or some other prophet of old).
 - x. John given a measuring rod by which to measure the Temple in Jerusalem, the altar, and them that worship there. 11:1
 - xi. The Holy City is trampled under the Gentiles’ feet for 42 months.
 - xii. The Two Witnesses give their prophecies for 1260 days till they are killed by the Beast that ascends out of the bottomless pit. 11:3-14.

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1. **These Witnesses kill people who try to harm them before their time. :5**
 2. **These Witnesses shut the heavens, to turn water to blood, and to afflict the earth with plagues, any time they wish. :6**
 3. **After their deaths, there will be an unholy celebration complete with gift-giving.**
 4. **After three days, the Two Witnesses will come to life again and will be caught up to heaven in the face of all of the revelers.**
 5. **At that time, there will be a tremendous earthquake that will destroy 10% of the city of Jerusalem and kill 7,000 people.**
- g. The Seventh Angel and Trumpet (Also the third Woe). 11:15-14:20**
- i. This announces the total victory of our LORD and His Christ. The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdom of Jesus. 11:15**
 - ii. The time of God's wrath has come in the midst of the anger of the nations. 11:18**
 - iii. The time for rewards has come.**
 - 1. Rewards for God's prophets, saints, those who fear God's name, both small and great, who have died. 11:18**
 - 2. Rewards of destruction for those who have destroyed the earth. 11:18**