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WEEK FIVE

REVELATION 8-9

JESUS
WARNS

8 THE SEVENTH SEAL

When he opened the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven for about half an hour. ²Then I saw the seven angels who stand in the presence of God; seven trumpets were given to them. ³Another angel, with a golden incense burner, came and stood at the altar. He was given a large amount of incense to offer with the prayers of all the saints on the golden altar in front of the throne. ⁴The smoke of the incense, with the prayers of the saints, went up in the presence of God from the angel's hand. ⁵The angel took the incense burner, filled it with fire from the altar, and hurled it to the earth; there were peals of thunder, rumblings, flashes of lightning, and an earthquake.

THE SEVEN TRUMPETS

⁶And the seven angels who had the seven trumpets prepared to blow them.

THE FIRST TRUMPET

⁷The first angel blew his trumpet, and hail and fire, mixed with blood, were hurled to the earth. So a third of the earth was burned up, a third of the trees were burned up, and all the green grass was burned up.

THE SECOND TRUMPET

⁸The 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, ⁹a third of the living creatures in the sea died, and a third of the ships were destroyed.

THE THIRD TRUMPET

¹⁰The 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. ¹¹The 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.

THE FOURTH TRUMPET

¹²The 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 also a third of the night.

¹³I looked 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!"

9 THE FIFTH TRUMPET

The fifth angel blew his trumpet, and I saw a star that had fallen from heaven to earth. The key for the shaft to the abyss was given to him. ²He opened the shaft to the abyss, and smoke came up out of the shaft like smoke from a great furnace so that the sun and the air were darkened by the smoke from the shaft. ³Then locusts came out of the smoke on to the earth, and power was given to them like the power that scorpions have on the earth. ⁴They were told not to harm the grass of the earth, or any green plant, or any tree, but only those people who do not have God's seal on their foreheads. ⁵They were not permitted to kill them but were to torment them for five months; their torment is like the torment caused by a scorpion when it stings someone. ⁶In those days people will seek death and will not find it; they will long to die, but death will flee from them.

⁷The appearance of the locusts was like horses prepared for battle. Something like golden crowns was on their heads; their faces were like human faces; ⁸they had hair like women's hair; their teeth were like lions' teeth; ⁹they had chests like iron breastplates; the sound of their wings was like the sound of many chariots with horses rushing into battle; ¹⁰and they had tails with stingers like scorpions, so that with their tails they had the power to harm people for five months. ¹¹They had as their king the angel of the abyss; his name in Hebrew is Abaddon, and in Greek he has the name Apollyon.

¹²The first woe has passed. There are still two more woes to come after this.

THE SIXTH TRUMPET

¹³The sixth angel blew his trumpet. From the four horns of the golden altar that is before God, I heard a voice ¹⁴say to the sixth angel who had the trumpet, "Release the four angels bound at the great river Euphrates." ¹⁵So the four angels who were prepared for the hour, day, month, and year were released to kill a third of the human race. ¹⁶The number of mounted troops was two hundred million; I heard their number. ¹⁷This is how I saw the horses and their riders in the vision: They had breastplates that were fiery red, hyacinth blue, and sulfur yellow. The heads of the horses were like the heads of lions, and from their mouths came fire, smoke, and sulfur. ¹⁸A third of the human race was killed by these three plagues—by the fire, the smoke, and the sulfur that came from their mouths. ¹⁹For the power of the horses is in their mouths and in their tails, because their tails, which resemble snakes, have heads that inflict injury.

²⁰The rest of the people, who were not killed by these plagues, did not repent of the works of their hands to stop worshiping demons and idols of gold, silver, bronze, stone, and wood, which cannot see, hear, or walk. ²¹And they did not repent of their murders, their sorceries, their sexual immorality, or their thefts.

• How to View the God of the Seven Trumpets (8:6-9:19)

• How to Live Before the God of the Seven Trumpets (8:1-5; 9:20-21)

THE TRUMPETS (REVELATION 8-9) AND THE PLAGUES (EXODUS)	
The first hearers of Revelation would have immediately made connections to the plagues God sent to Egypt, which led to the liberation of God’s people from their captivity. Just as Pharaoh in Egypt hardened his heart and did not repent, the people who are against God “...did not repent of the works of their hands...” (Revelation 9:20).	
The Trumpets	The Plagues
First Trumpet: Hail, fire, and blood	Plagues Six and Seven: Boils and hail
Second Trumpet: Sea turned to blood	Plague One: Water turned to blood
Third Trumpet: Waters are bitter	Plague One: Fresh water struck
Fourth Trumpet: Sun, moon, and stars dark	Plague Nine: Darkness
Fifth Trumpet: Locusts released	Plague Eight: Locusts
Sixth Trumpet: Massive death of humanity	Plague Ten: Death of firstborn

CREATION (GENESIS 1) AND DE-CREATION (REVELATION 8)	
With the judgment of the trumpets, we see a third of creation collapsing backward.	
CREATION DAY Day 1 Light Day 2 Sky/waters separated Day 3 Land and vegetation Day 4 Sun, moon, stars	DE-CREATION TRUMPET Trumpet 1 Land and vegetation burned Trumpet 2 Sea struck Trumpet 3 Fresh water poisoned Trumpet 4 Darkness
CREATION ORDER: Light —————> Waters —————> Land DE-CREATION ORDER: Land —————> Waters —————> Light	

Life Group Discussion Guide

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RHYTHM REMINDER

 Prayer

NOTES

LEAN IN

What are some key qualities that make for the best leaders? _____

LOOK DOWN

Read Revelation 9:13-21 (pg. 79). The seven trumpets in Revelation 8-9 bring a series of plagues that echo the plagues God sent on Egypt in Exodus. Why do you think God uses imagery His people would recognize? What does the connection to the Exodus story tell us about God's character and His pattern of acting in history? _____

LOOK OUT

The trumpets represent God's gracious warnings before final judgment. How do you see God warning people today, both through circumstances and through His Word? Do you think people recognize those warnings for what they are? _____

LOOK IN

Is there an area of your life where you sense God has been warning or nudging you—but you have been slow to respond? What would it look like for you to take that seriously this week? _____

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