



# REVELATION

## SESSION 4 DISCUSSION GUIDE

### THE FIRST FOUR TRUMPETS

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#### **Summary - Revelation 8 (11 minutes)**

The Seventh Seal is opened and there is silence in heaven. Then it leads to seven angels with seven trumpets (Revelation 8:1-5)

Four of the Seven Trumpets are revealed, and this unleashes (Revelation 8:6-13):

- First Trumpet - Hail and Fire mixed with blood.
- Second Trumpet - Great mountain on fire fell into the sea.
- Third Trumpet - a great Star named Wormwood turned freshwaters bitter.
- Fourth Trumpet - the sun, moon, and stars were partially darkened.

Pastor Drew reminds us that four of the Seven Trumpets are similar to the 10 Plagues during the Exodus event.

#### **Discussion Questions - After discussing what you learned from the teaching, use the following questions to have further conversation.**

1. Most of us are uncomfortable with silence. That's why many of us have the TV on or music playing in the background at home even when we're doing

something else. Silence, however, is a wonderful tool for expressing our awe. Can you think of a time where you were so full of awe or wonder that you couldn't or didn't want to say anything? Have you ever been overcome with awe in the presence of God? Share what that was like?

2. Silence should also make us want to pray. What do Revelation 8:1-4 and Psalm 141:1-2 tell us about prayer?
3. Pastor Drew mentioned there are similarities between the ten plagues of the Exodus and the first, second, fourth, and fifth trumpet judgments in Revelation. What similarities and differences do you see between the two events? Why is this significant?

## THE FINAL THREE TRUMPETS

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### Summary - Revelation 9-10 (19 minutes)

The last three Trumpets are even more intense:

- The Fifth Trumpet releases demon locust upon the earth (Revelation 9:1-12).
- The Sixth Trumpet releases four powerful demonic angels to wage war and one third of the population is killed (Revelation 9:13-20).
- The Seventh Trumpet . . . to be revealed in Revelation 11:15-19 which will unleash the Seven Bowl Judgments.

### Discussion Questions

1. Pastor Drew spoke about the opportunity for repentance in the midst of such suffering. What is repentance and why is it so crucial at the beginning of the Christian life, and even during the Christian life? How is it different from just being sorry for an action?
2. Pastor Drew stated we need to be ready to fight—not fear—the spiritual battles we will encounter. Read Ephesians 6:12 again. How do we see the truth of that verse throughout the book of Revelation? Does this verse encourage or discourage you? Why?
3. What encouraged you the most from today's study?

**Homework:** Before the next class, be sure to prepare by reading chapters 11-12.