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# The First Four Trumpets (8:6-12)



**1) Trumpet One: Hail and fire were mixed with blood, destroying a third of the earth, the trees, and all the grass. Alludes to the 7th Egyptian plague (Exodus 9:13-26).**

**2) Trumpet Two: A great mountain, burning with fire, was thrown into the sea. The sea became blood and a third of the sea creatures died. A third of the ships were destroyed. Alludes to the 1st Egyptian plague (Exodus 7:14-25).**

**3) Trumpet Three: A star fell from heaven into a third of the rivers and springs. The water became bitter and people died. Alludes to Jeremiah 9:15 and 23:15.**

**5) Trumpet Four: A third of the sun, moon, and stars were struck so a third of their light was darkened. Alludes to the 9th Egyptian plague (Exodus 10:21-23).**

**\*These four trumpets could represent the suffering of the created order (Romans 8:19-22). It could indicate God's judgment of nature, and of man through nature.**

**\*In the Egyptian plagues, God used natural things in the judgment against the Egyptians, but He ramped up the power and magnitude and the devastation caused by these things.**

**\*When we see powerful natural events it should be a reminder of the powerful, awesome God we serve, as well as a remind to those not saved of the power and might of God.**

**\*There's an underlying symbolism to these four trumpets, representing the stripping away of things that people depend on other than God:**

- 1) Trumpet One: People depend on nature for provision rather than trusting God to provide.**
- 2) Trumpet Two: People depend on the government for security rather than realizing that our security is found in God alone.**
- 3) Trumpet Three: People depend on worldly pursuits for satisfaction rather than finding their true satisfaction in God.**
- 4) Trumpet Four: People depend on worldly wisdom to guide them rather than recognizing that the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.**

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## **The Fifth Trumpet (8:13-9:12)**



**\*With the first four trumpets, we see the result of people's own sinfulness and bad decisions. However, we're about to see them actually come under spiritual attack.**

**\*A star falls from heaven that represents Satan. He unlocks the pit of hell and unleashes a swarm of locusts, which are actually demons. They are given permission to torment those who do not have God's seal. The torment will be so severe that the people will wish for death, but it will not come.**

**\*These demons torment people by luring them into sinful behavior. They make wickedness look appealing. But in the end, they sting, causing regret, sorrow, and torment.**

**\*The demons have a king called Abaddon or Apollyon, both of which mean "destroyer."**

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**\*John is given a measuring rod and told to measure the temple. The temple refers to those who are in Christ, so John is to count to true worshippers.**

**\*The holy city is to be trampled for forty-two months. The holy city also refers to those in Christ. They will experience a time of persecution that is limited in length.**

**\*Two witnesses are given authority to prophesy. They represent all of the people of God who will testify for Him even in the midst of persecution.**

**\*The two olive trees and two lampstands also refer to these witnesses. This implies that they will be empowered by the Holy Spirit to proclaim God's Word. These two witnesses had the same Spirit that Elijah and Moses had.**

**\*When the witnesses have finished their testimony, they are put to death by the beast, which represents the state or government that is under the influence of Satan.**

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**\*When God created the world He was setting up for Himself a kingdom., but His subjects rebelled. This allowed Satan to set up a counterfeit kingdom on earth. Daniel prophesied about a day when the kingdoms of the earth would be destroyed and God's kingdom would reign eternal (Daniel 2:44). With the coming of Christ, God's eternal kingdom was inaugurated, but it won't be fully consummated until the second coming of Christ.**

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