

The Seven Trumpets

<p><i>The First Trumpet Judgment (8:7)</i></p>	<p>The first four trumpet judgments are plagues poured out upon the whole world. Hailstorms mentioned are a parity of the plague in Egypt (<i>Exo 9:23-24</i>).</p>
<p><i>The Second Trumpet Judgment (8:8-9)</i></p>	<p>Somewhat similar plague in Egypt (<i>Exo 7:20-21</i>).</p>
<p><i>The Third Trumpet Judgment (8:10-11)</i></p>	<p>Wormwood is a rare word occurring nowhere else in the New Testament. It is described as a plant having very bitter juice (<i>Jer 9:15</i>), a symbol of divine judgment (<i>Jer 23:15</i>), represents sorrow and bitterness (<i>Amo 5:7</i>).</p>
<p><i>The Fourth Trumpet Judgment (8:12-13)</i></p>	<p>The first three trumpets deal with a third of the earth. The fourth trumpet deals with a third of heavens (<i>2 Cor 12:2; Deu 10:14; Psa 148:4</i>). In (<i>Exo 10:21</i>) the 9th plague in Egypt was that the land became covered in darkness. A warning sign was given that the next three trumpet judgments would be more severe and devastating than the first four.</p>
<p><i>The Fifth Trumpet Judgment – The First Woe (9:1-12)</i></p>	<p>The last three trumpets involve supernatural forces, angels, and demons. This star represents Satan cast out of heaven (<i>Eze 8:3</i>). The prince of the power of the air (<i>Eph 2:2</i>). The god of this world (<i>2 Cor 4:4</i>). The angel of the bottomless pit whose name is Abaddon (in Hebrew) and Apollyon (in Greek) which both mean destroyer. (<i>Rev 20:1-2</i>) identify this angel as Satan, the devil. Satan uses the key to allow demons in the Abyss to come out and afflict the earth. Tribulation is hell set loose on earth. God place limitation upon the activities of demons which proves that God is still in control of these events (<i>Job 2:6</i>).</p>
<p><i>The Sixth Trumpet Judgment – The Second Woe (9:13-21)</i></p>	<p>The second woe is a final military conflict. This judgment together with the 4th seal judgment that kills one-fourth of the earth, destroys one-half of the population of the earth not including those who are killed by war, famine, and disease. This severe judgment confirms (<i>Dan 12:2</i>) and (<i>Mat 24:21</i>) concerning the Great Tribulation. Those who are not killed still do not repent, but continue all their perversions, sins, and wickedness (<i>9:21</i>).</p>
<p><i>The Seventh Trumpet Judgment – The Third Woe (11:15-19)</i></p>	<p>The Second Coming of Jesus Christ stops the death of all mankind. In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the Last Trump; for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed (<i>1 Cor 15:52</i>).</p>