

SEVEN TRIBULATION TRUMPETS
REV. 8:1-13 / 8-29-18 / WED

I. SILENCE OF HEAVEN—8:1

- A. Silence is a powerful thing.
- B. This brief time of silence may represent the “lull before the storm.”-- Habakkuk 2:20.
- C. The silence may also represent the importance God puts on hearing prayers.

II. SUPPLICATION IN HEAVEN.

- A. Preparations for service—8:2.
 - 1. Seven angels are prepared to serve God.
 - 2. Seven trumpets will be used to announce God’s next judgments.
 - 3. Trumpets are a part of Israel’s past.
 - 4. Christians should also be listening for trumpets—1 Thess. 4:16-17 and 1 Cor. 15:51-52.
- B. Prayers of supplication—8:3-4.
 - 1. This may be symbolic of the altar of incense just outside the curtain leading into the holy of holies in the Tabernacle and Temple
 - 2. This reminds us that our prayers are kept by God.
 - 3. This also symbolizes that our prayers are answered by God. In this case the prayers of 6:10-11 are being answered.
 - 4. Our prayers for God’s “Kingdom Come” will be answered at that time too—Matt. 6:9-10.
- C. Premonition of judgment sounded in heaven---8:5 and Ezek. 10:2.

III. SUFFERING ON EARTH.

A. The Trumpet of "Devastation"---8:6-7.

1. Perhaps describes volcanic eruptions.
2. Food supplies will be impacted.

B. The Trumpet of "Destruction"—8: 8-9.

1. Perhaps describes a meteor shower.
2. Resulting tidal waves may sink ships.
3. Blood imagery may be from Joel 2:10.

C. The Trumpet of "Death"---8:10-11

1. Perhaps describes a comet.
2. "Wormwood" means bitterness.

D. The Trumpet of "Darkness"---8:12.

1. Perhaps describes the effects of ash and soot from the previous judgments.

E. The Testimony of Doom---8:13.

1. Eagle may symbolize an angel.
2. Its bad now, but it will get worse.