

CHAPTERS 8B-11**The First Four Trumpets – 8:6-13**

While the breaking of the seven seals symbolized the revelation of God's plan, what might the sounding of seven trumpets symbolize? (see **Ezek 33:1-5**)

Describe the results of each of the first four trumpets:

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What plagues from the Old Testament are these similar to? (see **Ex 9:23-25; 7:20-21; 10:21-23**) What was the purpose and result of those plagues? (compare **Rev 9:20-21**)

What fraction of creation is affected by each plague? What might this indicate? (contrast **16:1-4**)

How are the remaining trumpet blasts introduced?

The Fifth Trumpet – 9:1-12

Where does this sixth plague arise from? What do we know about this place? (see **Luke 8:31; Rev 11:7; 17:8; 20:1-3**)

What arises out of this pit? What portion of creation are they permitted to attack and in what way? How long will this attack last?

How are these creatures described? What impression is left by their description?

Who leads this dreadful army? What does his name mean?

The Sixth Trumpet – 9:13-21

Where does the command for this sixth plague arise from? What does this often represent? (see **6:9-10; 8:3-5**)

Who is commissioned to lead this plague and where do they come from? Compare and contrast their mission to the previous plagues (**v. 15 – 8:7-12; 9:5**)

How is this army described? What impression is left by their description?

How do the survivors of mankind react to these plagues? What sins do they persist in?

No More Delay / The Little Scroll – 10:1-11

Who now comes down out of heaven? How is he described? Where does he stand and what is he holding?

What does he introduce? Why are these not recorded?

What does he swear will no longer be delayed?

What is John commanded to do in preparation for this message? How does it affect him and what may this represent about the nature of the message? (*parallel Ezek 2:8-3:3*)

The Two Witnesses – 11:1-14

How is John commanded to illustrate this new message? What will happen to the area outside of his measurements and for how long? What may this represent? (*see 1 Pet 2:5; compare 7:2-3*)

What two new characters are introduced? What are they commissioned to do and for how long?

How are these witnesses described? What power are they given? What Old Testament figures is this reminiscent of? (*see 2 Kings 1:10f; 1 Kings 17:1; Ex 7:19 / also Zech 4:1-6*)

In the context of Roman persecution, what may these two witnesses represent?

What happens to these witnesses when their work is accomplished? What three places describe the great city where this takes place? How is the “great city” identified later in the book? (*see 16:19; 17:5,18*)

How do the people of earth react to their death and subsequent resurrection and ascension?

The Seventh Trumpet – 11:15-19

What is announced at the 7th trumpet? How do the 24 elders praise the Lord? What is different about the title they give Him here? (*see NASB, ESV, or NIV / compare 1:8*)

What will be the result of God’s reign for the faithful and wicked?

What is now opened in heaven? What is revealed within? What assurance might this give to the saints? (*consider Heb 10:19-22*)