

## Revelation 8

The seventh seal consists of seven trumpets, four of which are sounded in this chapter.

- I. Events Preceding the Trumpet Blowing (8:1-5)
  - A. **The pause** (8:1): There is a 30-minute silence in heaven at the opening of the seventh seal.
  - B. **The prayers** (8:2-4): An angel offers up much incense on the golden altar to represent the prayers of the saints.
  - C. **The preview** (8:5): A sample of the frightful punishment to come is seen as the angel casts fire from his censer upon the earth.
- II. Events Accompanying the Trumpet Blowing (8:6-13)
  - A. **First trumpet** (8:6-7): One-third of the trees and grass are burned by hail and fire mixed with blood.
  - B. **Second trumpet** (8:8-9): One-third of the marine life and ships are destroyed by a burning object that falls into the waters.
  - C. **Third trumpet** (8:10-11): One-third of the fresh waters are poisoned, killing many people by a falling object known as Bitterness.
  - D. **Fourth trumpet** (8:12-13)
    - 1. *The action* (8:12): One-third of the sun, moon, and stars are darkened.
    - 2. *The aftermath* (8:13): A flying eagle now warns the earth in regard to the final three trumpet judgments.