

We will now begin our eighth lecture on Revelation. /Today's text is chapter 8. /The title of chapter 8 is, "The Trumpet." /First, silence for half an hour. /Verses 1-6./ Second, the first trumpet. /Verse 7.

/Third, the second trumpet. /Verses 8-9. /Fourth, the third trumpet. /Verses 10-11. /Fifth, the fourth trumpet. /Verses 12-13.

/Now read Revelation 8:1-2. /When he opened the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven for about half an hour. And I saw the seven angels who stand before God, and to them were given seven trumpets.

/Here in chapter 8 are the seven trumpet's plagues. /The beginning of chapters 6 and 7 teach about the seal. /The first through sixth seals appear.

/Also, if you examine the texts, there are seven trumpets within the seventh seal. / Here in verse 1, it states that there was silence in heaven for half an hour when he opened the seventh seal.

/Here, half an hour is not a long time. /It is a brief moment. /It is during this time when we believers must prepare our faith. /That is why we must prepare our faith well during this time of silence.

/There is little freedom of faith during this time. /We can participate in worship, /we can read the Bible, /and we can pray freely. /We can also preach the gospel. /Revelation 12:14 /Daniel 12:7

/This is a period of time in which we pray and prepare our faith. /However, this is a period of time in which the people of this world prepare for war. /Those of this world stack up weapons in preparation for war.

/We must prepare our faith at this time. /We must be spiritually armed. /We must fight the good fight well. /Here, it states that there was silence. /This is the time when believers enter deep into the temple of God. /Luke 1:8-10

/It states here that the angels received seven trumpets. /The trumpet plagues began because the half an hour silence came to an end.

/Verse 3. /Another angel, who had a golden censer, came and stood at the altar. He was given much incense to offer, with the prayers of all the saints, on the golden altar before the throne.

/Here, an angel carries a censer and offers it before God. /There is much incense. /This refers to the beautiful deeds of believers obeying the Word of God. /2 Corinthians 2:14-15

/This symbolizes the deeds of believers obeying the Word and keeping their faith. /Second is the prayer of believers. /The prayer of the believers go up to God in the most beautiful way. / Revelation 5:8 /2 Corinthians 2:14, 15

/We must be eager to pray before God. /We must pray without ceasing. /1 Samuel 12:23 /1 Peter 4:7 /As pastors, we must pray at least two hours each day.

/The devil attempts to take away time of prayer. /If we pray hard before God, our prayers become beautiful fragrant offerings before God.

/Next is verse 4. /The smoke of the incense, together with the prayers of the saints, went up before God from the angel's hand.

/This wonderful aroma rises before God. /Our prayers go up before God. /Then God replies to our prayers.

/Verse 5. /Then the angel took the censer, filled it with fire from the altar, and hurled it on the earth; and there came peals of thunder, rumblings, flashes of lightning and an earthquake.

/This verse refers to God's judgment. /This judgment comes as a response to the prayers of believers. /This is because the believers prayed before God /in Revelation 6:9, 10.

/God accepts the fact that the believers kept their faith. /God takes the censer, fills it with fire, and passes judgment upon this world. /God's wrath will be poured out.

/God will bring judgment on this sinful world. /That is why there was thunder, rumblings, flashes of lightning and an earthquake.

/Verse 7. /The first angel sounded his trumpet, and there came hail and fire mixed with blood, and it was hurled down upon the earth. A third of the earth was burned up, a third of the trees were burned up, and all the green grass was burned up.

/Here, the first trumpet appears. /The trumpet represents a warning. /It is a warning concerning war. /It is also a warning concerning God's judgment. /Ezekiel 33:3

/In the plague of the first trumpet, hail and fire mixed with blood will fall to the earth. /This is the release of God's wrath. /Exodus 7:20 /In Exodus 9:18, there is a plague of hail. /Psalm 18:12 /Isaiah 30:30

/God said he would judge with fierce flames, storms, heavy rain, and hail. /Here, blood represents life. /To be mixed with blood means that life has ended. /This symbolizes a war of slaughter.

/Also, hail symbolizes disaster. /Fire symbolizes judgment. /Therefore, many people will die by God's wrath and destruction. /It states that this destruction will be hurled down on the earth.

/The earth refers to the dwelling place of sinners. /Trees symbolize great people, men with influences. /Ezekiel 31:3 /Also, the green grass represents normal people, the common people. /Isaiah 40:7.

/It says that a third of the earth was burned up. /Zechariah 13:8, 9 /There are three kinds of people in this world.

/First, there is the spiritual and sophisticated believer. /Next in the middle is the normal believer. /Next, there is the unbeliever. /For instance, the spiritual believer is one who is like Abraham.

/The believer in the middle is like Abraham's nephew, Lot. /Abraham's nephew is Lot. /This Lot served God with one hand, and served the world with his other hand.

/In this way, disaster will be aimed towards the middle class. /These people in the middle

class will receive judgment. /This also symbolizes the environmental disaster on earth.

/Sometimes, war brings disaster on the earth. /The ecosystem will be destroyed /due to weaponry, /bombs such as missiles, /and nuclear weapons.

/Also, the trees of the world gradually disappear. /Lands face desertification and the desert lands gradually widen. /In this way, the environment will be destroyed in the Last Days. /Deserts will gradually grow.

/Deserts gradually widen as the earth get warmer. /Also, because of the development of industries, many trees are cut down and used for paper. /In this way, these kinds of disasters will occur.

/Verse 8. /The second angel sounded his trumpet, and something like a huge mountain, all ablaze, was thrown into the sea. A third of the sea turned into blood,

/Verse 9. /a third of the living creatures in the sea died, and a third of the ships were destroyed.

/The second angel releases the plague of the second trumpet. /The huge mountain refers to powers as big and solid as the mountains. /Jeremiah 51:25 /These powers refer to Babylonian forces, /Gentile religious forces, /forces of noble men, forces of family, /and forces of philosophy, and etcetera.

/It means that these powerful forces will be broken. /These forces will eventually receive judgment before God. /Here, the sea symbolizes the world. /17:15 /It also states that the ships were destroyed.

/The ships here symbolize the cultural instruments of this world, worldly culture, /certain tools, /institutions and organizations, /and scientific civilizations. /All these things will be broken. /All possessions of mankind will be destroyed.

/Also, war could possibly take place in the sea. /This means that the world of humanism will be broken and will be no more. /That is, all forces of the world will be broken. /A third of the ocean will become blood. /Blood symbolizes death.

/This refers to contamination of the ocean. /Also, ships could be ruined as a result of war.
/Warships could also be destroyed. /The ships could be destroyed by storms.

/They could also be destroyed by earthquakes, tsunamis, or tidal waves. /The ocean will
become polluted. /The earth gradually becomes warmer. /The icebergs of Antarctica melt.
/Thus, the sea level rises.

/When it rains, it will rain hard. /Green algae will form due to the warming of the seas. /In
this way, the oceans will become contaminated. /The oceans will become like the desert.
/Therefore, fish will not be able to live in its waters.

/That is how it will become seas of death. /One third of it will be destroyed. /It will become a
sea of death. /Happiness will fade. /People will not be able to eat fish.

/Hence, people will face difficulties. /The sea will become polluted. /It may become polluted
by nuclear weapons, /and it could become polluted by the destruction of a nuclear reactor.

/It could also become contaminated as a result of war, /or be contaminated by falling bombs. /
In addition, living creatures will die because the ocean will become contaminated by oil
spills. /These are the plagues of the trumpets.

/Next is the plague of the third trumpet; read verses 10-11.

/The third angel sounded his trumpet, and a great star, blazing like a torch, fell from the sky
on a third of the rivers and on the springs of water-- the name of the star is Wormwood. A
third of the waters turned bitter, and many people died from the waters that had become
bitter.

/The plague of the third trumpet appears. /A great star blazing like a torch fell from the sky.

/The "great star" symbolizes pastors. /1:20. /Daniel 12:3. /In the Last Days, pastors will
become corrupt.

/They will betray God. /Cults will appear. /Many apostates will appear. /These religious
workers tarnish the truth. /Here, there are rivers and springs of water. /The "rivers and springs
of water" symbolize God's Word. /Ephesians 5:26

/In the last days, religious leaders will become corrupt. /They will tarnish the truth. /Those who listen to the tarnished truth will be spiritually dead. /Corrupt pastors and false prophets appear. /They invert the truth.

/They do not say that sin is sin. /Isaiah 5:20. /It states that the name of the star is Wormwood. /Many people died. /The corrupted false prophets kill the spirits of people.

/The teachings of false prophets are flesh-oriented. /It is emotionalism of the body. /These are greed and materialism. /It is of the world. /This is what it is for water to transform into Wormwood. /Ezekiel 13:19

/However, true prophets make bitter water sweet. /Exodus 15:25 /2 Kings 2:19-22 /1 Peter 2:2 /We must receive the pure Word of God as it is. /In addition, this means that rivers and springs of water will be environmentally polluted.

/For example, let's say a missile falls to the ground. /Bombs fall as a result of war. /Nuclear bombs fall. /Next, biological weapons such as bacteria are dropped, /then chemical weapons are dropped.

/Hence, rivers and springs of water become contaminated. /Thus, we will not be able to drink spring water. /That is why many lives will die. /God will use nature to bring disaster. /Psalm 104:4

/We must not follow false ideas. /We must not follow heresies, /we must not follow new theologies, /we must not follow liberalism, /we must not follow the false idea of evolution. /Our spirits will eventually die if we follow these false ideas.

/Verse 12. /The fourth angel sounded his trumpet, and a third of the sun was struck, a third of the moon, and a third of the stars, so that a third of them turned dark. A third of the day was without light, and also a third of the night.

/The plague of the fourth trumpet appears. /The plague of the fourth trumpet is the plague of the sun, moon, and stars. /The "sun" symbolizes truth. /The "moon" symbolizes the church. /"Stars" symbolize wise believers. /1:20 /Daniel 12:3

/The truth grows dim during the tribulations of the Last Days. /Neither the church nor the church workers will shine. /Faith will fall. /Matthew 24:29 /This world will become a dark and chaotic world.

/In addition, the sun, moon, and stars could literally become darker in the Last Days. /Exodus 10:21, 22. /If believers do not obey God's Word, their spirits will also become darker. /We must follow the Words as it is.

/Furthermore, air will be contaminated in the Last Days. /The sun will gradually grow dimmer. /There could be changes in outer space, as well as changes of the sky. /Also, this air will become polluted. /Phenomenon like yellow dust will surface.

/Therefore, there will be many pollutants in the air. /In these days, the amount of sunlight that reaches the earth is gradually diminishing. /This is due to smoke emitted by smokestacks. /This is because people are burning many trees and coal as sources of fuel.

/Also, the air is becoming polluted /due to the exhaust fumes from cars. /In addition, the sun, moon, and stars will grow dimmer. /Today, we must reveal the truth concerning the Last Days.

/Verse 13. /As I watched, I heard an eagle that was flying in midair call out in a loud voice: "Woe! Woe! Woe to the inhabitants of the earth, because of the trumpet blasts about to be sounded by the other three angels!"

/The eagle flying in midair called out in a loud voice, "Woe! Woe! Woe!" /This eagle represents God's judgment. /Deuteronomy 28:49 /Hosea 8:1 /Matthew 24:28 /It also says, woe, woe, woe, three times.

/This means that mankind will receive a great judgment. /This refers to a great disaster. /Here, it states that the three angels are about to sound the trumpet blasts. /Beginning here in 9:1, the plague of the fifth trumpet appears.

/From 9:13, the plague of the sixth trumpet appears. /From 11:15, the plague of the seventh trumpet appears. /The eagle cries woe, woe, woe, because these plagues are great.

/We believers must receive the plagues of the trumpets. /We must receive the plagues of the

seals and the trumpets. /Today is the period of the trumpet plagues. /Many of these disasters are happening all around us.

/Does it not say in the beginning that the sun, moon, and stars will grow darker? /There were some cases in which they were darkened by ashes from volcanic explosions.

/We will now continue our lecture on Revelation chapter 9.

/Here, the title of chapter 9 is "The Abyss." /First, the opening of the Abyss. /Verses 1-2. /Second, the plague of locusts. /Verses 3-6. /Third, the appearance of the locusts. /Verses 7-12. /Fourth, the release of the four angels. /Verses 13-15. /Fifth, the plague by the mounted troops /Verses 16-21.

/Read 9:1 /The fifth angel sounded his trumpet, and I saw a star that had fallen from the sky to the earth. The star was given the key to the shaft of the Abyss.

/Here in 9:1, the plague of the fifth trumpet appears. /Here, there is a star that had fallen to the earth. /This symbolizes the fallen angel, the devil. /It also symbolizes the devil's servants.

/It also symbolizes apostates and heretics. /2 Peter 2:1 /1 Timothy 4:1 /The Abyss is a bottomless pit. /No matter how deep one may fall, there is no end. /This is the pit of fire used to capture and trap the devil.

/This also symbolizes hell. /Again, false prophets appear and deceive people. /False prophets appear and destroy people using their own greed. /Revelation 20:1 /This represents endless greed. /James 1:14, 15

/Next is verse 2. /When he opened the Abyss, smoke rose from it like the smoke from a gigantic furnace. The sun and sky were darkened by the smoke from the Abyss.

/Smoke like that of a gigantic furnace rose from the Abyss. /As a result, the sun and sky were darkened. /Here, smoke like that of a gigantic furnace symbolizes evil ideologies. /For example, they are philosophies, /the theory of evolution, /other religions /and cults.

/It symbolizes these false ideas. /In addition, the thoughts of many people will become foolish because of the smoke. /The thoughts of people will darken. /They will think in wrongful

ways. /People will fall deep into greed and walk down wrong paths.

/Men will think only of themselves. /They will think of their own greed. /These people do not have faith. /Here, the "sun" symbolizes truth, /and "air" symbolizes the mind and its thoughts. /The truth dims when one falls into greed.

/The spirit darkens. /Then, one cannot know the truth. /Discernment fades. /Therefore, we must walk by the truth. /We must clear our minds so that we are not deceived by evil spirits.

/Verse 3. /And out of the smoke locusts came down upon the earth and were given power like that of scorpions of the earth.

/The locusts came out of the smoke. /They were given power like that of scorpions of the earth. /Here, the locust is a relative of the grasshopper. /These symbolize people who have fallen to greed.

/They also represent people who have fallen. /They symbolize the characters of apostates. /They symbolize the characters of those who have fallen into greed. /Likewise, people cannot think straight when they fall to greed.

/Their characters become like that of locusts. /They cause harm to others. /They become like beasts or insects. /They do bad deeds. /They rebel against God.

/They also receive power like that of scorpions and torment many people. /The "scorpion" symbolizes evil powers. /The scorpion is an extremely poisonous animal. /There is said to be much pain when stung by a scorpion. /1 Kings 12:11 /Ezekiel 2:6 /Luke 10:19

/Many locusts will come out of this smoke. /Locusts do not appear alone or as one pair. /Locusts appear in swarms.

/This means that many who have been contaminated with wrong ideas will emerge. /Thus, it means that many people who have fallen to heresies and evil ideologies will emerge.

/Verse 4. /They were told not to harm the grass of the earth or any plant or tree, but only those people who did not have the seal of God on their foreheads.

/It says, "not to harm the grass of the earth or any plant or tree." /Here, "the grass of the earth or any plant or tree" symbolizes believers with faith. /They symbolize believers who regard the Word of God as life.

/Believers who possess life are not deceived by the locusts. /They are not deceived by heretics. /True believers are not deceived by lies. /However, apostates or people of greed are deceived.

/These heretics target and deceive those who have not received the seal of God. /Thus, those who do not receive the seal of God will be deceived. /Therefore, we must be able to recognize the works of the devil.

/We must depend on God and walk only down the right path. /Luke 23:31 /Our faith must have life. /We must become believers with power.

/Verse 5. /They were not given power to kill them, but only to torture them for five months. And the agony they suffered was like that of the sting of a scorpion when it strikes a man.

/It says, "torture them for five months." /Five months equal 150 days.

/This is the same length of time as the flood of Noah. /Genesis 7:23, 24 /Genesis 8:2, 3 /Therefore, this is the period of trials and tribulations.

/The locusts will torment the people with the power of scorpions. /However, they do not torment people without limits. /It states that they can only torment people for five months. /This is God's set period of time.

/This is God's chosen period of time. /It is the period of trials and tribulations. /We need to endure during that time. /God watches over us. /We must not fear no matter how strong Satan's forces may be.

/We must not fear even if scorpions are to sting us. /They can only torment us for the time period that God has allowed them. /We can overcome tribulations if we have faith.

/Verse 6. /During those days men will seek death, but will not find it; they will long to die,

but death will elude them.

/It says, "they will long to die, but death will elude them." /The damages done by the locusts were too great. /It was frightening like the sting of a scorpion. /It was a great affliction. /That is why they wished to die.

/However, they could not die even if they wished to. /This is because God prevented them from dying. /Therefore, this is a model of the punishment of hell. /The punishment of hell is even more frightening than death.

/In the end of this world, those who do not repent will receive this kind of punishment. /They will be plagued by the devil's hands.

/Therefore, those who serve the devil as his slave and chase after evil will face this kind of suffering. /They will face greater sufferings than death.

/We believers can overcome all trials. /It will take place for five months. /There is a set time. /God watches over us.

/Also in verse 4, it says that they were told not to harm the grass of the earth or any plant or tree. /We can overcome tribulations if have faith with vitality. /We must rely on the Lord. /We must have the power of life.

/Revelation 6:6 /There, a black horse appears. /It says to not damage the olive oil and wine. /Likewise, we must prepare our faith well. /We must be filled with God's grace.

/Then we can overcome various kinds of hardships. /Now in the Last Days, the church and its believers will face great tribulations. /We face the plagues of the seals and trumpets. /Nevertheless, we can overcome all tribulations with faith.

/Here we will conclude our eighth lecture. /Thank you.