

## **CMPC Sermon Notes**

**Series:** Revelation: Strength for Today, Hope for Tomorrow

**Text:** Revelation 8.6-13

**Message:** *Trumpet Sounds and Hardened Hearts*

- Things to remember
  - Not a linear, sequential chronology over 21 chapters; rather, it is cyclical, with each new cycle (there are seven of them!) bringing greater clarity- and intensity- leading up to the days before King Jesus returns.
    - *The opening of the seals brings great consolation to the people of God. The sounding of the trumpets brings great woes upon those who are not the people of God. (Derek Thomas)*
- The story so far
- Old Testament helps to understand the trumpets
  - Trumpets in the Bible
  - Joel's trumpet
  - The plagues on Egypt
- First Trumpet
  - Hail and fire with blood; cf. Exodus 9.22-25; also the first plague
  - 1/3 of the earth burnt up, 1/3 of the trees, all the grass (wrath... and mercy)
  - Famine becomes a crucial element in the judgment
  - In the seventh plague on Egypt hail fell with fire (lightening) on the Egyptians, animals, and their crops. Exodus 9.22-26.
- Second Trumpet
  - Mountain of Fire turns sea to blood; Exodus 7.2
  - Mountain probably represents a kingdom, cf. Jeremiah 51.25; Revelation 18.20-21
  - The sea may represent peoples or unbelieving nations, cf. Habakkuk 1.14
  - The Red Sea an instrument of judgment against Egypt
  - Use of word "like" may indicate these are symbolic, not the real event
- Third Trumpet
  - Star falls, water bitter
  - Wormwood... a bitter plant in the Old Testament
  - Many die
- Fourth Trumpet
  - 1/3 sun, 1/3 of the moon, 1/3 of the stars; hence a third of the light, bringing darkness, Exodus 10.21
  - Watch the fractions.... ¼ in the seals, now 1/3 in the Trumpets; the bowls will be complete
- The earth is reeling under the judgments of God.
- The eagle cries

### **So What About Us?**

- It's a Wonderful World
- The devastation of sin
- Hardened hearts
- Our trumpet call
  - Christ's victory
  - Our response
  - Our anticipation

- 1. Turning water to blood: Ex. 7:14–24
- 2. Frogs: Ex. 7:25–8:11/15
- 3. Lice or gnats: Ex. 8:12–15/8:16–19
- 4.. Wild animals or flies: Ex. 8:16–28/8:20–32
- 5. Pestilence of livestock: Ex. 9:1–7
- 6. Boils: Ex. 9:8–12
- 7. Thunderstorm of hail and fire: Ex. 9:13–35
- 8. Locusts: Ex. 10:1–20
- 9. Darkness for three days: Ex. 10:21–29
- 10. Death of firstborn son: Ex. 11:1–12:36
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6th seal is the first one that is clearly supernatural in nature. Up to now, it was only earth affected.

at the Parousia of Christ (1 Thess 4:16, 1 Cor 15:52)

1 Thessalonians 4:16 For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first.

1 Corinthians 15:52 52 in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed.

Jeremiah 51:25

“Behold, I am against you, mountain of destruction  
That destroys the whole earth,” declares the Lord,  
“And I will stretch out My hand against you,  
And roll you down from the rocky cliffs,  
And I will make you a burnt out mountain.

Revelation 18:20-21

Rejoice over her, O heaven, and you [a]saints and apostles and prophets, because God has [b]pronounced judgment for you against her.”

21 Then a strong angel picked up a stone like a great millstone and threw it into the sea, saying, “So will Babylon, the great city, be thrown down with violence, and will never be found again.

Habakkuk1: 14 Why have You made people like the fish of the sea,  
Like crawling things that have no ruler over them?

8”13 “Woe, woe, woe to those who dwell on the earth, at the blasts of the other trumpets that the three angels are about to blow!”

Numbers 14:18

‘The Lord is slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, forgiving iniquity and transgression, but he will by no means clear the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children, to the third and the fourth generation.’