

Choose Your Trumpet Wisely!

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Text: Revelation 8:1-13

Passage Summary: As we journey through life we will hear many ______sounds along the way; but though that be the case, none will be more ______for our consideration than those captured for us in Revelation 8-11!

<u>**180 Degree Truth #1</u>**: See that it is always too soon to give up on the promises of God concerning our ______, for God will move through the ______ of the saints to initiate the trumpet judgments in the tribulation! (8:1-13)</u>

"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. The smoke of the incense, together with the prayers of the saints, went up before God from the angel's hand." **Revelation 8:3-4**

<u>Application</u>: Recognize when it comes to the trumpet judgments that will take place in the tribulation...

They will have a devastating ______ on God's physical ______! (v.1-13)

See that the trumpet judgments will involve the destruction of 1/3 of the...

_____! (v.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." **Revelation 8:7** "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, a third of the living creatures in the sea died, and a third of the ships were destroyed." **Revelation 8:8-9**

____ water _____ ! (v.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." **Revelation 8:10-11**

______ that ______ from the sun, moon and stars! (v.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." **Revelation 8:12**

Remember: When it comes to the trumpet judgments of God in the tribulation, they will not only begin to put the ______ on God's physical creation, but on ______as well, leading to an all important and eternal crossroad then and now!

See that in view of the trumpet judgments to come in the tribulation...

When God's Divine squeeze comes, humble your heart and look to the _____!

Take a lesson from _____: The 10 plagues of Egypt are not intended to entertain us, but enlighten us to the salvation of the _____!

_____your _____wisely!

<u>Core Conviction to Live By</u>: Resolutely determine that for you personally, you will ______ the trumpet of 1 Thessalonians 4 by ______ Christ, so that you will not have to hear the trumpets associated with the judgment of God in the tribulation; for the former speaks of the sweet sound of salvation, while that latter the sound of wrath!