

Revelation – The Big Picture

Week six – Wake up and smell the roses! Revelation 8 & 9

1. Silence and Prayer 8: 1 - 5

- Revelation 7:10 How long Sovereign Lord?
- The prayers of God's people assisted by the Angel
- Romans 8: 26 – 27
- The censer hurled on the earth: Judgement revealed

2. Four trumpets sound 8: 6 – 12

- I. Hail and fire mixed with blood – 1/3rd of the earth burned up
- II. Sea turned into blood – 1/3rd of the sea creatures and ships destroyed
- III. A great star falls – 1/3rd of the fresh water turned bitter, 1/3rd of the people die
- IV. The sun moon and stars are struck and 1/3rd are wiped out
 - Man's sin the cause of the judgements
 - Man's well being is affected through them

3. An eagle pronounces three woes 8:13

- A warning – wake up and see what is right before you
- Repentance is the right response to God's judgement
- *'Human nature is such that neither blessings nor curses readily move us to repentance.'* John Richardson

4. The fifth trumpet sounds 9: 1 - 12

- A fallen star – a demonic being probably Satan
- His power is limited
- He sends locusts to torment those who are not God's family but his own!

5. The sixth trumpet 9: 13 – 21

- Released at God's command
- A third of mankind is killed
- Repentance resisted but God gives every opportunity for change

Digging Deeper

Read Revelation 8 – 9

1. Have you ever received a life – saving warning? What might have happened if you had ignored the warning?

Re-read Revelation 8: 1 – 5

2. In what way was the cry, or prayer, of the saints similar to that of God's people in Egypt?
3. How does this passage speak to you about your own prayers and our praying as a church?

Re-read Revelation 8: 6 – 12

4. Compare the devastation of the first four trumpets with the plagues of Egypt.
5. Is John shown here that destruction will be total or partial. How does this help us to understand which time this passage is referring to?

Re- read Revelation 8:13 – 9:12

6. Who is the one who unleashes these woes?
7. Where do they come from and who do they torment

Re-read Revelation 9:13 – 21

8. What is God's intended purpose in the attacks (9: 20 – 21) Why do you think people cling so stubbornly to certain sins?
 - A. What measures might God be taking in your life to call you to repent of a particular sin?
 - B. In Revelation 8 – 9 we see God going to extreme measures to call the world to repentance. As you read and listen to the news how can you use this passage to influence your prayers for those who as yet have not been saved?