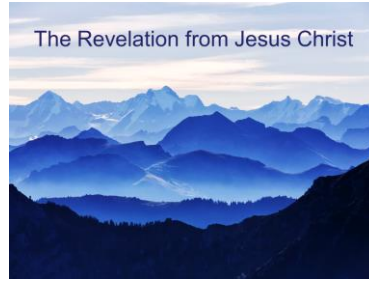




*You're Welcome Here!*



## Series – Revelation

### Study Guide 6: 7 Trumpets

Week Commencing 9<sup>th</sup> June 2019

Please read **Revelation 8.1-6**

1. Why is the silence of heaven an uncomfortable idea when we are struggling in prayer for justice to be done?
2. What does this passage say about the power of our prayers for God's justice to be done on earth as it is in Heaven (refer also to the 'Lord's Prayer' in **Matthew 6.9-10**)?

*In Revelation 8.6-12 the first four trumpets herald the brokenness of our fallen and sinful world: natural, environmental, economic and cosmic disasters. These are followed by the fifth trumpet heralding the far worse disaster of Satan's tormenting power over the peoples of the world (9.1-11). The sixth trumpet heralds the 'last enemy,' which is Death (9.13-19). But 9.20-21 tells us that the world does not want to listen to the message of the trumpets – they will not repent of their sin. These trumpets do not herald future events, rather they tell the sad story of human history.*

Please read **Revelation 10.1-11**

*Chapter 10 describes an amazing, powerful, radiant angel who holds a scroll. This picture seems to represent the messenger of God who bears the message (the scroll, 10.2) of God: a message of judgment and mercy, repentance and salvation. John is told to eat the scroll, which is both sweet and bitter.*

3. Why is the Gospel message – which reveals God's judgment of sin and God's salvation through Jesus - both 'sweet' and 'bitter' for those who share this message with others? (please read also **John 3.16-21** in this connection)
4. What personal experience have you had of this 'sweetness' and 'bitterness' as you have shared the Gospel with others?

*The seventh trumpet (11.15) is preceded by "two faithful witnesses." Jesus said that the Law and the Prophets – two faithful witnesses - pointed to His coming as the Messiah (Luke 24.13-27) and that He had come to fulfil what the Law and the Prophets prophesied about Him (Matthew 5.17-18). But the two faithful witnesses also represent the enduring witness of the Church to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. It is the Good news that Jesus bears the judgment of sin for those who trust in Him, by taking our sin upon Himself on the cross. He rose on the third day, and now lives as our Saviour and King.*

Please read **Revelation 11.15-19**

5. How has Jesus' death and resurrection made real the message of the seventh trumpet that "The Kingdom of this world has become the Kingdom of our Lord and of his Messiah?" (11.15)
6. So, then: why does Jesus need to come again?