



# RETURN OF THE KING

Studies in Revelation

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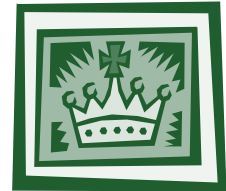
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## Music to My Ears?

### Introduction to Revelation 8:6-9:21



**When King Jesus returns evil will be defeated and every-**

#### The 5 Purposes of the Purpose Driven Life

- **Worship**—You were planned for God’s pleasure
- **Fellowship**—You were formed for God’s family
- **Discipleship**—You were created to become like Christ
- **Ministry**—You were shaped for serving God
- **Evangelism**—You were made for a mission

If someone says “it’s music to my ears”, it is exactly what they want to hear. In Revelation 8-9 when the trumpets of God’s judgment sound it is music to the ears of the righteous who have been waiting for God’s vindication; but for those who are the recipients of God’s judgment it is anything but what they hoped for. The angels sound God’s trumpet judgments in three parts; the first four provide an attention-grabbing beginning, the next two progress into an awful refrain, and the last trumpet signals the end of God’s judgment—it leads to the pouring out of God’s seven bowls of wrath. The first trumpet, a mixture of hail, fire, and blood hurled to earth destroyed a third of the vegetation, while the second trumpet signaled a great burning mountain that fell in the sea,

turning it into blood and killing a third of its inhabitants. The third trumpet caused a great star to fall into the rivers, contaminating all the water and leading to the death of many people. The fourth trumpet caused the light of a third of the heavenly bodies to be extinguished, creating an eerie hue over the planet. These events certainly got the attention of everyone as the remaining three trumpets, also designated as “woes” began their awful refrain. The fifth trumpet’s sound led to the opening of the bottomless pit, out of which locust filled smoke belched. These were not ordinary insects, though; they had scorpion-like power to hurt only the people of the earth who had no seal of God on their foreheads. Their purpose was

torment, not death, and they were led by the Destroyer. The sixth trumpet unleashed a great human army from the east riding on horses with the ability to kill with their mouths and tails, and their power led the death of a third of mankind. As this “music” ended the audience response was irrational; rather than repenting of their evil actions and begging for mercy, they hardened their hearts against God. The trumpets sounded sweet music to the ears of the saints desiring justice, but to the rest of the unrepentant it was the sound of taps.

## Daily Study Questions for Revelation 8:6-9:21

(For answers to questions attend an ABF or go to [www.celebrationnet.com](http://www.celebrationnet.com), small groups, abf)

1. Read Rev 8:6-9. What happened when the first and second trumpets sounded (v7, 8) and what were the results (v7, 8)? What do you think these occurrences might correspond to today?	
2. Looking at 8:10-13 what occurred with the sounding of the third and fourth trumpets (v10, 12) and what did this cause (v11, 12)? What was about to happen (v13)?	
3. From 9:1-3 when the fifth trumpet sounded what fell from heaven (v1) and what did he do (v2)? Describe what was released (v2, 3).	

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## Revelation 8:6-9:21 Daily Study Questions (cont)

4. In Rev 9:4-6 what instructions were the “locusts” given (v4, 5) and what will be the result of their actions (v5, 6)? What do you think God’s purpose of this trumpet is?
5. Using 9:7-10 further describe these locusts (v7, 8, 9, 10). What do you think each of these details represents and what is the net result (v10)?
6. Looking at 9:11-12 who is the king over these locusts (v11)? What are his names and what do they mean (v11)? What is the point of v12?
7. According to 9:13-15 what was the angel of the sixth trumpet commanded to do (v14) and what did this lead to (v15)? Was the timing of this event important (v15)?
8. From 9:16-17 who was going to kill a third of mankind (v16) and how big was the army (v16)? Describe the riders and the horses (v17).
9. In 9:18-19 how did the army kill a third of mankind (v18)? Where did the power of the horses lie (v19) and why (v19)?
10. Looking at 9:20-21 describe the people who remained after these plagues (v20, 21)? What should they have done, but what did they do instead (v20, 21)?
11. Review the six trumpet judgments. What do you think would be the net effect of these judgments and which one is most horrifying to you? Why do people not repent when they experience things like this?

### Scripture to Remember

*“And the rest of mankind, who were not killed by these plagues, did not repent of the works of their hands.”*

***Revelation 9:20 (NASV)***

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### Life Group Questions—Connect In—John 13:34-35

*(Using questions based on today’s message, Life Groups meet in homes to build supportive relationships with others at Celebration Fellowship that enable us to grow in Christ.)*

1. Describe a person that you believe deeply loves(d) you. What did that do for you?
2. Read John 13:34-35. What are some marks that people use to identify Christians? Why do you think Jesus made love for each other the defining mark of a believer?
3. What objections does love overcome? How does it overcome self?
4. Discuss how true love overcomes the “same old same old” sentimental concept of love? Why or how does this make it powerful (look at Eph 4:15)?
5. Do you agree that this kind of love is supernatural? Does that mean that we just sit back waiting for this to happen?
6. Describe and discuss the pathway of love—1) Grace—God accepting me; 2) Faith—me accepting that God accepts me; 3) Peace—me accepting me in Christ; 4) love—me accepting you in Christ; 5) fellowship—2 sinners living by grace & faith loving each other in Christ
7. If there is time bring up anything else from today’s message that was meaningful to you and discuss how to apply it to your life.