



The End wk7: Trumpets Sound

Introduction: As the last seal is opened, the 7 trumpets begin to sound. If the church is sealed and secured, why then does God allow this evil age to continue and what is the church's role in the meantime? Will we be a faithful witness that leads people towards repentance?

Discussion Questions

1. In the 6th video Shane talks about how we should read Revelation. People often argue about whether to read it literally or figuratively, but Shane says we should read it "naturally." What does he mean?
2. Read **Revelation 8:6-12** If you look at what these trumpets bring, what Old Testament events come to mind? Why would John want to make us think about the Exodus when we think about "the end?"
3. Read **Revelation 9:20-21** How is the reaction by Pharaoh to the Exodus plagues similar to the people who experience the terrible events mentioned in the trumpets? What is the point?
4. Read **2 Peter 3:9** When we wonder why God allows these evil days to continue, how does Peter respond? If people don't repent from what they experience, what will bring them to repentance?
5. Read **Revelation 10:9-11** The prophecy that John swallows, contained in the scroll, is said to be sweet but then turns his stomach. How can the gospel message be both sweet and stomach turning?
6. Read **Revelation 11:3-13** In the sermon, Jeremy said these witnesses were the church. How does the message of the church/gospel rightly bring pain? What are the witnesses trying to do or bring about? What is the difference between Revelation 11:13 and Revelation 9:21?
7. What will determine if the church is a faithful witness for Christ? What is your role in that?

Shaping Your Mind – *We give thanks to you, Lord God Almighty, the One who is and who was, because you have taken your great power and have begun to reign. Revelation 11:17*

Moving Forward – Will you be an effective witness for the Lamb?