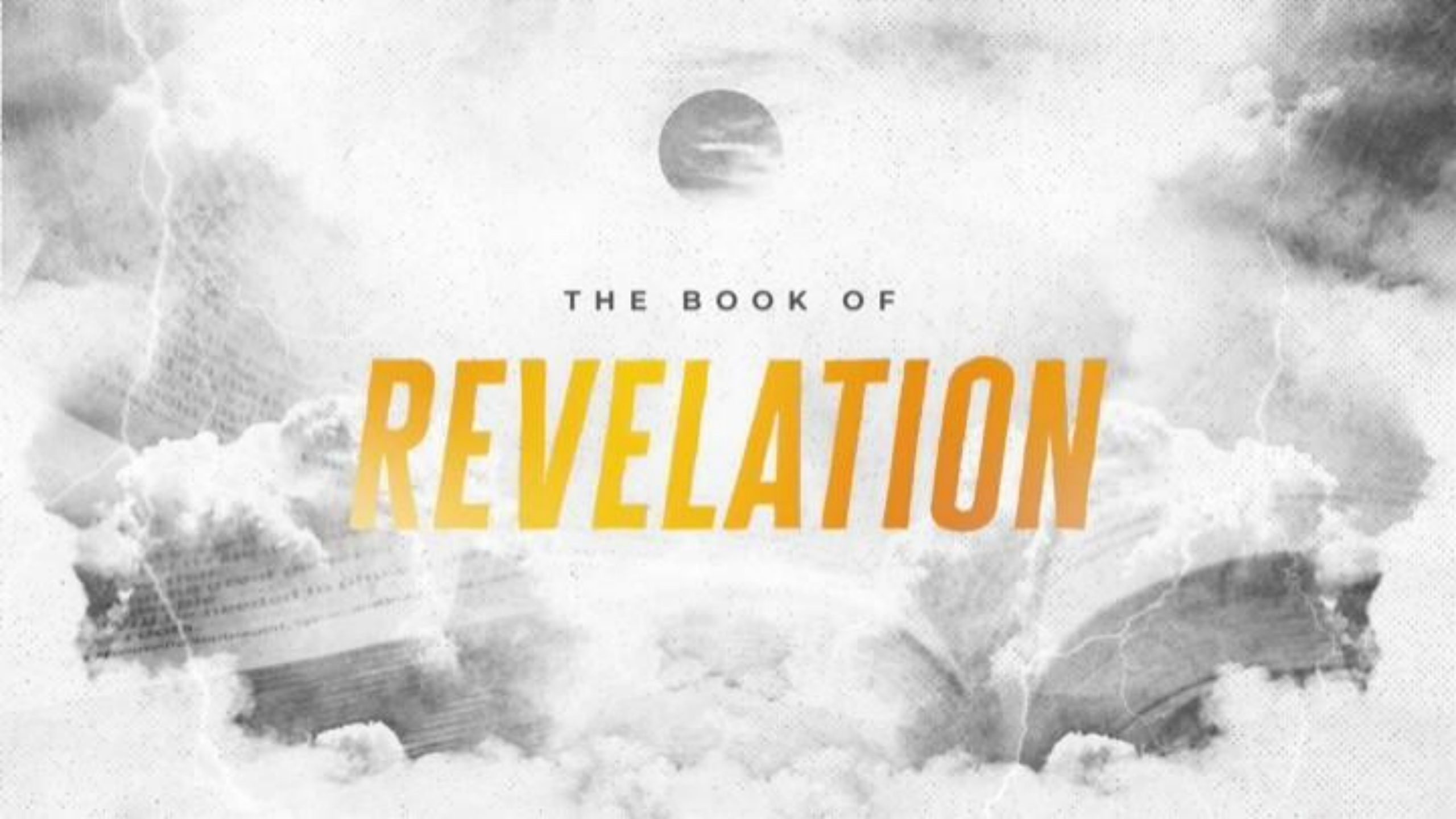




THE BOOK OF

# *REVELATION*

# Trumpet Blasts

Revelation 8





“‘I wish it need not have happened in my time,’ said Frodo. ‘So do I,’ said Gandalf, ‘and so do all who live to see such times. But that is not for them to decide. All we have to decide is what to do with the time that is given us.’”

## **Revelation 8:1 (ESV)**

1 When the Lamb opened the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven for about half an hour.

“Come, behold the works of the LORD, how he has brought desolations on the earth. He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; he breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the chariots with fire. ‘Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!’”

**(Psalm 46:8-10)**

“Fear not, stand firm, and see the salvation of the LORD, which he will work for you today. For the Egyptians whom you see today, you shall never see again. The LORD will fight for you, and you have only to be silent.” **(Exodus 14:13-14)**

“O Sovereign Lord, holy and true, how long before you will judge and avenge our blood on those who dwell on the earth?”

**(Revelation 6:10)**

“Be not rash with your mouth, nor let your heart be hasty to utter a word before God, for God is in heaven and you are on earth. Therefore let your words be few.”

**(Ecclesiastes 5:2)**

## **Revelation 8:2-4 (ESV)**

2 Then I saw the seven angels who stand before God, and seven trumpets were given to them. 3 And another angel came and stood at the altar with a golden censer, and he was given much incense to offer with the prayers of all the saints on the golden altar before the throne, 4 and the smoke of the incense, with the prayers of the saints, rose before God from the hand of the angel.

## **Revelation 8:5 (ESV)**

5 Then the angel took the censer and filled it with fire from the altar and threw it on the earth, and there were peals of thunder, rumblings, flashes of lightning, and an earthquake.

## **Revelation 8:6-7 (ESV)**

6 Now the seven angels who had the seven trumpets prepared to blow them. 7 The first angel blew his trumpet, and there followed hail and fire, mixed with blood, and these were thrown upon the earth. And a third of the earth was burned up, and a third of the trees were burned up, and all green grass was burned up.

## **Revelation 8:8-9 (ESV)**

8 The second angel blew his trumpet, and something like a great mountain, burning with fire, was thrown into the sea, and a third of the sea became blood. 9 A third of the living creatures in the sea died, and a third of the ships were destroyed.

## **Revelation 8:10-11 (ESV)**

10 The third angel blew his trumpet, and a great star fell from heaven, blazing like a torch, and it fell on a third of the rivers and on the springs of water. 11 The name of the star is Wormwood. A third of the waters became wormwood, and many people died from the water, because it had been made bitter.

## **Revelation 8:12 (ESV)**

12 The fourth angel blew his trumpet, and a third of the sun was struck, and a third of the moon, and a third of the stars, so that a third of their light might be darkened, and a third of the day might be kept from shining, and likewise a third of the night.

## **Revelation 8:13 (ESV)**

13 Then I looked, and I heard an eagle crying with a loud voice as it flew directly overhead, "Woe, woe, woe to those who dwell on the earth, at the blasts of the other trumpets that the three angels are about to blow!"

If the seven seals echo the Babylonian Exile, the seven trumpets are intended to bring to mind another biblical touchpoint—the **TEN PLAGUES OF EGYPT.**

Each seven-fold sequence starts with  
four judgments that affect **THE**  
**WORLD.**

There is a giant  
**TALKING**  
**EAGLE!?**



A major difference between the seals judgments and the trumpet judgments is their **SCOPE**.

The text hints that we are not to read these series of judgments as **STRICTLY SEQUENTIAL.**

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“Then the LORD said to Moses, ‘Stretch out your hand toward heaven, so that there may be hail in all the land of Egypt, on man and beast and every plant of the field, in the land of Egypt.’ Then Moses stretched out his staff toward heaven, and the LORD sent thunder and hail, and fire ran down to the earth. And the LORD rained hail upon the land of Egypt. There was hail and fire flashing continually in the midst of the hail, very heavy hail, such as had never been in all the land of Egypt since it became a nation.” **(Exodus 9:22-24)**

“With pestilence and bloodshed I will enter into judgment with him, and I will rain upon him and his hordes and the many peoples who are with him torrential rains and hailstones, fire and sulfur. So I will show my greatness and my holiness and make myself known in the eyes of many nations. Then they will know that I am the LORD.” (Ezekiel 38:22-23)

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“Behold, I am against you, O destroying mountain, declares the LORD, which destroys the whole earth; I will stretch out my hand against you, and roll you down from the crags, and make you a burnt mountain... The sea has come up on Babylon; she is covered with its tumultuous waves.”

**(Jeremiah 51:25, 42)**

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**Wormwood**

“And the LORD says: ‘Because they have forsaken my law that I set before them, and have not obeyed my voice or walked in accord with it, but have stubbornly followed their own hearts and have gone after the Baals, as their fathers taught them... Behold, I will feed this people with bitter food, and give them poisonous water to drink.’” (Jeremiah 9:13-15)

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“Remember also your Creator in the days of your youth, before the evil days come and the years draw near of which you will say, ‘I have no pleasure in them’; before the sun and the light and the moon and the stars are darkened and the clouds return after the rain.” **(Ecclesiastes 12:1-2)**

Every source of human life is **INSECURE**  
and **INSUFFICIENT** without our God in  
heaven who loves us.

Christ alone is our firm foundation.  
Everything else you might depend on  
will prove insecure, unstable, and  
insufficient. **BUILD YOUR LIFE ON  
HIM.**