

***STUDYING THE BOOK OF REVELATION***  
***IN SMALL GROUP DISCUSSIONS***

**Lesson 16 - The Seventh Seal and the Golden Censer - Revelation 8:1-5**

**Read the following verses in the New International Version or a translation of your choice. Then discuss the questions that follow. Questions should be studied by each individual before your discussion group meets.**

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REV 8:1 When he opened the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven for about half an hour.

REV 8:2 And I saw the seven angels who stand before God, and to them were given seven trumpets.

REV 8:3 Another angel, who had a golden censer, came and stood at the altar. He was given much incense to offer, with the prayers of all the saints, on the golden altar before the throne. [4] The smoke of the incense, together with the prayers of the saints, went up before God from the angel's hand. [5] Then the angel took the censer, filled it with fire from the altar, and hurled it on the earth; and there came peals of thunder, rumblings, flashes of lightning and an earthquake.

**DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

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- 210. Who is the one here described as opening the seventh seal? (8:1)
- 211. What happened in heaven upon the opening of the seventh seal? (8:1)
- 212. For how long was there silence in heaven during John's vision? (8:1)
- 213. What did John see after the opening of the seventh seal? (8:2)
- 214. What was given to the creatures seen by John? (8:2)
- 215. What did John see another angel come and do? (8:3)
- 216. What did the angel standing at the altar have in his possession? (8:3)
- 217. What was the angel at the altar assigned to do? (8:3)
- 218. What did John see going up before God? (8:4)
- 219. With what did the angel fill the censer? (8:5)

220. What did the angel eventually do with the censer? (8:5)

221. What happened on the earth after the angel's actions? (8:5)

### **Lesson 17 - The Trumpets - Revelation 8:6-13**

REV 8:6 Then the seven angels who had the seven trumpets prepared to sound them.

REV 8:7 The first angel sounded his trumpet, and there came hail and fire mixed with blood, and it was hurled down upon the earth. A third of the earth was burned up, a third of the trees were burned up, and all the green grass was burned up.

REV 8:8 The second angel sounded his trumpet, and something like a huge mountain, all ablaze, was thrown into the sea. A third of the sea turned into blood, [9] a third of the living creatures in the sea died, and a third of the ships were destroyed.

REV 8:10 The third angel sounded his trumpet, and a great star, blazing like a torch, fell from the sky 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 turned bitter, and many people died from the waters that had become bitter.

REV 8:12 The fourth angel sounded his trumpet, and a third of the sun was struck, a third of the moon, and a third of the stars, so that a third of them turned dark. A third of the day was without light, and also a third of the night.

REV 8:13 As I watched, I heard an eagle that was flying in midair call out in a loud voice: "Woe! Woe! Woe to the inhabitants of the earth, because of the trumpet blasts about to be sounded by the other three angels!"

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222. What did the seven angels who stand before God prepare to do? (8:6)

223. What happened when the first angel sounded his trumpet? (8:7)

224. What were the trumpet blasts that John heard? (8:7-8, 10, 12)

225. What was the result when the second angel sounded his trumpet? (8:8-9)

226. What happened when the third angel blew his trumpet? (8:10-11)

227. What events followed the fourth angel's trumpet blast? (8:12)

228. What did John see an eagle do? (8:13)