

As you live and prepare for the eventual return of Jesus, there is a period of time that will happen on the earth which is known as the Great Tribulation. This will be a time of horror and judgment upon the earth that will be unmatched by any other time in human history [Revelation chapters 8–11](#).

When you think of a trumpeter, what comes to mind. They are used to make a grand pronouncement, like the entrance of royalty, for example. These trumpets are no different – it's just that the pronouncements are of a different type. Each one pronounces a different judgment upon the earth during the Great Tribulation.

The trumpets are revealed after John sees a vision of the great crowd from every tribe and nation standing around the throne offering worship to the [Lamb of God](#). Here is what happens next. ([Revelation 8:1-2](#)).

The contrast of the silence in heaven compared to the great roar that was just heard must have really been deafening to John. As you see within the seventh seal, there are seven trumpets that were to be blown. Each one will pronounce a type of judgment on the earth, and they will intensify as each subsequent trumpet is blown.

### [The Trumpets and the Judgments](#)

At the heart of the seven trumpets in Revelation are the judgments that come with the blowing of each one. Each trumpet will be blown by a different angel, but the angels are not named. Let's consider each judgment.

The [first trumpet](#) brings devastation to the earth itself. ([Revelation 8:7](#)).

The [second trumpet](#) is targeted towards the seas. ([Revelation 8:8-9](#)).

The [third trumpet](#) affects the water supply, which brings death to many people. ([Revelation 8:10-11](#)).

The [fourth trumpet](#) attacks the sky, affecting the sun, moon, and stars ([Revelation 8:12](#)).

The earth, seas, water, and sky are all affected by these first four judgments. These are all the things required for life, and God is affecting these things as judgment for those who have rejected him. After blowing the fourth trumpet, there is a brief pause before the last three trumpets are blown.

[Revelation 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!’

In the middle of judgment, God pauses. He decides to give additional warning of what is to come and at the same time give people an opportunity to repent. Yet even in the judging process, God offers opportunity for repentance because that is his heart.

The fifth trumpet ([Rev. 9:1-12](#))

The [sixth trumpet](#) ([Rev. 9:13-21](#)) the seventh and final trumpet, a series of events occur. In [Scripture](#), seven is the number of completion, so the announcement associated with this trumpet falls right in line. Here is what happens when the seventh trumpet is blown: [Revelation 11:15](#))