

## Lesson 14 – Revelation 8-9 - The Seventh Seal & Six Trumpets

For the first week of our Spring study, please read the text – **Revelation 8-9**, noting key/repeat words and phrases.

Ch 7 revealed a calm in the storm of the initial Seal Judgments from Ch. 6. Recall that the Sixth Seal was so severe that the people cry out “to the mountains and rocks, “Fall on us and hide us from the face of Him who sits on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb! For the great day of His wrath has come, and who is able to stand?” (Rev 6:16-17). These preliminary judgments pale in comparison to judgments of the Day of the Lord that unfold with the Seventh Seal and the Trumpet judgments.

Here are a few additional questions to consider in your personal study. If you are new to our study, these questions are optional and intended to enhance your personal study. Our class is largely lecture focused, given the size of our group.

1. What events unfold with the breaking of the Seventh Seal (8:1-5)? What is the meaning of the angel standing at the altar, holding the golden censer?
2. Thinking more on the Day of the Lord, read Isaiah 13:1-13. What additional insights do you draw about the Day of the Lord from this passage? Why will God judge the earth?
3. What will happen to the earth as a result of the first four Trumpet judgments?
4. What will happen when the Fifth Trumpet unfolds (9:1-12)? Why might the Fifth Trumpet be referred to as “hell on earth”?
5. From Luke 10:18, who might the “star fallen from heaven” be in Rev 9:1? In 2 Pet 2:4, who are the creatures held captive in the bottomless pit (Rev 9:1-2)? Why is unlocking this abyss such a horrible event?
6. How do you explain the response of those who remain after the Sixth Trumpet’s horrific judgment (9:13-21)