

Revelation Week 8 October 6 | Weekly Devotionals

OPEN with prayer.

Begin this devotional exercise by finding a quiet place where you can spend time with God in his word. Before reading, pray that the Holy Spirit would open your eyes and heart to what God wants to say to you.

READ Revelation 8:6-11:19.

- How many "trumpets" are opened in these chapters? Who blows them? Describe what happens upon the blowing of trumpets and people's responses to each. What do you think the events that unfold upon the sounding of each trumpet represent?
- Read Ezekiel 2:8-3:2 and Revelation 5:1-5. How do these passages relate to or shed light on Revelation 10:1-11?
- Who do you think the "two witnesses" of Revelation 11:3 are? How does 11:4 clarify their potential identity (compare also with Revelation 1:12-13 and 1:20)?
- Revelation 10:1-11:13 functions like an interlude between the sixth and seventh trumpet. This is much like how Revelation 7:1-17 functions as an interlude in between the sixth and seventh seal in Revelation 6:1-8:5. If the main point of the Revelation 7:1-17 interlude is to show us that the fate of the faithful will be their redemption and ability to stand before God, what do you think the main point of the interlude in Revelation 10:1-11:13 is supposed to convey?

• The seven trumpets lead us up to the end of the world, with the end depicted in 11:17. Read Revelation 11:17 and following. Compare this with Revelation 1:4, 8, and 4:8. What phrase, as it pertains to God, is missing? What does John's omitting of that clause indicate to us?

REFLECT

- How do the trumpet judgments described in Revelation 8:6-9:21 challenge your understanding of God's response to human sin and rebellion? How do they affect your view of the consequences of unrepentant behavior? Is there anything you need to repent of today? Explain.
- What can you learn from the reactions of those who experience these judgments? How do you respond to warnings or wake-up calls in your own life? Are there areas where you might be resisting God's call to change?
- How do the two witnesses in Revelation 11:3-12 inspire you to think about your role in staying aligned with and bearing witness to God's truth? In what ways are you called to be faithful, even in the face of opposition or difficulty?

PRAY

Take anything that you reflected on above and spend time praying that to God.