

GOSPEL COMMUNITY GUIDE

The Revelation of Jesus Christ

The Seven Trumpets (Rev. 8-11) | February 8, 2026



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QUICK UPDATES

Share any upcoming church events and handle housekeeping for the Gospel Community.

CONNECT

When you think about the idea of a “wake-up call”, what kinds of moments or experiences tend to get people’s attention most clearly? Have you had any moments like this in your life? Share one or two with the group.

REVIEW

Have someone read the passage out loud from the ESV translation or something similar. Reflect on any insights, questions, or parts that stood out from the text or the sermon. Then read the summary below.

Revelation 8–11 reveals a world under partial judgment as God sounds the seven trumpets, calling humanity to repentance while extending mercy. These judgments expose the fragility of created things and the destructive power of sin and Satan, yet many refuse to turn to God. In the midst of this darkness, God pauses the vision to remind His people of their calling: to be people shaped by His Word and faithful in witness. The scroll that is sweet and bitter and the image of the two witnesses emphasize that proclaiming God’s truth is both costly and necessary. History is moving toward the day when the kingdom of this world becomes the kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ.

LEARN & LIVE

These questions help us grasp the truth of the passage and consider how to live it out.

- What repeated patterns or images stand out to you in the seven trumpets of Revelation 8-9?
- Why does it seem the judgments described are partial rather than total? What does this communicate about God’s patience and purpose?
- How do the trumpet judgments echo earlier biblical stories like Exodus or Joshua?
- According to Revelation 9:20-21, how do many people respond to these judgments? Why do you think that is?
- In Revelation 10, why is the scroll described as sweet in the mouth but bitter in the stomach?
- What does the act of “eating the scroll” reveal about the calling of God’s people?
- How are the two witnesses described, and what symbols are used to portray them?
- What does Revelation 11:15 declare about where history is ultimately headed?

GO DEEPER

These questions invite us to slow down and wrestle with what's going on beneath the surface. Use these to go a little deeper or in your Huddle Groups.

- Where are you most tempted to place your security in created things rather than in God?
- How do partial judgments help you understand God's mercy rather than contradict it?
- In what ways has suffering or disruption functioned as a spiritual wake-up call in your life?
- What makes God's Word feel "sweet" to you right now, and what makes it feel "bitter", or difficult to carry, obey, or follow?
- How do you typically respond when faithfulness feels costly or unnoticed?
- Where do you sense pressure to stay quiet about your faith rather than bear witness?
- What does faithful witness look like in your ordinary rhythms this week?
- Who in your life might God be inviting you to lovingly engage with the hope of the gospel?
- **How is the Holy Spirit comforting you or challenging you personally from this discussion? How will you respond and what will you do differently this week? Is there anywhere you need help to make that happen?**

PRAY FOR NEEDS in the GROUP

- Some other ways to pray:
 - Pray about one way God spoke to you tonight through His Word.
- Pray for this ministry area of Redeemer: *Pray by name for someone in your life who does not know Jesus.*

5 GROUP DISCUSSION RULES

We want to be full of grace as we meet, deepening our relationship with one another and with Christ. These five values help us know our **P.L.A.C.E.** in our GC's and Huddles.

1. **Pray** - Prayer is a space for confession, struggle, and praise. Keep requests focused on yourself and your immediate family, so we can pray specifically and personally.
2. **Listen** - Be present and attentive. Share with humility, be mindful of time, and remember: silence is okay.
3. **Apply** - Answer honestly. Consider how God's Word speaks into your life, and what it might look like to respond.
4. **Confess** - Confession and repentance are signs of maturity. We meet one another with grace, not shame.
5. **Encourage** - Practical advice is helpful, but truth is better. Speak the gospel into each other's hearts and stories.

COMMENTARY EXCERPT:

You can access a helpful commentary for Revelation chapters 8-11 at:

<https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/commentary/revelation/>

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