

## Series: The End Begins

### The Trumpets Sound— Part 5

**Main Text:** Revelation 8–11 (Focus for reading: Revelation 8:1–6; Revelation 9:20–21)

The trumpets in Revelation aren't just signs of judgment—they are alarms of **grace**.  
God keeps sending warnings to call people back to Him before it's too late.

**The heart of God is mercy—even when the world ignores it.**

*Revelation 8:1–6 (NIV) 1 When he opened the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven for about half an hour.*

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

*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 God's people, on the golden altar in front of the throne.*

*4 The smoke of the incense, together with the prayers of God's people, 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.*

*6 Then the seven angels who had the seven trumpets prepared to sound them.*

*Revelation 9:20–21 (NIV) 20 The rest of mankind who were not killed by these plagues still did not repent of the work of their hands; they did not stop worshiping demons, and idols of gold, silver, bronze, stone and wood—idols that cannot see or hear or walk.*

*21 Nor did they repent of their murders, their magic arts, their sexual immorality or their thefts.*

## Message Outline

Quick Symbol Moment:

- **Trumpets** — Represent **heaven's alarms**, calling people to attention and action.
- Trumpets in the Bible (like in Joshua 6 at Jericho) were always **announcements of major moves of God**.
- In Revelation, they are **loud reminders** that the window for repentance is still open—but won't be open forever.

### 1. The Trumpets Are Warnings, Not Just Judgments

- **Revelation 8:6–12** — Each trumpet blast brings shaking—earthquakes, fires, darkening skies.
- These aren't random punishments—they're **alarms from heaven** to wake people up.

**2 Peter 3:9 (NIV)** – "The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance."

**“Every trumpet isn’t just a noise—it’s an invitation.  
God warns because He still wants.”**

## **2. God’s Mercy Is Still Open**

- **Revelation 9:20–21** — Even after all that happens, most people still **refuse** to repent.
- God's heart isn't to destroy—it's to save! He leaves the door open as long as possible.

**Lamentations 3:22–23 (NIV)** "Because of the Lord’s great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness."

**Mercy isn’t weakness—it's God's strategy. He delays  
judgment because He hopes for repentance.**

## **3. Every Alarm Needs a Response**

- In life, when the alarm sounds (fire, tornado, etc.)—**you don't sit still—you move.**
- The trumpets tell us it’s not time to be casual—it’s time to be committed.

**Hebrews 3:15 (NIV)** - "Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts as you did in the rebellion."

**“Every time God sounds an alarm in your life, it’s not to  
scare you—it’s to save you.**

**The greatest danger isn't hearing the alarm. It's ignoring it.”**

## **Response / Altar Call**

“Today, the trumpet call is not a sound of fear—it’s a sound of mercy.  
Don’t harden your heart.

Answer the call.

**The Lamb who holds the scroll still holds out His arms.”**