

Second Cyclic Vision – Seven Trumpets

This is the second vision of human history from Jesus' ascension to His second coming in the form of trumpets (the first was in the form of seals and the third in the form of bowls). All these cyclic visions cover the same time-period with different emphasis.

The Seven Trumpets emphasis is the corrupt creation and demonic destroyers that bring pain/suffering to human beings.

First Trumpet (8:7): Corrupt creation on land causes hail w/fire that recalls the 7th plague of the Exodus event in Egypt

Second Trumpet (8:8-9): Corrupt creation on sea causes water into blood that recalls the 1st plague of the Exodus event in Egypt

Third Trumpet (8:10-11): Corrupt creation of fresh water caused by a meteor that causes bitterness symbolizing judgment

Fourth Trumpet (8:12): Corrupt creation of light causing darkness that recalls the 9th plague of the Exodus event in Egypt

Transition (8:13): An eagle cries out the three woes of remaining trumpets with the demonic destroyers and the end of the earth

Fifth Trumpet (9:1-12): Devil descends after Christ's ascension and unleashes demonic destroyers to torment unbelievers

Sixth Trumpet (9:13-19): Before Christ's coming there is a final release of demonic destroyers who not only torment but also kill

Unrepentance (9:20-21): The six trumpets of the corrupt creation and demonic destroyers don't result in repentance of unbelievers

Commission of the Church (10:1-11): Focus shifts from the trials and tribulations of the six trumpets to the Church's mission during this time of proclaiming the Gospel and advancing God's Kingdom

Confidence to Confess (11:1-14): Vision of the two witnesses given to encourage Christians to faithfully confess Christ in the face of the world's increasing ridicule, hostility, and persecution

Seventh Trumpet (11:15-19): Describes the 2nd of the five scenes for the end of the earth...a day of triumph for all believers, but a day of judgment and condemnation for all who rejected Jesus