

Week 9:
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REVELATION
HOPE FOR THE FUTURE

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DAILY DEVOTIONAL



Set the Tone:

Hey FTF people,

This week, we're diving into Revelation 8:6-13—trumpets blasting, the earth shaking, and God making it clear He's in charge. After Sunday's sermon, I can't wait for you to see this: The world has an expiration date. But here's the thing—God's not just reacting to the chaos; He's running the whole thing with a plan to redeem. My prayer is that you'll figure out where your hope is really anchored and lock it onto Jesus—the only One who lasts.

- Grant

Monday

READ REVELATION 8:6-7

The seven angels who had the seven trumpets prepared to blow them. The first angel blew his trumpet, and there followed hail and fire, mixed with blood, and these were thrown upon the earth. And a third of the earth was burned up, and a third of the trees were burned up, and all green grass was burned up.

READ CONNECTED SCRIPTURE GENESIS 3:17-18

STUDY NOTES

"Hail and fire, mixed with blood" – Sounds wild, right? Echoes Exodus 9:22-25 when God judged Egypt.

"A third of the earth" – Sin's mess gets torched; God's cleaning house.

Genesis 3:17-18 – Sin cursed everything—ground, relationships, life itself.

REFLECTION:

Picture this: the world's a mess because of sin—fights with your friends, lies that cut deep, even death. Revelation 8:7 shows God's judgement on it. That first trumpet? It's like Him saying, "Sin's time is up." I think about that Vietnamese couple from Sunday's sermon—\$1.5 million gone in a night. Sin wrecks what we build. But God? He's scorching it to start fresh.

What's one way sin's messed up your life or the world around you?

How does God burning it up feel—scary or hopeful?

Where do you see Jesus fighting sin in your story?

ACTION STEP:

Pray this: "Jesus, I know sin has messed up so much in this world—including my own heart. Thank You for hating sin more than I do and for making a way to set me free. Show me where I need to change, and lead me in Your truth. Amen."

Sources Slip Away

Tuesday

READ REVELATION 8:8-9

The second angel blew his trumpet, and something like a great mountain, burning with fire, was thrown into the sea, and a third of the sea became blood. A third of the living creatures in the sea died, and a third of the ships were destroyed.

READ CONNECTED SCRIPTURE 2 PETER 3:10

STUDY NOTES

"Great mountain, burning" – Total chaos, like a meteor hit.

"Sea became blood" – Life and trade (ships) get wrecked.

2 Peter 3:10 – Everything we lean on? It's slipping away fast.

REFLECTION:

Ever had something you counted on vanish? Like my brother's truck in the sermon—stolen, gone, just like that. Revelation 8:8-9 is bigger: the sea, fish, ships—all toast. We put our hope in stuff—phones, friends, plans—but it's not solid. God's showing us nothing here lasts forever. That couple lost their life savings; my brother lost his truck.

What's one thing you'd freak out to lose?

How does this trumpet blast push you to trust Jesus instead?

Satan wants you focused on temporary things—where's he tricking you?

ACTION STEP:

Write down one thing you lean on too much. Ask Jesus to be your real security instead.

Wednesday Devo

READ REVELATION 8:10-11

The third angel blew his trumpet, and a great star fell from heaven, blazing like a torch, and it fell on a third of the rivers and on the springs of water. The name of the star is Wormwood. A third of the waters became wormwood, and many people died from the water, because it had been made bitter.

READ CONNECTED SCRIPTURE JOHN 4:13-14

STUDY NOTES

"Wormwood" – Bitter, poisonous. Water's life, and now it's death.

"Many people died" – Sin's consequences hit hard.

John 4:13-14 – Jesus offers water that doesn't go bad.

REFLECTION:

Water is essential for life, but in Revelation 8:10, it turns bitter and deadly—a picture of how sin corrupts what we rely on. I remember being in 7th grade when I heard a senior at my school had died in a crash. It was a shocking reminder that nothing here lasts forever. The things we trust—our strength, our plans, even our next breath—are fragile. But Jesus offers living water that never runs dry. He is the only source that truly satisfies and lasts for eternity. Where is your hope anchored?

What's it like to think of losing what keeps you going?

How does Jesus' "living water" hit different after this?

Who in your life needs that water right now?

ACTION STEP:

Pray for someone struggling—ask Jesus to be their living water today.

Wednesday

Small Group Discussion

ICE BREAKER QUESTION (5 MINUTES)

Share about a time something you trusted let you down (a phone dying, a friend bailing). How'd it feel?

READ REVELATION 8:6-13

6 Then the seven angels with the seven trumpets prepared to blow their mighty blasts. **7** The first angel blew his trumpet, and hail and fire mixed with blood were thrown down on the earth. One-third of the earth was set on fire, one-third of the trees were burned, and all the green grass was burned. **8** Then the second angel blew his trumpet, and a great mountain of fire was thrown into the sea. One-third of the water in the sea became blood, **9** one-third of all things living in the sea died, and one-third of all the ships on the sea were destroyed. **10** Then the third angel blew his trumpet, and a great star fell from the sky, burning like a torch. It fell on one-third of the rivers and on the springs of water. **11** The name of the star was Bitterness. It made one-third of the water bitter, and many people died from drinking the bitter water. **12** Then the fourth angel blew his trumpet, and one-third of the sun was struck, and one-third of the moon, and one-third of the stars, and they became dark. And one-third of the day was dark, and also one-third of the night. **13** Then I looked, and I heard a single eagle crying loudly as it flew through the air, "Terror, terror, terror to all who belong to this world because of what will happen when the last three angels blow their trumpets."

GROUP CHALLENGE: PRAY FOR THE ONE

Follow up: Last week, we committed to one bold prayer. How did that go?

This week, as a group, **choose one person who needs Jesus' living water**. Commit to praying for them every day—asking God to open their heart, draw them closer, and give you opportunities to show His love.

PRAYER:

Thank Jesus for being the only thing that doesn't expire.

Ask for eyes to see where you're trusting the wrong stuff.

Lift up the person you chose in the challenge.

Wednesday

Small Group Discussion

KEY TAKEAWAYS FROM SUNDAY'S MESSAGE + QUESTIONS

1 SIN WILL BE SCORCHED (REVELATION 8:6-7)

- Sin has wrecked everything—our relationships, our world, even our own hearts. But God isn't letting it last forever. His judgment is coming, and sin's time is up.
- Just like fire purifies, God is burning away everything corrupted by sin to make way for something new.
- **Question: How does the first trumpet (v. 7) show God's over sin's mess?**

2 SOURCES WILL SLIP AWAY (REVELATION 8:8-9)

- The things we rely on—money, status, security—can disappear in an instant. When God shakes the world, only what's built on Him will stand.
- Like my brother's stolen truck in the sermon, sometimes we don't realize how much we depend on something until it's gone.
- **Question: The second trumpet (v. 8-9) wrecks what we rely on—where do you see that in your life?**

3 SUSTENANCE WILL GO SOUR (REVELATION 8:10-11)

- What once refreshed and sustained people in Revelation 8 turns bitter. This world can't truly satisfy—it's all fading.
- The things we chase for fulfillment will eventually let us down, but Jesus offers living water that never runs dry.
- **Question: Satan wants us thirsty for junk—how does the third trumpet (v. 10-11) push us to Jesus instead?**

4 NEXT STEPS ARE SAD (REVELATION 8:13)

- The warning gets louder—God's saying, "Wake up! It's about to get worse." There's still time to turn to Him, but not forever.
- Like choosing to get in a car with a reckless driver, people keep heading toward destruction. But you don't have to.
- **Question: Why's it wild that God's directing all this chaos, not just reacting?**

ADDITIONAL DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

What stuck with you from Sunday's sermon on Revelation 8:6-13?

What's one thing you're holding onto that might "expire"?

Who can we pray for to find real hope this week?

The Crash You Can Avoid

Thursday

READ MATTHEW 7:13-14

You can enter God's Kingdom only through the narrow gate. The highway to hell is broad, and its gate is wide for the many who choose that way. But the gateway to life is very narrow and the road is difficult, and only a few ever find it.

REFLECTION:

How's this like choosing not to ride with that crazy driver from the sermon?

What's one thing in your life that feels easy, popular, or comfortable (wide gate) but is pulling you away from Jesus (narrow road)?

CHALLENGE: PRAY FOR THE ONE

Someone in your life needs Jesus' living water—hope that lasts when everything else fades. This week, commit to praying for one person every day. Ask God to soften their heart, draw them to Him, and give you opportunities to show His love.

How to Pray for Them This Week:

- Pray for their heart—Ask God to open their eyes to His truth and love.
- Pray for opportunities—Look for ways to encourage them, share Jesus, or just be there.
- Pray for boldness—Ask for courage to have real conversations about faith.
- Pray consistently—Set a reminder, write their name down, or pray every time you think of them.

PRAYER

Jesus, You are the only source of life that never runs dry. Right now, I lift up the person You've placed on my heart. Soften their heart, open their eyes, and draw them to You. Give me the courage to love them well and the boldness to share Your truth when the time is right. Help me trust that You are already working in their life in ways I can't see. Keep my focus on what lasts—on You. Amen.

The Wake-Up Call

Friday

START WITH PRAYER: Father, I know You are preparing me for something greater. Open my eyes to see where You're leading me, and give me the strength to follow. I don't want to stay stuck in comfort—I want to be ready for whatever You have next. Wake me up, stir my heart, and help me live with urgency for You. In Jesus' name, amen.

READ REVELATION 8:13

Then I looked, and I heard a single eagle crying loudly as it flew through the air, "Terror, terror, terror to all who belong to this world because of what will happen when the last three angels blow their trumpets."

REFLECTION:

Revelation 8:13 is a warning—things are about to get even more intense. The eagle's cry of "woe, woe, woe" isn't just dramatic; it's a wake-up call. God is making it clear that judgment is coming, and there's no time to ignore Him. Just like an athlete moves from warm-ups to the real game, we are stepping into a moment where faith can't be passive. Are you ready for what's ahead?

What do you think God is warning people about in this passage?

If Jesus returned today, would you be spiritually ready? Why or why not?

What's one way you can get ready for what's next with Jesus?

PRAYER:

Jesus, I hear the warning in Revelation 8:13, and I don't want to ignore it. You are calling me to wake up, to take my faith seriously, and to be ready for what's ahead. Help me not to get comfortable or distracted by things that don't last. Give me eyes to see what truly matters, a heart that listens to Your voice, and the courage to follow You no matter what. I don't want to wait until it's too late—I want to live for You now. Keep me alert, strengthen my faith, and use me to point others to You. Amen.

Hope That Holds

Saturday

READ 1 JOHN 2:17

And the world is passing away along with its desires, but whoever does the will of God abides forever.

REFLECTION:

What's expiring in your world that you can let go of?

How's Jesus shown He's your solid ground lately?

Tell someone this week why your hope's in Him.

PRAYER:

Jesus, this world is fading, but You remain forever. Help me let go of the things that don't last and hold onto the hope I have in You. Remind me that my identity, my future, and my purpose are secure in You alone. Strengthen my faith, and give me the courage to share that hope with someone who needs it. Amen.

STAY CONNECTED:

Missed the sermon? Watch it on YouTube, Spotify, or Apple Podcasts.

NEXT WEEK:

Revelation 8's heavy, but it's shouting one thing: this world's fading, Jesus isn't. Everything we cling to—money, status, even life itself—will pass away, but Christ remains unshaken. When everything else crumbles, He is the rock that never moves. So let's put our hope where it holds—fully, completely, and without hesitation. Stay anchored in Him!

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