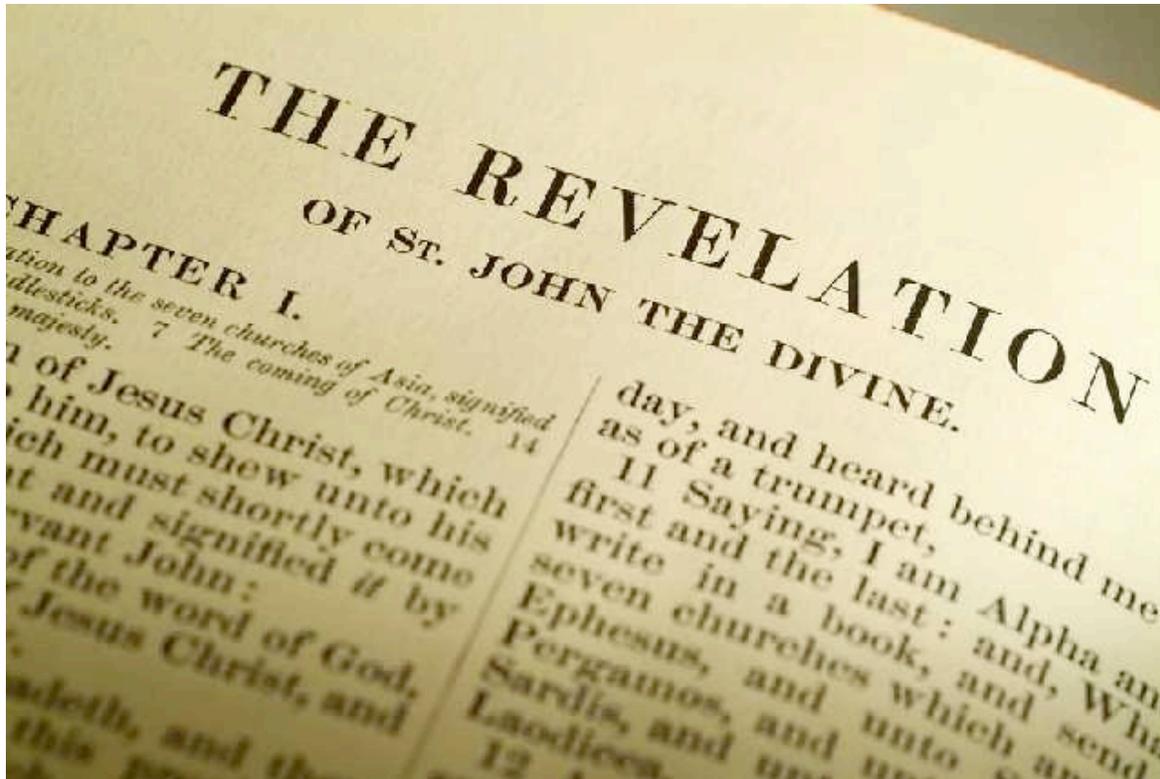


# THE FOURTH FACET: REVELATION 8-11



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## Revelation 8-11

We turn the Lord's engagement ring – the book of Revelation – to examine the fourth facet of its divine radiance. Here we begin to unpack more details of what has already been outlined in facets 1-3.

Let's remember that the chapters in Revelation do not unfold chronologically, as though we were to understand chapters 8-11 as following in the sequence of time on chapters 6 and 7. Instead, each facet looks at the same time period from a different angle, using different themes, images, and ideas to help the saints on earth persevere in the Kingdom, even in the midst of whatever tribulation may engulf them (Rev. 1.9).

In chapters 8-11 of the book of Revelation we see some of the terrifying and destructive effects of sin as it ravages creation and the peoples of the earth. We also discover a spiritual aspect to all this destructive power. And we learn more about how the saints are to carry on their work of overcoming throughout this period.

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We hope you find this study of Revelation a challenging and stretching experience of journeying more deeply into the Word of God. Thank you for joining us.

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## 1 Four Trumpets

*Week 6, Monday: Fire on the earth*

John's vision continues to describe events in the courts of heaven. We've just finished another cycle of the unfolding of God's will on earth, the third facet of the gem which is Revelation. As the seven churches (first facet) struggle to "overcome" with Him Who rides among them (third facet), worship continues in heaven (second facet, but throughout all the facets), and the Word of God unfolds on earth and in heaven according to what was written on the scroll in the hand of God (third facet). Now the seventh and final seal of the scroll is open, and a lengthy silence settles over the unseen realm as we consider the fourth facet of Christ's engagement ring to His Bride. We get the sense that something significant is about to begin. And so it is.

*Read Revelation 8*

*Meditate on Revelation 8.1-13*

1. We note that this section, this next (fourth) facet, only continues the unfolding of what is written on the scroll which the Lamb is opening in heaven. To this point the worship in heaven has been loud, large, and increasing. Now, suddenly, everything comes to a stop in silence (8.1). Why? What purpose does this silence accomplish? Should our worship on earth be anything like this worship in heaven?
2. The angels muster to begin the work of this next facet (vv. 2, 3). Whatever they are about to do will have ramifications on earth. How should this instruct us in thinking about the work of angels? If we take up this work in our own "overcoming", should we expect them to help us?
3. The work of the angel with the censer recalls Isaiah's vision in Isaiah 6.1-13. In many ways, Isaiah's vision is being extended and enhanced in Revelation 8-11, with more details in what follows through the remainder of this cycle. The saints on earth are praying (vv. 3, 4) and their prayers are being adorned with incense as they come up to the Lord (cf. Rev. 5.8). Based on what happens next, what do the saints appear to have been praying? Does this give any new meaning to "Thy will be done, on earth, as it is in heaven"? Explain. The coals which redeemed Isaiah now wreak havoc on the earth. How can that be?
4. Now the seven angels prepare to blow their trumpets. Again, this is part of the continuing unfolding of what is written on the scroll. In verses 7-13 wrath from heaven falls upon the natural cosmos. Is this God's will? Why is this happening? What is the cause of it? Meditate on Genesis 3.17-19. 4.16-24, 6.1-7, Psalm 14.1-3, Romans 3.9-18, and Romans 8.18-22 for your answer. Look also at Isaiah 6.11-13. In the midst of all this judgment, what promise does the Lord hold out to Isaiah?
5. A great "star" falls from heaven (Rev. 8.10, 11), and it is the cause of widespread corruption. We'll see this same event in chapter 12, although presented through a different image. We have to remember we're dealing with images, meant to stimulate our imaginations and stir the affections of our hearts. Keep in mind, while all this is happening, the Rider on the white horse is continuing to go forward, conquering and to conquer, and the faithful on earth are "overcoming" with Him, even as many are being gathered into heaven and clothed in white. The light of all three previous facets is refracting into this facet as well. In what ways does the situation on earth, as depicted in this chapter, represent a glorious opportunity for those who "overcome"?

*My Reflection*

Paul explains that the wrath of God *is being revealed* from heaven against all unrighteousness and ungodliness

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of men (Rom. 1.18-32). In Revelation 8 the sin which infects all men clearly also wreaks havoc on the creation. Is there a connection? What does this suggest about *your* sin and the creation?

*The Glory of God*

We recall that angels are “messengers” sent from God. Given this, what must we conclude concerning at least part of God’s “message” to the world? Taking together Paul’s narrative and John’s vision, how might you explain this aspect of God’s sovereignty to an unbelieving friend?

*Glory to Glory*

Can you see any ways that the judgment of God is “being poured out” within or near your [Personal Mission Field](#)? What should be your response, as one who is called to “overcome”?

*Memorize*

Our memory verses for this week are Revelation 10.10, 11. Write these verses on an index card, using your preferred translation of the Bible. Carry this with you throughout the week, and spend some time each day working to memorize this passage. How should you expect to see these verses begin to work out in your everyday life?

*Closing Prayer*

Not unto us, O LORD, not unto us,  
But to Your name give glory,  
Because of Your mercy,  
Because of Your truth.  
Why should the Gentiles say,  
“So where *is* their God?”  
But our God *is* in heaven;  
He does whatever He pleases...  
You who fear the LORD, trust in the LORD.

Psalm 115.1-3, 11

## 2 Hell on Earth

*Week 6, Tuesday: A spiritual plague and war*

With the sounding of the fifth trumpet a host of beings from “the bottomless pit” is unleashed upon the earth. The creation has been polluted by sin and is groaning and travailing under the burden of it. Now terrible powers – undoubtedly spiritual in nature, given the unnatural images in which they are presented – are turned loose against those who “do not have the seal of God on their foreheads.” These will bring such terrible injury to humankind that people will long for death, but not be able to achieve it.

*Read Revelation 9*

*Meditate on Revelation 9.1-12*

1. The earth and cosmos are infected with sin (chapter 8) and are, therefore, naturally under the judgment of God. The coals that purified Isaiah will ultimately purify the whole creation, but not just yet. Now terrible powers are released on the earth from “the bottomless pit.” What is your initial impression of these powers? These beings are like a plague (“locusts”) on the earth, but not such that the earth is *always* plagued by them, or people are at *all times* utterly miserable. How can you see that (cf. vv. 4-6)?
2. Who are particularly vulnerable to this “plague of locusts” (v. 4)? How do these oppressive creatures affect them? What must that be like? Do you ever recall feeling this way? How should this move our hearts for these people?
3. These spiritual powers are described in military terms (vv. 7-9). Does this suggest that they might easily find a home and willing cobelligerents among those who are associated with the red horse and its rider (Rev. 6.3, 4)? Does this suggest anything about war as a matter of policy?
4. These terrifying, harmful beings are ruled by a “king.” From Matthew 4.1-11, what do we know about this king and his ultimate objective? He is called Abaddon (Hebrew) and Apollyon (Greek). See what you can find out about the meaning of these names (use your Internet search box). What do they suggest about what it must be like to live under this king’s power?
5. Notice the “three woes” mentioned in verse 12. The first is now “over” or “past.” Perhaps a better translation of that Greek verb might be “spread”, as in Matthew 4.24. Given what we saw in question 3, what might we expect from the remaining two woes?

*My Reflection*

People are subject to powerful forces of sin and spiritual evil that want to discourage, defeat, and destroy them – and they aren’t even aware that these powers exist. No wonder they’re incapable of knowing peace or hope apart from the Lord (Eph. 2.12). How should this guide you in praying for the people in your Personal Mission Field?

*The Glory of God*

Again, all the activity of this fourth facet is coming to pass according to the words written on the scroll which the Lamb is opening. What can we conclude about God’s power and sovereignty in the face of such a terrible and chaotic situation as is described in chapters 8 and 9? What might we expect in the world if God were *not* ruling over this situation?

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*Glory to Glory*

Suggest some ways you might begin to be more sensitive to and aware of the effects of sin on people and the world. How should this guide your prayers? Your daily conversations?

*Memorize*

Let's look more closely at our memory verses, Revelation 10.10, 11. Recite your memory verses aloud. How should these verses shape your expectations of your reading and study of God's Word?

*Closing Prayer*

Who can understand *his* errors?

Cleanse me from secret *faults*.

Keep back Your servant also from presumptuous *sins*;

Let them not have dominion over me.

Then I shall be blameless,

And I shall be innocent of great transgression.

Psalm 19.12, 13

### 3 Hardened Hearts

*Week 6, Wednesday: Judgment does not always lead to repentance*

The “woes” that come to human beings in a world infected with sin and ruled by demonic powers continue throughout the rest of chapter 9. This section appears to be a “detail” of what we read in verses 9-11 – the extent and effects of war on the human race.

The picture should make war a terrible choice for nations, which it is. However, sinful nations continue to turn to war, because they have not learned the way of peace (Is. 9.6, 7).

*Read Revelation 9*

*Meditate on Revelation 9.13-21*

1. What can you see in this passage to connect it with verses 9-11 and with Revelation 6.3, 4? If you could diagram the relationship between these three passages, what might that look like?
2. Meditate on verses 14 and 15. What kind of “angels” are these? What’s necessary for these angels to be set loose to do their terrible work? How does this remind us of Job 1 and 2?
3. Again, note that these “angels” do their terrible work through the agency of men – armies (vv. 16, 17). The Bible does not altogether condemn war (cf. Rom. 13.1-4). However, how should we look at the *prospect* of war? Should this affect the way we conduct war? Explain.
4. The destructive effects of war are described in images of “fire, smoke, and brimstone” (vv. 17, 18). How are such “weapons” consistent as policies of Abaddon/Apollyon? What are the effects of these weapons (vv. 15, 18)?
5. Clearly God intends war as a “message” to sinful men. What might that message be? Do sinful men receive the message? What evidence can you see that verses 20 and 21 describe an ongoing condition of humankind?

*My Reflection*

Meditate on verse 20. What makes “gold, silver, brass, stone, and wood” into “idols”? Am I in any danger of “worshipping” such idols (1 Cor. 10.12)?

*The Glory of God*

It is clear from this passage that God is “calling the shots” concerning the powers of sin, destruction, and death. He is able to use even wickedness and all the horrors of evil as aspects of His message to the sinful world. Is this a God to be loved, merely, or also to be feared? Explain.

*Glory to Glory*

God’s message to the sinful world seeks to bring people to repentance from their sins. How can I be more attentive to God when He is sending me this message as well (Heb. 12.3-11)?

*Memorize*

Recite your memory verses aloud: Revelation 10.10, 11. Share them with a Christian friend. Share any way that these verses have begun to affect your reading and study of the Word of God.

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*Closing Prayer*

Deliver me, O LORD, from evil men;  
Preserve me from violent men,  
Who plan evil things in *their* hearts;  
They continually gather together *for* war.  
They sharpen their tongues like a serpent;  
The poison of asps *is* under their lips. *Selah*  
Keep me, O LORD, from the hands of the wicked;  
Preserve me from violent men,  
Who have purposed to make my steps stumble.  
The proud have hidden a snare for me, and cords;  
They have spread a net by the wayside;  
They have set traps for me...  
I know the LORD will maintain  
The cause of afflicted,  
*And* justice for the poor.

Psalm 140.1-5, 12

## 4 Finishing God's Mystery

### *Week 6, Thursday: The mystery of God*

Chapter 10 is inserted at this point as an aspect of the work of the Rider on the white horse. Jesus wants His readers to know that, in the midst of all this trouble and destruction, as the rider on the red horse savages the earth, God's unfailing covenant and Word remain firm. We will be able to endure in our Kingdom calling and commitment amid the tribulation (Rev. 1.9, 10) all around us as long as we hold firm to the Word and covenant of God, and the Lamb Who is the Centerpiece of them both.

### *Read Revelation 10*

### *Meditate on Revelation 10.1-7*

1. OK, we've seen the rainbow already in Revelation (4.3, drawing on Genesis 9.9-13), and here we see it again. Only this time, how is the rainbow positioned? What's the message of hope to believers who find themselves at all times trying to overcome in a world full of sin?
2. This "covenant-crowned" angel has a "book" in his hand. He brings the book with him from heaven to earth. What do you want to bet about the content of that book? Is this book related to the scroll the Lamb is opening? Explain. Why is it important that we know this book is coming to us?
3. We are specifically told that the angel stands in the sea and on the earth. Is he bringing a message of hope for the sin-corrupted creation? How, according to Romans 8.18-24, does God intend to bring this hope to the creation? What are the implications of this for you as a believer? For your church?
4. We note that as the angel began to speak – with the voice of a lion (Gen. 49.8-11) – the creation responded. John "heard" something in the sound of thunder. Any thoughts about what he might have "heard"? A voice in heaven tells John not to write what the thunders spoke. Why not? Is the *impression* of the thunder more important than the "*words*"? Explain.
5. What is the "mystery of God" (cf. Eph. 3.1-6)? The angel says there must "be delay no longer" in bringing this mystery to its conclusion. What would Paul have been doing if he had "delayed" in this mystery? How do you "delay" it? Jeremiah (33.3 – "great things and 'mysteries' is the literal translation), as a representative of all "His servants the prophets", suggests one thing we should be doing to "finish" this mystery. How does this apply to you? Also, notice: When does this mystery reach its completion?

### *My Reflection*

Are you a catalyst or an impediment to the "finishing" of God's "mystery"? How might you become more of the former and less of the latter?

### *The Glory of God*

In the midst of the chaos and sorrow of a sin-wracked world, we are still God's Kingdom of kings and priests for His glory and dominion (Rev. 1.6) through our overcoming and enduring amid the tribulation of the world. How should we expect the Lord to remind us of our calling and of His promises? Are angels involved in this? Do we necessarily *know* or *see* the angels as they do this work (cf. Heb. 13.1, 2)?

### *Glory to Glory*

Each of us has a [Personal Mission Field](#) where we are sent each day to work for the "finishing" of God's

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mystery. What will this require of you today? How can you prepare for this to make sure you are a catalyst and not an impediment to the finishing of God's mystery?

*Memorize*

Recite Revelation 10.10, 11. As you recite these verses, think about what you would like to say to the people in your Personal Mission Field – whether believers or unbelievers – about the promises of God and the hope of the Gospel. Share your thoughts about this with someone today.

*Closing Prayer*

The words of the LORD *are* pure words,  
*Like* silver tried in a furnace of earth,  
Purified seven times.  
You shall keep them, O LORD,  
You shall preserve them from this generation forever.  
The wicked prowls on every side,  
When vileness is exalted among the sons of men.

Psalm 12.6-8

## 5 The Sweet and Sour Word

### *Week 6, Friday: Called to prophesy*

John, we recall, is our brother and companion in the Kingdom, tribulation, and endurance which are in Jesus (Rev. 1.9). What he receives from the Lord is for us; what he does in obedience to the Lord we join with through our own obedience. And if John is required to “eat” the book in the angel’s hand, to prepare him for his work, then we must eat that sweet and sour Word as well.

### *Read Revelation 10*

### *Meditate on Revelation 10.8-11*

1. John is commanded to take action toward the book in the angel’s hand: “Go, take . . . , eat.” We are to follow John’s example. What do these verbs require of you each day with respect to the Word God has entrusted to us?
2. What are some ways that the Word of God brings “bitterness” to our souls? What should we do with these various kinds of “bitterness”?
3. What are some ways the Word of God brings “sweetness” to our souls? How should we respond to such “sweetness”?
4. Clearly, the book of God’s Word was intended to prepare John for more work of prophesying (v. 11). What is “prophesying”? According to Joel 2.28, 29 (cf. Acts 2.16-18), who besides the apostles is expected to “prophesy”? Concerning what?
5. Notice the subjects/objects of John’s prophesying: “many peoples, nations, tongues, and kings.” What kinds of social and cultural matters are represented in those groups? Are believers expected to prophesy concerning such matters? What does that mean? How do we do that? Why?

### *My Reflection*

Is it possible that God intends to bring “fiery coals and brimstone” warnings to “peoples, nations, tongues, and kings” by His people’s preaching the Word concerning all aspects of life in a world wracked and infected with sin? Am I prepared for this? If not, do I need to “increase my diet” of the Word?

### *The Glory of God*

The world is in many ways a hell on earth. Yet God has placed us in the midst of this to feed on His Word and deliver His message to the world. What are you learning thus far in the book of Revelation about the love of God? About His power? His justice? His faithfulness?

### *Glory to Glory*

In what ways are your understanding and practice of worship being affected by your study of the book of Revelation? How well does your worship reflect that which we see in Revelation 4-11? In what ways should you be seeking the Lord to help you improve your worship?

### *Memorize*

Review Revelation 10.10, 11. Write a prayer based on this verse and the sentence you wrote for the “Glory to Glory” section above.

### *Closing Prayer*

Pray the prayer you wrote from your memory verses. Write it on a card and carry it with you to pray it over

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and over today. Pray it and keep praying it until you sense your hunger for God's Word increasing.

## 6 Two Witnesses

*Week 6, Saturday: In the midst of judgment, witness*

Recall that John (and we) have been told we must prophesy to the nations. Chapter 11 gives more detail on this, and continues the account of the Rider on the white horse in the midst of a sinful world.

It's not always a pretty picture.

*Read Revelation 11*

*Meditate on Revelation 11.1-14*

1. The temple of God is being built (vv. 1, 2). Really? Or is some other “temple” in view here (cf. Eph. 2.19-22; 1 Cor. 6.19)? The allusion reaches back to Ezekiel 40-48, a primary portion of which Jesus nailed down in John 7.37-39. Keeping in mind the vision of the four horses and riders and the “mystery” of God, what’s going on here? What does this aspect of John’s vision represent?
2. Two “witnesses” are identified, and the image seems to draw on an image Paul used in Romans 11.13-24? Who – or what – are these witnesses? How would you describe what these witnesses are supposed to do (vv. 4-6, drawing on images from Old Testament prophets, especially Elijah)?
3. I contend that verses 7-14 do not describe a single event, but a recurring pattern. The word typically translated “when” (Greek, *hotan*), is equally well translated “whenever.” The verb that follows, being in the subjunctive mood, then would be “might complete” rather than simply “finish” (NKJV). Thus: “Whenever [the two olive trees] might complete their witness...” What if this refers to *all generations* of the followers of Christ, rather than *one generation* only? What kind of cycle of experience does this suggest for the Church to prepare generation after generation? How does your church prepare you for this?
4. It’s tempting to want to make all these images and symbols and numbers into literal equivalents. But remember, this is *vision* and not literal revelation (olive trees don’t actually bear spoken witness, hold back the rains, etc.) Note that the numbers are a combination of *incomplete* ideas – forty-two months as opposed to thirty-six or forty-eight, then restated as 1,260 days; three-and-a-half days – and *complete* ideas – a tenth of the city, seven thousand people. The days of Gentile “down-treading” correspond to those of the prophesying of the witnesses. But these are “incomplete” and not meant to suggest everything that happens through all the course of time. How should we think about what these numbers are trying to tell us, as we press on in our work of overcoming?
5. The second “woe” is thus “spread” over the earth (v. 14). Meditate on Revelation 6.7, 8. From what you know about the period of the early Church (Roman persecution, especially), together with the letters to the seven churches, what is Jesus telling us to expect in response to our witness for Him? Realistically, what are some ways you might expect to experience this as you work as a catalyst for bringing the mystery of God to completion?

*My Reflection*

Do you, personally, expect to know persecution – even suffering – because of your witness for Christ? Why or why not? How should you prepare for this? How can believers help one another to endure in the Kingdom when such tribulation comes to them?

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*The Glory of God*

God always has the first word and the last word in the affairs of men and nations. Those who will not repent under God's judgment and do not have the Seal of God upon them may think they can silence God by persecuting His followers. But how does God continually show that His Word will not fail and cannot be ignored?

*Glory to Glory*

How would you assess your faithfulness as a witness for the Lord? Is your understanding of God's Word adequate to equip you for the work of prophesying? Is this a consistent hallmark of your walk with and work for the Lord?

*Memorize*

Recite Revelation 10:10, 11. Pray through these verses in the light of everything we've seen so far in Revelation 8-11. Make the words your words. Tell the Lord how you plan to live for, serve, and worship Him as you "ride forth" with Him today.

*Closing Prayer*

But in my adversity they rejoiced  
And gathered together;  
Attackers gathered against me,  
And I did not know *it*;  
They tore *at me* and did not cease;  
With ungodly mockers at feasts  
They gnashed at me with their teeth.  
Lord, how long will You look on?  
Rescue me from their destructions,  
My precious *life* from the lions.  
I will give You thanks in the great assembly;  
I will praise You among many people.

Psalm 35:15-18

## 7 The Seventh Trumpet

*Week 6, Sunday: Kingdom, judgment, reward*

The “mystery of God” finishes just before the sounding of the seventh trumpet (Rev. 10.7). Thus, we can assume, all those have been gathered to heaven who are to “die” for their faith in Christ (Rev. 6.11). Here we see a resuming of heavenly worship in response to what has been occurring on earth during this fourth facet of the book of Revelation. All this tumult and tribulation has not been without a purpose, or without a glorious result.

*Read Revelation 11*

*Meditate on Revelation 11.15-19*

1. The last witness has come home, and the trumpet sounds. According to verse 15, what does this trumpet herald? Meditate on Daniel 7.11-27. The process that culminates and is celebrated with the seventh trumpet appears to have been going on throughout the period of the first four facets of Revelation. How does this comport with and help us to understand passages such as Daniel 2.44, 45, Isaiah 9.6, 7, Matthew 6.10, 33, and Ephesians 4.8-10?
2. How would you describe the attitude of the worshippers in heaven regarding what they’ve been observing on earth? Is this instructive for us? Does it teach us something about how to pursue worshipping God *toward* this final day? Explain.
3. Verses 15-18 give us heaven’s view of what we see in Revelation 6.12-17. Compare and contrast the two responses to the end of time. How should this vision motivate believers to seek the promises made to those who “overcome” in the letters to the seven churches? What do they teach us about what it actually *means* to “overcome” (we’ll look at this question again in chapter 12)?
4. Meditate on the images of verse 19: The temple “opened”, the ark “seen”, and lightnings, noises, thunderings, an earthquake, and great hail. What does all this suggest (think of how these appear in Revelation and all Scripture)? Can you see in this pastiche a combination of things meant to *draw* and *attract* us, and things meant to *strike fear* in us? Is this about worship? Or is it just about truly knowing the Lord? Explain.
5. A “reward” is mentioned in verse 18. Who can expect to receive this “reward”? Of what does this “reward” consist?

*My Reflection*

Meditate on 2 Peter 3.8-14. What does Peter commend, in line with what we’ve seen in Revelation 8-11, concerning our outlook toward the coming judgment of God? How should the *knowledge* of that judgment – now and to come – affect the way we live in the here and now?

*The Glory of God*

God is ultimately to be *vindicated* by the outcome of history. What does that mean? Should we want God to be vindicated? Should we want to be vindicated ourselves (Ps. 26.1)? In what way? Why? How does this vindicating of God and His witnesses conduce to God being glorified by “every knee” and “every tongue” on earth and under the earth (Phil. 2.5-11)?

*Glory to Glory*

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Make a list of believers you expect to see today. Spend some time in prayer for them. Then, in some way, reach out to each one and encourage him or her to “overcome” whatever the world, the flesh, or the devil might throw at them, keeping their eyes on Jesus as they run their race for Him (Heb. 12.1, 2).

*Memorize*

Today, share your memory verses for this week (Revelation 10.10, 11) with a Christian friend, and briefly explain what you have learned about these verses.

*Closing Prayer*

Vindicate me, O LORD,  
For I have walked in my integrity.  
I have also trusted in the LORD;  
I shall not slip.  
Examine me, O LORD, and prove me;  
Try my mind and my heart.  
For Your lovingkindness is before my eyes,  
And I have walked in Your truth.  
I have not sat with idolatrous mortals,  
Nor will I go in with hypocrites.  
I have hated the assembly of evildoers,  
And will not sit with the wicked.  
I will wash my hands in innocence;  
So I will go about Your altar, O LORD,  
That I may proclaim with the voice of thanksgiving,  
And tell of all Your wondrous works.  
LORD, I have loved the habitation of Your house,  
And the place where Your glory dwells.

Psalm 26.1-8

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*Week 6: Questions for Reflection or Discussion*

1. These chapters have described two “woes” coming on the earth. How would you summarize these? How should we prepare for these? What is our calling as brethren and companions with John in the Kingdom and tribulation and patient endurance which are in Christ Jesus?
2. Three primary disciplines define the community of believers in the midst of a world wracked with sin: worship, disciple-making, and mission. What can we learn from these chapters about each of these?
3. What is the “message” believers are appointed to “prophesy” during these “last days” (Acts 2.16, 17)? What do we need to hold out to the world, by way of hope, warning, promise, and demand?
4. What are the most important lessons for you personally from Revelation 8-11? Summarize those lessons:
5. How are you beginning to implement those lessons in your walk with and work for the Lord?

*For prayer:*

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