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Men's Bible Study Outline
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Revelation 8

Chapter 6 described the opening of the first six seals, but it ended before reaching the seventh seal. Chapter 7 covered the sealing of the 144,000 but, likewise, failed to mention the seventh seal. It is not until chapter 8 that we learn about this final seal. The opening of the seventh seal reveals the appearance of seven angels with seven trumpets.

Note the pattern being established. The seven seals were broken down into two sets: the four horsemen followed by three additional judgments. Likewise, the seven trumpets will be broken down into two sets; four judgements called "one third" judgements followed by three judgements called "woes." After one-half hour of silence in heaven, these judgments will take place on the earth.

- Silence fills heaven for a half hour upon the opening of the seventh seal. **(Revelation 8:1)**
- The aroma coming from the incense mixed with the prayers of the saints will elicit a response from God when an angel takes the Golden Censer filled with fire and hurls it to earth. **(Revelation 8:3-5)**
- The first four trumpet judgments will burn a third of the earth, turn a third of the seas to blood, pollute a third of all drinkable water, and diminish a third of the light from heavenly bodies. **(Revelation 8:7-12)**
- After the first four trumpets have sounded and angel will fly through the air proclaiming three woes upon the earth. These woes correspond to the last three trumpet blasts. **(Revelation 8:13)**

Points to Ponder

What is the reason for the heavenly silence?

The fragrance of the incense reminds God of what?

Why would God call for an earthquake?

What is the correlation between the plagues of Egypt, Sodom and Gomorrah, and the judgment of thirds?

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