

## I. Introduction

As the seventh seal is opened, a scene appears in which seven angels receive seven trumpets. The three sets composed of seven judgments are not sequential events, but rather the same judgments repeated from different perspectives—parallel repetition and spiral development. The seven trumpet judgments serve as a warning to repent and return (Ezekiel 33:3-4; 2:1).

## II. Main Body

### 1. Silence Before Judgment (vv. 1-2)

Silence and stillness are signs announcing a new judgment (Zephaniah 1:7; Psalm 76:8-9).

### 2. The Prayers of the Saints Rising to God with Incense (vv. 3-5)

Although the prayers of the saints are imperfect, God receives them together with incense. Through Jesus' intercession and the help of the Holy Spirit, they become complete prayers (Romans 8:26-27).

Our prayers accumulate like incense before God and are answered.

Example: The answered prayer of Mrs. Ahn Isuk for the nation

Silence → Prayers rising with incense → Fire → Thunder, voices, lightning, earthquake → Judgment

The prayers of the saints ascend to God and bring about judgment, accomplishing His work in history.

### 3. The First Trumpet Judgment (vv. 6-7)

Hail and fire mixed with blood—one-third of the earth is burned up.

This is based on the first and seventh of the ten plagues of Egypt.

It may occur literally or symbolically.

Could recent droughts and wildfires be signs like this?

### 4. The Second Trumpet Judgment (vv. 8-9)

The sea turns to blood, living creatures die, and ships are destroyed—a judgment through the sea.

Events like tsunamis, naval blockades, and ocean pollution remind us of this judgment.

### 5. The Third Trumpet Judgment (vv. 10-11)

Rivers and springs become wormwood, leading to death—a judgment through water.

Wormwood symbolizes God's judgment (Proverbs 5:3-4; Lamentations 3:19; Jeremiah 23:5).

Jesus came to give the water of life (John 5:13-14; 7:37-38; Revelation 21:1-2).

### 6. The Fourth Trumpet Judgment (v. 12)

The sun, moon, and stars lose their light, bringing darkness.

Those who believe in Jesus, who came as the Light, will dwell in the light.

### 7. Three Woes Announced by a Flying Eagle

The remaining three trumpet judgments are introduced with warnings of three woes.

## III. Conclusion

Whenever we see the warnings of the trumpet judgments, let us be more alert, stay watchful in prayer, and serve the Lord faithfully.

**Bible Memorization**

A VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

“And the smoke of the incense, together with the prayers of the saints, went up before God from the angel’s hand.” (Revelation 8:4)

**Bible Reading**

3/23(Mon)	3/24(Tue)	3/25(Wed)	3/26(Thur)	3/27(Fri)	3/28(Sat)	3/29(Sun)
Joshua 14-17	Joshua 18-20	Joshua 21-22	Joshua 23-24, Judges 1	Judges 2-4	Judges 5-6	Judges 7-8

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Quiet Time Passage

3/23(Mon)	3/24(Tue)	3/25(Wed)	3/26(Thur)	3/27(Fri)	3/28(Sat)	3/29(Sun)
Matthew 25:14-30	Matthew 25:31-46	Matthew 26:1-13	Matthew 26:14-25	Matthew 26:26-35	Matthew 26:36-46	Matthew 26:47-56

**Sharing Questions**

1. Share one new insight or special grace you received from today’s sermon.
2. What meaning and feeling do you get from the passage that the prayers of the saints rise before God together with incense in a golden censer?
3. The censer that held incense was filled with fire and thrown to the earth, resulting in thunder, voices, lightning, and an earthquake. What do you think this signifies?
4. Four trumpet judgments appear in this chapter. Name each one and discuss their meanings.