

God's Judgment: 1st Trumpet
Revelation 8:6-7

I. PREPARATION: "seven angels...seven trumpets" (v.6)

A. Seven Angels: "who stand before God"

B. Seven Trumpets: "prepared...to sound"

C. Seven Reasons: "the day of the LORD"

1. Vindication: "God's holiness" (Zeph. 1:7-18; Obad. 1:15-17)
2. Humiliation: "God's enemies" (Isaiah 2:12-22; 13:11)
3. Extermination: "God's enemies" (Isa. 13:9-11; Zeph. 1:18; 3:8; 1 Thess. 5:1-3)
4. Compassion: "God's people" (Malachi 3:16-4:3)
5. Protection: "God's people" (Joel 3:14-16; Zechariah 13 & 14)
6. Restoration: "God's creation" (Isa. 13:9; 66:17; 2 Pet. 3:10-13)
7. Dominion: "God's kingdom" (Zech. 14:9; Revelation 11:15-17; 19:11-16)

II. PUNISHMENT: "the first sounded" (v.7)

A. Description: "and there came"

1. Powerful: "hail and fire"
2. Personal: "mixed with blood"

B. Destination: "to the earth"

1. Deliberate: "they were thrown"
2. Deserved: "to the earth"

C. Destruction: "burned up"

1. Food: "a third of the earth was burned up"
2. Forests: "a third of the trees were burned up"
3. Feed: "all the green grass was burned up"