

## The First Four Trumpets

Revelation 8:6-12 John Crawford July 21, 2024

## How Should We Read and Understand the Trumpet Judgments?

- We should read them cyclically, not chronologically.
  - The seven seals and seven trumpets are cycles that describe different events that take place over the same period of time; the time between Jesus' ascension and return.
  - These events have happened, are happening, and will continue to happen until Jesus returns.
- We should read them symbolically, not literally.
  - The trumpet judgments shouldn't be read as a literal description of events.
  - The trumpet judgments symbolize how God's judgment touches every part of creation: the land, the sea, the rivers and springs of water, and the sun, moon, and stars.
- We should read them with the Old Testament, not a newspaper.
  - The trumpet judgments point back to the ten plagues that God poured out on the Egyptians in the exodus. (Exodus 7-11)
    - Just as God poured out his judgment on the Egyptians leading to the deliverance of Israel, God is currently pouring out his judgment on this world leading to our ultimate deliverance.
  - The trumpet judgments point back to the seven trumpets that led to the destruction of Jericho. (Joshua 6)
    - Just like the trumpets warned those in Jericho of impending doom and judgment, so the trumpet judgments warn those in this world of the final judgment to come.

# How Should We Respond to the Trumpet Judgments?

- Hear the trumpet blasts and be warned of the final judgment to come.
- Hear the trumpet blasts and be hopeful that our final, ultimate deliverance is near.



# Welcome to Cross Fellowship Church!

We are grateful that you have come to worship with us today and pray you feel welcome. If you have any questions about our church, the service, the sermon, or anything else, we would love to talk to you! Stop by the Welcome Table in the lobby or talk to one of the elders. We also encourage you to complete a Visitor Information Card at the Welcome Table or online at crossfellowshipchurch.org/connect.

## **Order of Service**

Call to Worship: 1 Chronicles 16:8-10

"Come Praise and Glorify"

"Be Thou My Vision"

Scripture Reading: Jeremiah 3:25; Isaiah 53:5-6

"Man of Sorrows"

"I Set My Hope"

Prayer

Sermon: Revelation 8:6-12

"All I Have Is Christ"

Partaking of the Lord's Supper

**Prayer and Benediction** 

## **Announcements**

### **Prayer Gathering**

Sunday, Aug. 4 / 4-5:30 p.m. / New Haven

Join us for our church-wide Prayer Gathering. During our time together, we'll pray for one another and our church, and hear specific testimonies of how God is at work in the lives of some of our members.

#### **Men's Retreat**

Friday-Saturday, Aug. 16-17 / Heartland Retreat Center

Open to every guy age 16+! Save the dates and register ASAP at crossfellowshipchurch.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/2389699.

#### **Elders**

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#### **Discipleship Communities**

DCs gather in homes on Wednesday evenings to provide leadership, community, encouragement, and accountability as we live as disciples. For more information or to join a DC, visit crossfellowshipchurch.org/dc.

## **Nursing Mothers**

We offer a nursing mothers' room in the back left (as you face the stage) of the sanctuary.

#### Children's Discipleship

To walk alongside parents in teaching children about the good news of Jesus, we offer the following classes.

Sundays at 9 a.m.

Our K-6th grade classes will resume in the fall.

Sundays during the Worship Gathering

- Infants (ages 6-12 mo.)
- Toddlers (ages 1-2): rm. 206
- Pre-K (ages 3-4): rm. 202

Sundays at 6 p.m.

• Youth group: 7th-12th grade

### Offering

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There are a few ways you can give:

- In the offering box on Sundays
- Through the Church Center app (iPhone/Android)
- Online at crossfellowship church.org/give (scan the QR code)



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