The revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave him to show to his servants[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=revelation+1&version=ESV#fen-ESV-30683a)] the things that must soon take place. [Revelation 1:1]

**Week 14**  April 16, 2023

Revelation 7

Of Utmost Importance:

And *after* [*meta* = in the midst of] this I saw four angels standing at the four corners of the earth, holding back the four winds of the earth, that no wind might blow on earth or sea or against any tree. [7:1]

* Four angels, four corners, four winds:
	+ The **whole** earth destroyed – God’s **judgment.**
	+ Everything, even to the last **tree** – the **flood.**
	+ But not until God’s people are **safe.**
	+ Simultaneous and throughout the previous 6 seals.
	+ And then the **end**.
* Seal of the Living God
	+ The **Gospel**
	+ **Baptism**
		- “Receive the sign”
		- The **Holy Spirit.** [Ephesians 1:13-14]
* The Church Militant
	+ The end of the world is **postponed**. [1st Peter 3:15]
	+ **Sent** and **Going.** [Romans 10:14-17]
	+ God is **central**. [Numbers 2]
* The Church Triumphant
	+ Who are they? From where did they come?
	+ **Home** and **resting.**
	+ **Suffering** results in **salvation.**

The 7th Seal: The **End!**

When the Lamb opened the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven for about half an hour. [8:1]

The 7 Trumpets: **Warning!**

* Purpose: The **judgments** of God.
* Purpose: The **steadfastness** of the Church.
* Purpose: The **repentance** of sinners.
* Purpose: The **reconciliation** of God and mankind (3 + 4 = 7)
* Introduction to the trumpets:
	+ Trumpets were a means of **signaling.**
	+ Prayers of the saints:
		- The angel was given **much** incense.
		- Saints pray, “Thy Kingdom Come.”
		- Saints pray, “For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever.
	+ The Seals revisited:
	+ To whom are the Trumpets directed?
* Trumpets 1 - 4 [8:6-12]
	+ 1st Trumpet
		- Hail, fire, and blood **thrown** upon the earth.
		- 1/3 of the earth, 1/3 of the trees, all the grass
	+ 2nd Trumpet
		- Something like a mountain **thrown** into the sea.
		- 1/3 of sea, 1/3 of sea creatures, 1/3 of the ships
	+ 3rd Trumpet
		- A great star named Wormwood **fell** on the earth
		- 1/3 of the rivers and 1/3 of the waters
	+ 4th Trumpet
		- 1/3 of the sun, 1/3 of the moon, and 1/3 of the stars are **darkened**.
		- 1/3 of the day and 1/3 of the night
* The Seven Woes [Matthew 23]
* The **greatest** judgment…