



Sermon Series: *Revelation - Jesus Revealed*
Sermon Title: *Calm before the Storm*
Scripture: Revelation 8:1-13
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INTRODUCTION

Exodus 1:8; Exodus 3:7-8; Exodus 5:2; Exodus 3:19-20

Note: God has not changed in His character and nature. God remains true to Himself, committed to what is righteous and good, attentive to the cries of His people, mighty in power and judgment, steadfast in love and faithfulness, and passionate for His glory!

I. SILENCE IN HEAVEN

Revelation 8:1 -

1) For the first (and only!) time in the Book of Revelation, Heaven goes silent.

Revelation 16:17

Revelation 8:2-5 -

2) The prayers of totally “normal” and faithful Christians are linked to and interwoven with the plans and judgments of God!

Revelation 6:9

II. THE FIRST FOUR TRUMPETS

Revelation 8:6-7 -

Trumpet #1 - A third of the earth's vegetation is destroyed.

Joel 2:30

Revelation 8:8-9 -

Trumpet #2 - A third of the sea becomes polluted and contaminated.

Revelation 8:10-11 -

Trumpet #3 - A third of the fresh water on earth is ruined and made bitter.

Romans 6:23

Revelation 8:12 -

Trumpet #4 - A third of the brightness or power of the celestial lights is taken away.

John 1:4-5

Revelation 8:13 -

Flying Eagle: This strange “flying eagle” warns that things are about to get much, much worse!

Revelation 4:7 and John 9:4

Questions for Further Study, Reflection, and Application...

1. Why do you think there was “silence” in heaven when the 7th seal was opened?
2. How are the prayers of God’s people pictured in verses 3-5? What does this teach us about the value, beauty, and necessity of prayer?
3. What similarities do you see between the plagues that God brought on Egypt (Exodus 7-12) and the first four Trumpet Judgments (Revelation 8:6-12)?
4. How did Pharaoh respond to the mighty works of God? How does the world largely respond to the Trumpet Judgments (Revelation 9:20-21)?
5. How does Revelation 8 highlight and underscore the urgency of our mission?