

# The Trumpets of Justice (4/13/25)

## Discussion Questions

**Summary:** Before the seventh seal is opened there is an interlude in Revelation 7 to mark those who belong to the Lord before His judgment falls. That theme of who truly belongs to the Lord continues in chapter 8. An angel with a golden censer shows us that our prayers rise before the Lord, who will bring justice one day. The first four trumpets bring purifying judgment to the land, sea, rivers and skies. But the censer gives us a clue that more is happening than just God's justice falling on the world. It points us back to Numbers 16 for the story of Korah who tried to use a censer to make his case against Moses. Before you complain about God's assignment for your life and work right now, read that account and see what the Lord says to you.

*"Then the angel took the censer and filled it with fire from the altar and threw it on the earth, and there were peals of thunder, rumblings, flashes of lightning, and an earthquake." Revelation 8:5*

### The Lens of Future Judgment helps us see our Present Circumstances

- God's perfect **Justice** is coming soon in answer to our **Prayers** (v. 1-13)
- **Contentment** with your assigned role is a sign of **Faith** in the God who assigned it (Num. 16:1-14)
- **Protection** from God's judgment is available through His **Mediator** (Numbers 16:20-48; Rom. 8:1)

*"So Aaron took [his censer] as Moses said and ran into the midst of the assembly. And behold, the plague had already begun among the people. And he put on the incense and made atonement for the people. And he stood between the dead and the living, and the plague was stopped." Numbers 16:47-48*

### Get Started:

1. When was the last time you experienced really bad customer service? How did you respond?
2. Would you say you are a complainer? Why or why not?

### Dig Deeper:

3. Read Revelation 8:1-13. What stands out to you in this passage?
4. How does it make you feel that your prayers rise like incense before the Lord?
5. What does the censer being dumped on the earth (v. 5) mean to you?
6. What parts of the world do these 4 trumpet judgments affect? What does 1 / 3 indicate?
7. What Old Testament accounts are echoed in these judgments?

### Move Forward:

8. Read Numbers 16:1-3. What were Korah and his friends upset about?
9. Read Numbers 16:4-11. How do golden censers factor into this account?
10. Read Numbers 16:16-21. How did the contest work out?
11. Read Numbers 16:31-32, 35. What happened to the group that complained against Moses and Aaron (and really against God)?
12. How is contentment a sign of faith and complaining indicative of unbelief?
13. What are you tempted to complain about right now? How can we pray for you to be more content?