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Session 5 | Viewing Guide

Rapture Time: The Sign Of The Seventh Trumpet

What is The Rapture?



(see 0:54) The word *rapture* is derived from a _____ word which is used to translate the Greek phrase found in **1 Thess 4:17**. Here the phrase is translated: “_____ up”

1 Thess 4:17a (NET)

“Then we who are alive, who are left, will be suddenly caught up together with them in the _____ to meet the Lord in the air.”

1 Corinthians 15:51-52 (NET)

“Listen, I will tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed — in a moment, in the _____ of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed.”

When Does The Rapture Happen?

- The event described in these passages, commonly referred to as “the rapture”, happens at the last _____.
- How many trumpets do we see in **chapters 8–11 of Revelation**? _____
- Which one of these is the last trumpet? _____.
- So, at what point in **Revelation 8 -11** are the elect “caught up” to meet Jesus in the air? _____.

The Seven Trumpets

1. First Trumpet:

Hail and fire mixed with _____, a _____ of the trees burned up, all the green _____ is burned up.

2. Second Trumpet:

Great _____ of burning fire is thrown into sea, 1/3 of the _____ becomes blood, 1/3 of sea creatures die, 1/3 of the _____ destroyed.

3. Third Trumpet:

A huge, burning _____ named _____ falls from sky, on 1/3 of the _____ and the springs. The waters are _____.

4. Fourth Trumpet:

1/3 of the _____, 1/3 of the moon, 1/3 of the stars are struck and do not give any _____.

5. Fifth Trumpet:

The shaft of the _____ is opened, from the smoke comes _____, which sting and torture people for _____ months.

6. **Sixth Trumpet:** Four angels are set free to kill 1/3 of humanity. The number of soldiers on horseback is _____.

Revelation 10:7 (NET)

"But in the days **when the seventh angel is about to blow his trumpet**, the mystery of God is completed, just as he has proclaimed to his servants the prophets."

- Revelation chapters 10 & 11 describe what will happen in the days when the seventh angel is about to blow his trumpet – that is, between the six and seventh trumpets.
 - The two _____ prophesy for 1, 260 days. They have the power to close up the sky so it doesn't rain during the time they're prophesying, to turn the waters to _____, and to strike the earth with _____ as often as they like.
 - They're killed by the beast, then raised from the dead after 3 ½ days.
 - Major _____ causes 1/10 of Jerusalem to collapse, _____ thousand people are killed.

7. Seventh Trumpet

The temple in heaven opens up. The Son of Man appears seated on a _____ . He reaps the earth's _____, and tramples the grapes of God's _____.



Session 5 | Weekly Assignment

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Weekly Note Card

“But in the days when the seventh angel is about to blow his trumpet, the mystery of God is completed, just as he has proclaimed to his servants the prophets.” **Rev 10:7 (NET)**

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What Is The Rapture?

Before we can answer the big question, “*When* is the rapture?”, it’s necessary to address a more elementary issue: “*What* is the rapture?”

Often, disagreements or controversies between Christians arise as a result of using words that are not taken *directly* from the Bible, but *derived* from it. This can result in a gradual morph in understanding of what a term means, as it picks up connotations over time.

The result? As it’s usage becomes more specialized, the meaning of such a term inches further and further away from the meaning of what was originally written. As a result, it’s *perceived* definition may differ from group to group, or between individuals. This leads to disagreement amongst Christians, because we are not only looking to the Bible – a common standard that does not change – as a point of reference; but also to our traditions, experiences, theologies, and perceptions – a varying standard, which changes from person to person.

The term **rapture** is the perfect example of this phenomenon. To some, it’s a word that refers in a general way to the return of Christ and the judgment of the world. Some people understand it in terms they’ve heard from their preacher on Sunday; some from apocalyptic movies; some from reading the Bible. For others still, the term carries with it a compulsory theological battle – specifically, an immediate need to divine whether the person using the term believes in a “pre-tribulation rapture” or a “post-tribulation rapture”.

Whatever your perspective, one thing is obvious: common understanding can only be achieved by first agreeing upon a common definition. As Christians, that common definition comes from a common standard – the written Word of God.

It may be surprising that the term *rapture*, in reference to Christ's return and the gathering of Christians to Himself, is not in the Bible – not your modern-day translations, anyway. It's actually a translation of a translation. The English word *rapture* is derived from the Latin Vulgate translation of a Greek word found in **1 Thessalonians 4:17**. This Latin word comes from the verb *rapio*, meaning "to catch up" or "take away".

 **1 Thessalonians 4:16-18 (NET) (emphasis added)**

“4:16 For the Lord himself will come down from heaven with a shout of command, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trumpet of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. 4:17 Then we who are alive, who are left, will be suddenly **caught up** together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will always be with the Lord. 4:18 Therefore encourage one another with these words.”

The original Greek word – translated *rapiemur* in the Latin Vulgate; “caught up” in the translation above – is *harpazo*.

harpazo (Greek) <726>

Definition:

- 1) to seize, carry off by force
- 2) to seize on, claim for one's self eagerly
- 3) to snatch out or away

from a derivative of 138; to seize (in various applications): -catch (away, up), pluck, pull, take (by force).

For the purpose of this study, the term *rapture* will be used to refer **only** to the definition above and the end-times event described in **1 Thessalonians 4:13-18** – **not** any other connotation or theology that may be associated with it.

As we look to this and other Scriptures that describe the rapture, a clear, consistent sequence of end-times events will emerge.

Components Of The Rapture

The rapture consists of several events which happen nearly simultaneously...nearly, but not quite. Upon examination, we see that these distinctive components also occur in a distinctive order. Take note of the five components below, then read the Scriptures.

The Elect Gathered By Angels, Caught Up To Meet The Lord in the Air

The Last Trumpet Sounds

The Son Of Man Appears in the Clouds

The Dead in Christ Rise

Christians Left Alive Are Changed in the Blinking Of An Eye

 **Matthew 24:31 (NET)**

“And he will send his angels **with a loud trumpet blast**, and [his angels] will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.”

 **Mark 13:26-27 (NET)**

“**13:26** Then everyone will see *the Son of Man arriving in the clouds* with great power and glory. **13:27** Then he will send angels and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.”

 **2 Thessalonians 2:1-3 (NET)**

“**2:1** Now regarding *the arrival of our Lord Jesus Christ* and **our being gathered to be with him**, we ask you, brothers and sisters, **2:2** not to be easily shaken from your composure or disturbed by any kind of spirit or message or letter allegedly from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord is already here. **2:3** Let no one deceive you in any way. For that day will not arrive until the rebellion comes and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the son of destruction.”

 **1 Corinthians 15:50-53 (NET)**

“**15:50** Now this is what I am saying, brothers and sisters: Flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable. **15:51** Listen, I will tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed - **15:52** in a moment, in the blinking of an eye, **at the last trumpet**. **15:53** For **the trumpet will sound**, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. For this perishable body must put on the imperishable, and this mortal body must put on immortality.”

 **1 Thessalonians 4:14-17a (NET)**

“4:14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, so also we believe that God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep as Christians. 4:15 For we tell you this by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will surely not go ahead of those who have fallen asleep. 4:16 For the Lord himself will come down from heaven with a shout of command, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trumpet of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. 4:17 Then we who are alive, who are left, will be suddenly caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air.”

Sequence Of Events

→ Now, using these Scriptures, place the five events listed on the previous page in the correct order in the spaces provided below.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

The Last Trumpet

Now that you have a handle on what the rapture is, and the fact that the passages above all consistently describe the same, specific event, we can now address the issue of timing.

→ Read these passages again, taking note of the highlighted portions.

 **1 Thessalonians 4:16-17a (NET)**

“4:16 For the Lord himself will come down from heaven with a shout of command, with the voice of the archangel, and **with the trumpet of God**, and the dead in Christ will rise first. 4:17 Then we who are alive, who are left, will be suddenly caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air.”

 **Matthew 24:31 (NET)**

“And he will **send his angels with a loud trumpet blast**, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.”

 **1 Corinthians 15:51-52 (NET)**

“15:51 Listen, I will tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed -15:52 in a moment, in the blinking of an eye, **at the last trumpet**. For **the trumpet will sound**, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed.”

- Looking at the highlighted portions of these verses, what does the Bible consistently tell us will announce the coming of Christ and the rapture of the elect? _____
- More specifically, according to **1 Corinthians 15:51**, *which* trumpet are these passages referring to? _____

Though there are many trumpets mentioned in the Bible, both earthly and heavenly, there is a specific group of seven angels with seven trumpets shown to us by John in the book of Revelation. The sounding of these seven trumpets mark specific end-times events, and culminate in the return of Jesus Christ.

 **Revelation 8:2, 6 (NET)**

“Then I saw the seven angels who stand before God, and **seven trumpets** were given to them...Now the seven angels holding the seven trumpets prepared to blow them.”

 **Revelation 10:7 (NET)**

“But in the days **when the seventh angel is about to blow his trumpet**, the mystery of God is completed, just as he has proclaimed to his servants the prophets.”

 **Revelation 11:15 (NET)**

“11:15 **Then the seventh angel blew his trumpet**, and there were loud voices in heaven saying: 'The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ, and he will reign for ever and ever.'”

Many of the events associated with these seven trumpets are paralleled in Jesus' prophecies about the end of the age found in **Matt 24, Mark 13, and Luke 21**. Like the account of the seven trumpets, these prophecies also culminate in Jesus' return.

- Of the seven trumpets in Revelation, which one is the last?
 - the 5th trumpet
 - the 1st trumpet
 - the 4th trumpet
 - the 6th trumpet
 - the 7th trumpet
 - the 3rd trumpet
 - the 2nd trumpet

There are many events recorded in the book of Revelation, and we cannot be sure that they are all described in sequential order. However, by the ordinal nature of the seven trumpets, we *can* be sure that the events associated with them are described in sequential order.

We also know that God's Word is flawless. Regardless of the background, knowledge, or time period of the person or prophet who recorded it, Scripture is cohesive and consistent, because it's inspired by the Holy Spirit.

 **Proverbs 30:5 (NET)**

“Every word of God is flawless; he is a shield to those who take refuge in him.”

 **1 Peter 1:10-12 (NET)**

“1:10 Concerning this salvation, the prophets, who spoke of the grace that was to come to you, searched intently and with the greatest care, 1:11 trying to find out the time and circumstances to which the Spirit of Christ in them was pointing when he predicted the sufferings of the Messiah and the glories that would follow. 1:12 It was revealed to them that they were not serving themselves but you, when they spoke of the things that have now been told you by those who have preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven. Even angels long to look into these things.”

 **2 Peter 1:20-21 (NET)**

“1:20 Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet's own interpretation. 1:20 For prophecy never had its origin in the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.”

With this understanding, let's acknowledge a couple of Scriptural facts, and two Scriptural possibilities about the timing of the last trumpet and the rapture.

Facts and Possibilities

Fact #1

The rapture will occur at the last trumpet.

Fact #2

The “last trumpet” cannot occur before the 7th trumpet of Revelation.
It is only the *last trumpet if no other trumpet comes after it.*

Possibility # 1

The “last trumpet” = The 7th trumpet of Revelation

If **Possibility #1** is correct – if the “last trumpet” of 1 Corinthians 15:52 *is* referring to the 7th trumpet of Revelation, then the rapture will occur when? (*choose one*):

- Before** the events of the first six trumpets.
- Somewhere in the middle** of the events of the first six trumpets.
- After** the events of the first six trumpets.

Possibility #2

The “last trumpet” ♦ The 7th trumpet of Revelation

If **Possibility #2** is correct – if the “last trumpet” *is not* referring to the 7th trumpet; and in keeping with the fact that the “last trumpet” cannot occur *before* the 7th trumpet: when does the rapture happen? (*choose one*):

- Before** the events of the first six trumpets.
- Somewhere in the middle** of the events of the first six trumpets.
- After** the events of the first six trumpets.

Considering these facts, and regardless of which possibility is correct, one thing is clear: the “last trumpet” happens either *at or after* the 7th trumpet. This means that either way, the elect will still be on the earth and witnessing all of the events associated with the first six trumpets.

The Seven Trumpets Of Revelation

The First - Fourth Trumpets:

 Revelation 8:6-12 (NET):

“8:6 Now the seven angels holding the seven trumpets prepared to blow them.

8:7 **The first angel blew his trumpet**, and there was hail and fire mixed with blood, and it was thrown at the earth so that a third of the earth was burned up, a third of the trees were burned up, and all the green grass was burned up.

8:8 **Then the second angel blew his trumpet**, and something like a great mountain of burning fire was thrown into the sea. A third of the sea became blood, 8:9 and a third of the creatures living in the sea died, and a third of the ships were completely destroyed.

8:10 **Then the third angel blew his trumpet**, and a huge star burning like a torch fell from the sky; it landed on a third of the rivers and on the springs of water.

8:11 (Now the name of the star is Wormwood.) So a third of the waters became wormwood, and many people died from these waters because they were poisoned.

8:12 **Then the fourth angel blew his trumpet**, and a third of the sun was struck, and a third of the moon, and a third of the stars, so that a third of them were darkened. And there was no light for a third of the day and for a third of the night likewise.

8:13 Then I looked, and I heard an eagle flying directly overhead, proclaiming with a loud voice, “Woe! Woe! Woe to those who live on the earth because of the remaining sounds of the trumpets of the three angels who are about to blow them!”

➔ List the events that occur at the sounding of each trumpet:

1. The 1st Trumpet _____

2. The 2nd Trumpet _____

3. The 3rd Trumpet _____

4. The 4th Trumpet _____

The Fifth Trumpet:

Revelation 9:1-6 (NET)

“Then the fifth angel blew his trumpet, and I saw a star that had fallen from the sky to the earth, and he was given the key to the shaft of the abyss. 9:2 He opened the shaft of the abyss and smoke rose out of it like smoke from a giant furnace. The sun and the air were darkened with smoke from the shaft. 9:3 Then out of the smoke came locusts onto the earth, and they were given power like that of the scorpions of the earth. 9:4 They were told not to damage the grass of the earth, or any green plant or tree, but only those people who did not have the seal of God on their forehead. 9:5 The locusts were not given permission to kill them, but only to torture them for five months, and their torture was like that of a scorpion when it stings a person. 9:6 In those days people will seek death, but will not be able to find it; they will long to die, but death will flee from them.”

The Sixth Trumpet:

Revelation 9:13-16 (NET)

“Then the sixth angel blew his trumpet, and I heard a single voice coming from the horns on the golden altar that is before God, 9:14 saying to the sixth angel, the one holding the trumpet, “Set free the four angels who are bound at the great river Euphrates!” 9:15 Then the four angels who had been prepared for this hour, day, month, and year were set free to kill a third of humanity. 9:16 The number of soldiers on horseback was two hundred million; I heard their number.”

→ List the events that occur at the sounding of the 5th and 6th Trumpets:

5. The 5th Trumpet _____

6. The 6th Trumpet _____

• According to Rev 8:13, with what are the three woes associated?

1. Woe #1 = _____

2. Woe #2 = _____

3. Woe #3 = _____

 **Luke 21:10-11 (NIV)**

“21:10 Then he said to them: 'Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. 21:11 There will be great earthquakes, famines and pestilences in various places, and fearful events and great signs from heaven.’”

 **Matthew 24:29-30 (NET)**

“24:29 Immediately after the suffering of those days, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of heaven will be shaken. 24:30 Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and all the tribes of the earth will mourn. They will see the Son of Man arriving on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.”

 **Luke 21:25-28 (NET)**

“21:25 And there will be signs in the sun and moon and stars, and on the earth nations will be in distress, anxious over the roaring of the sea and the surging waves. 21:26 People will be fainting from fear and from the expectation of what is coming on the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. 21:27 Then they will see the Son of Man arriving in a cloud with power and great glory. 21:28 But when these things begin to happen, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

- What parallels do you see in the signs Jesus gave in **Luke 21:10-11** and those of the first six trumpets? _____

_____.
- What parallels do you see in the signs Jesus gave in **Matt 24:29-30** and those of the first six trumpets? _____

_____.
- What parallels do you see in the signs Jesus gave in **Luke 21:25-28** and those of the first four trumpets? _____

_____.

The Days Before The Seventh Trumpet

In the 10th and 11th chapters of Revelation, we're told about the time between the 6th and 7th trumpets. **Revelation 10:7** gives us an important insight into our purpose in the end times, and when that purpose will be fulfilled.

Revelation 10:7 (NET)

"But in the days when the seventh angel is about to blow his trumpet, the mystery of God is completed, just as he has proclaimed to his servants the prophets."

Ephesians 3 tells us more about this mystery, and the role of the Church in it's revelation.

Ephesians 3:8-11 (NIV)

3:8 Although I am less than the least of all the Lord's people, this grace was given me: to preach to the Gentiles the boundless riches of Christ, **3:9** and to make plain to everyone the administration of this mystery, which for ages past was kept hidden in God, who created all things. **3:10** His intent was that now, through the church, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms, **3:11** according to his eternal purpose that he accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord."

- According to **Rev 10:7**, when will the mystery of God be completed? _____
_____.
- Where has this mystery been kept hidden for ages past? _____.
- To whom does God intend to make His manifold wisdom known? _____
_____.
- Through whom does He intend to make it known? _____
_____.

As you can see, "the days before the seventh trumpet is sounded" is a critical period, during which the mystery of God will be completed – put on display for the vast array of characters in the cosmos through God's weakest member...the Bride of Christ.

Hebrews 12:1-3 (NIV)

12:1 Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, **12:2** fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. **12:3** Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart."

The Two Witnesses

Revelation 11 gives us insight into the events of the days leading up to the seventh trumpet. Specifically, it tells us about the destruction and desolation of Jerusalem for forty-two months, as well as the ministry of the two witnesses They prophesy for exactly the same period of time – 1, 260 days – and are then killed by the beast that comes out of the abyss. (42 months x 30 days = 1,260 days)

Revelation 11:1-10 (NET)

“**11:1** Then a measuring rod like a staff was given to me, and I was told, 'Get up and measure the temple of God, and the altar, and the ones who worship there. **11:2** But do not measure the outer courtyard of the temple; leave it out, because it has been given to the Gentiles, and they will trample on the holy city for forty-two months. **11:3** And I will grant my two witnesses authority to prophesy for 1,260 days, dressed in sackcloth. **11:4** (These are the two olive trees and the two lampstands that stand before the Lord of the earth.) **11:5** If anyone wants to harm them, fire comes out of their mouths and completely consumes their enemies. If anyone wants to harm them, they must be killed this way. **11:6** These two have the power to close up the sky so that it does not rain during the time they are prophesying. They have power to turn the waters to blood and to strike the earth with every kind of plague whenever they want. **11:7** When they have completed their testimony, the beast that comes up from the abyss will make war on them and conquer them and kill them. **11:8** Their corpses will lie in the street of the great city that is symbolically called Sodom and Egypt, where their Lord was also crucified. **11:9** For three and a half days those from every people, tribe, nation, and language will look at their corpses, because they will not permit them to be placed in a tomb. **11:10** And those who live on the earth will rejoice over them and celebrate, even sending gifts to each other, because these two prophets had tormented those who live on the earth.

This period of time – when the beast will defile the temple and Jerusalem, and persecute the saints – is spoken of often in scripture. It is consistently identified, over and over, as the period that immediately precedes the return of Christ. Its duration is expressed as **42 months/1,260 days/ and “a time, times, and half a time”**.

Revelation 13:5-8 (NET)

“**13:5** The beast was given a mouth speaking proud words and blasphemies, and he was permitted to exercise ruling authority for forty-two months. **13:6** So the beast opened his mouth to blaspheme against God - to blaspheme both his name and his dwelling place, that is, those who dwell in heaven. **13:7** The beast was permitted to go to war against the saints and conquer them. He was given ruling authority over every tribe, people, language, and nation, **13:8** and all those who live on the earth will worship the beast, everyone whose name has not been written since the foundation of the world in the book of life belonging to the Lamb who was killed.”

Daniel 12:6-7 (NET)

“12:6 One said to the man clothed in linen who was above the waters of the river, ‘When will the end of these wondrous events occur?’ 12:7 Then I heard the man clothed in linen who was over the waters of the river as he raised both his right and left hands to the sky and made an oath by the one who lives forever: ‘It is for a time, times, and half a time. Then, when the power of the one who shatters the holy people has been exhausted, all these things will be finished.’”

Luke 21:20, 24 (NET)

“21:20 But when you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, then know that its desolation has come near...21:24 They will fall by the edge of the sword and be led away as captives among all nations. Jerusalem will be trampled down by the Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled.

Matthew 24:15-16, 21-22, 29-31 (NET)

“24:15 So when you see *the abomination of desolation* - spoken about by Daniel the prophet - standing in the holy place (let the reader understand), 24:16 then those in Judea must flee to the mountains...24:21 For then there will be great suffering unlike anything that has happened from the beginning of the world until now, or ever will happen. 24:22 And if those days had not been cut short, no one would be saved. But for the sake of the elect those days will be cut short...24:29 Immediately after the suffering of those days, *the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of heaven will be shaken.* 24:30 Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and all the tribes of the earth will mourn. They will see *the Son of Man arriving on the clouds of heaven* with power and great glory. 24:31 And he will send his angels with a loud trumpet blast, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.”

The Seventh Trumpet

After the two witnesses are killed, they will lay unburied for 3 ½ days, at which point they are raised from the dead. Only after this occurs does the seventh angel blow his trumpet.

Revelation 11:11-15 (NET)

“11:11 But after three and a half days a breath of life from God entered them, and they stood on their feet, and tremendous fear seized those who were watching them. 11:12 Then they heard a loud voice from heaven saying to them: “Come up here!” So the two prophets went up to heaven in a cloud while their enemies stared at them. 11:13 Just then a major earthquake took place and a tenth of the city collapsed; seven thousand people were killed in the earthquake, and the rest were terrified and gave glory to the God of heaven. 11:14 The second woe has come and gone; the third is coming quickly. 11:15 **Then the seventh angel blew his trumpet**, and there were loud voices in heaven saying: “The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ, and he will reign for ever and ever.”

***The sign of the seventh trumpet makes one thing clear about the timing of the rapture: it will not occur until all of the events associated with the first six trumpets take place.**

After The Trumpet Sounds

- **Several events occur after the sounding of the seventh trumpet.**

The events described in Revelation *after* the seventh trumpet is sounded may be understood in one of several ways:

1. As part of the administration of the rapture,
2. As events that occur on the earth after the rapture takes place, or
3. As events that don't necessarily happen after the seven trumpets and the rapture, but possibly occur at some previous point on the Revelation time-line.

- **Events that occur in Revelation after the 7th Trumpet include:**

1. **Loud Voices In Heaven Proclaim The Beginning Of Christ's Reign On The Earth**

 Revelation 11:15-18 (NET)

“**11:15** Then the seventh angel blew his trumpet, and there were loud voices in heaven saying: 'The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ, and he will reign for ever and ever.' **11:16** Then the twenty-four elders who are seated on their thrones before God threw themselves down with their faces to the ground and worshiped God **11:17** with these words:

'We give you thanks, Lord God, the All-Powerful, the one who is and who was, because you have taken your great power and begun to reign. **11:18**The nations were enraged, but your wrath has come, and the time has come for the dead to be judged, and the time has come to give to your servants, the prophets, their reward, as well as to the saints and to those who revere your name, both small and great, and the time has come to destroy those who destroy the earth.'”

2. The Son of Man Harvests The Earth

Revelation 14:14-16 (NET)

“**14:14** Then I looked, and a white cloud appeared, and seated on the cloud was one like a son of man! He had a golden crown on his head and a sharp sickle in his hand. **14:15** Then another angel came out of the temple, shouting in a loud voice to the one seated on the cloud, “Use your sickle and start to reap, because the time to reap has come, since the earth’s harvest is ripe!” **14:16** So the one seated on the cloud swung his sickle over the earth, and the earth was reaped. ”

- This event is also described by Jesus in **Mark 13** and **Matthew 13**:

Mark 13:26-27 (NET)

“**13:26** Then everyone will see the Son of Man arriving in the clouds with great power and glory. **13:27** Then he will send angels and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.”

Matthew 13:36-43 (NET)

“**13:36** Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples came to him saying, 'Explain to us the parable of the weeds in the field.' **13:37** He answered, 'The one who sowed the good seed is the Son of Man. **13:38** The field is the world and the good seed are the people of the kingdom. The weeds are the people of the evil one, **13:39** and the enemy who sows them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. **13:40** As the weeds are collected and burned with fire, so it will be at the end of the age. **13:41** The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will gather from his kingdom everything that causes sin as well as all lawbreakers. **13:42** They will *throw them into the fiery furnace*, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. **13:43** Then *the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father*. The one who has ears had better listen!”

1 Thessalonians 4:16-17 (NET)

“**4:16** For the Lord himself will come down from heaven with a shout of command, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trumpet of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. **4:17** Then we who are alive, who are left, will be suddenly caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will always be with the Lord.”

- Speaking of clouds and angels, what do the prophecies in **Rev 14:14-16** and **Mark 13:26-27** and **1 Thess 4:16-17** have in common? _____

- According to **Matt 13:39**, when does the harvest happen?_____.
- According to **Matt 13:36-43**, what two groups is Jesus harvesting in **Rev 14:14-16**?
_____.
- Do **Mark 13:26-27** and **Revelation 14:14-16** refer to the same event?
 - Yes
 - No
- What is that event called?_____.

3. The Grapes Of God's Wrath Are Harvested

Revelation 14:19-20 (NET)

“**14:19** So the angel swung his sickle over the earth and gathered the grapes from the vineyard of the earth and tossed them into the great wine press of the wrath of God. **14:20** Then the winepress was stomped outside the city, and blood poured out of the wine press up to the height of horses’ bridles for a distance of almost two hundred miles .”

4. Those Who Overcome The Beast Worship Before God In Heaven

Revelation 15:2-3 (NET)

“Then I saw something like a sea of glass mixed with fire, and those who had conquered the beast and his image and the number of his name. They were standing by the sea of glass, holding harps given to them by God. **15:3** They sang the song of Moses the servant of God and the song of the Lamb: 'Great and astounding are your deeds, Lord God, the All-Powerful! Just and true are your ways, King over the nations! **15:4** Who will not fear you, O Lord, and glorify your name, because you alone are holy? All nations will come and worship before you for your righteous acts have been revealed.”

5. Seven Last Plagues (Bowls of God's Wrath) Are Poured Out Upon the Earth.

Revelation 15:5-8 (NET)

“15:5 After these things I looked, and the temple (the tent of the testimony) was opened in heaven, 15:6 and the seven angels who had the seven plagues came out of the temple, dressed in clean bright linen, wearing wide golden belts around their chests. 15:7 Then one of the four living creatures gave the seven angels seven golden bowls filled with the wrath of God who lives forever and ever, 15:8 and the temple was filled with smoke from God’s glory and from his power. Thus no one could enter the temple until the seven plagues from the seven angels were completed.

Revelation 16:1-2, 17 (NET)

“16:1 Then I heard a loud voice from the temple declaring to the seven angels: 'Go and pour out on the earth the seven bowls containing God’s wrath.' 16:2 So the first angel went and poured out his bowl on the earth. Then ugly and painful sores appeared on the people who had the mark of the beast and who worshiped his image. Finally the seventh angel poured out his bowl into the air and a loud voice came out of the temple from the throne, saying: 'It is done!’”

6. The Wedding Of The Lamb

Revelation 19:6-7

“19:6 Then I heard what sounded like the voice of a vast throng, like the roar of many waters and like loud crashes of thunder. They were shouting: 'Hallelujah! For the Lord our God, the All-Powerful, reigns! 19:7 Let us rejoice and exult and give him glory, because the wedding celebration of the Lamb has come, and his bride has made herself ready.’”

7. The Son Of God Comes With His Armies

Revelation 19:11-16 (NET)

“19:11 Then I saw heaven opened and here came a white horse! The one riding it was called 'Faithful' and 'True,' and with justice he judges and goes to war. 19:12 His eyes are like a fiery flame and there are many diadem crowns on his head. He has a name written that no one knows except himself. 19:13 He is dressed in clothing dipped in blood, and he is called the Word of God. 19:14 The armies that are in heaven, dressed in white, clean, fine linen, were following him on white horses. 19:15 From his mouth extends a sharp sword, so that with it he can strike the nations. ***He will rule them with an iron rod***, and he stomps the winepress of the furious wrath of God, the All-Powerful. 19:16 He has a name written on his clothing and on his thigh: “King of kings and Lord of lords.”

We've covered the fact that those who are in Christ are not appointed to suffer God's wrath; and that God protects His people by either:

1. Removing them from the situation, or
2. Protecting them in the midst of His judgment.

Though many of the events associated with the seven trumpets may be understood as God's wrath (e.g., the army of locusts that torment the inhabitants of the earth, passing over those with God's mark on their heads), it appears that the seven *final* bowls of God's wrath may be poured out on the earth after the seventh trumpet sounds – after the harvest, otherwise known as the _____ . Once again, we see that regardless of whether His people are present when He pours out judgment or not, God is faithful to keep them safe from it. As it says:

 **Psalm 91:5-11 (NET):**

“91:5 You need not fear the terrors of the night, the arrow that flies by day, 91:6 the plague that comes in the darkness, or the disease that comes at noon. 91:7 Though a thousand may fall beside you, and a multitude on your right side, it will not reach you. 91:8 Certainly you will see it with your very own eyes - you will see the wicked paid back. 91:9 For you have taken refuge in the Lord, my shelter, the sovereign One. 91:10 No harm will overtake you; no illness will come near your home. 91:11 For he will order his angels to protect you in all you do.”