

## Study Notes for Revelation Chapters 8 and 9

- What happens when the Lamb opens the seventh seal (see 8:1–5)?
- When the seventh seal is opened, there is first silence, then prayer. How do you interpret the heavenly response to the saints' prayers (see 8:5)?
- How do the references to the golden censers and prayers affect your own understanding of prayer? (8:3-5) What do you think God wants us to know about prayer?
- What happened when the first angel blew his trumpet?
- How do you think those judgments will affect the earth and the people living during that time?
- What do the judgments of the 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th trumpets have in common?
- What does John hear the eagle saying in 8:13?
- In his teaching Pastor Paul said that the result of the 5th, 6th and 7th trumpets appeared to release spiritual and demonic activity on the earth. What about those trumpets seems spiritual or demonic in nature?
- What is the language of similarity and why does John use it?
- What is the result of the releasing of the four previously bound angels in 9:13-18?
- How is the mercy of God seen in verses 20 and 21?
- God sent plagues on Egypt to deliver His people from slavery, reveal His power, judge the Egyptians for idolatry, and prove that the gods of Egypt were false. Compare the plagues in Exodus 7:14–11:10 to the judgments of trumpets and bowls in Revelation. What echoes of Exodus do you observe in Revelation? What do you think God is saying by planning these echoes?