



uncovered: *How much is enough?*

Week 3

THE BIG IDEA OF REVELATION:

The Lord God Almighty is in charge (regardless of how it seems) and he's going to win, so be patient, faithful, and alert.

PRAY • YESTERDAY'S POPCORN, GRAPES, TRAIL MIX - 1000 CALORIES!

WE DON'T KNOW WHEN TO QUIT • AND IT'S AS TRUE FOR SPIRITUAL MATTERS AS FOR FOOD.

LAST WEEK: THE SEVEN SEALS

natural distress, prayers for justice, natural disaster, avoidance of God

THIS WEEK: THE SEVEN TRUMPETS

natural disasters, demonic torment, clear witness, rejection of God

THREE KEY PRINCIPLES

1. God is not tormenting people for his own pleasure. He is reminding people of their **fragility** so they might see their **need** for him.
2. Earthly, physical **suffering** isn't that big a deal—like a workout or the pain of surgery.
3. Everyone has a critical "enough" point when their decisions become fixed: either to **reject** God or to **submit** to him.

Trumpets 1-4

READ THE PROLOGUE AND THESE TRUMPETS

These trumpets describe a series of events akin to an

asteroid impact.

*The point is that one **third** of the earth is now affected.*

Trumpets 5-6

READ BOTH TRUMPETS

*These trumpets initiate the final "**Woes**."*

*They describe **demonic** oppression: tormenting all and killing a **third** of humanity.*

BRIEF COMMENT ON THE ABYSS (CF. Luke 8:31)

*Those sealed by God are **protected**.*

*But the others still don't **repent**.*

TALKING TO A HOMELESS MAN IN L.A. DIDN'T WANT TO CHANGE. HOW MUCH WILL IT TAKE?

The truth for us is bittersweet.

READ THE SCROLL AND THE TEMPLE

- ▶ The angel is on both **land** and **sea**.
- ▶ There are secrets you can **hear** but not **know**.
- ▶ The mandate is both **sweet** and **sickening**.
- ▶ God's worshipers are both **safe** and **overrun**.
- ▶ The final witnesses are **empowered** and **killed**.

SOME EXPLANATION IS REQUIRED...

TEMPLE & WITNESSES & CITY / LITERAL, FIGURATIVE OR PARTIAL / TEMPLE • REV 7:15, 11:19

WE ARE CALLED TO BE PART OF SOMETHING STABLE, SAFE, SWEET AND PRECIOUS, BUT IT COMES WITH ASSOCIATED MOMENTS OF CHAOS, CONFUSION, UNPLEASANTNESS, AND OPPOSITION!

Will it be enough?

At that very hour there was a severe earthquake and a tenth of the city collapsed. Seven thousand people were killed in the earthquake, and the survivors were terrified and gave glory to the God of heaven.

Revelation 11:13

*The people give **glory**, but they don't **repent**.*

THERE WAS WAR, FAMINE, DISEASE - NOT ENOUGH
CATASTROPHIC NATURAL DISASTERS • DEMONIC OPPRESSION • SUPERNATURAL TESTIMONY
NOT ENOUGH • AFTER ALL, JESUS' OWN SACRIFICIAL LOVE WASN'T ENOUGH!

"If they do not listen to Moses and the Prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone rises from the dead."

Luke 16:31

IF YOU ARE A FOLLOWER • HOW MUCH ARE YOU ABLE TO ENDURE WITHOUT GIVING UP?
GOD ALLOWS SUFFERING BUT WILL BRING JUSTICE / PHP 2:5-11

IF YOU AREN'T A FOLLOWER, WHAT WILL BE ENOUGH FOR YOU TO GIVE YOUR LIFE TO GOD?

COMMUNION

JESUS' LOVE IS ENOUGH FOR ME.