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Sermon Five: Ominous Trumpet Soundings, Revelation 8:6-13

Let me take a few moments at the beginning of this message to give to you another Biblical passage, I believe, teaches us that the church of Jesus Christ will be raptured by Jesus to Heaven before the Tribulation Period begins. It is found in II Thessalonians 2:1-12.

Here are the lessons this text teaches:

- Paul is bringing teaching concerning the Rapture, vs. 1. “coming of our Lord Jesus Christ” and “our gathering together to Him.”
- They were being led astray by false teachers that they had already entered the Tribulation Period, vs. 1-3a. Paul, in verse 5, reminds them that he taught them differently! “It is most important to observe that Paul labeled this a false doctrine and urged the Thessalonians not to be deceived by this teaching.” (The Rapture Question, John F. Walvoord, Academic Books, 1979, p. 238)
- Pivotal point is found in verse 3b, “for **it** will not come unless the apostacy comes first, and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the son of destruction.” We must be careful to what the word “it” refers to. It is referring to what immediately precedes: “that the day of the Lord

has come.” (vs. 2b) Paul is saying that the Tribulation Period won’t come unless/until these events happen: apostasy and the revealing of the AntiChrist.

- One key event, which is a signal that the Tribulation Period has begun, is the revealing of the AntiChrist, and that can’t happen until the Holy Spirit is removed in His work as the “restrainer of sin,” vs. 7. This is a reversal of what began on the Day of Pentecost.

We left off last week with a bit of a cliff-hanger. Jesus, the Lamb of God has just broken the seventh seal of judgment and heaven fell deathly silent for a period of about half an hour, before an angel hurls a burning censor toward earth which through peals of thunder, flashes of lightning and an immense earthquake to serve as a warning that God’s wrath is about to take on a more devastating turn and then, the Bible records for us:

“And the seven angels who had the seven trumpets prepared themselves to sound them.” (Rev. 8:6)

And now, **The Ominous Trumpet Soundings, Revelation 8:6-13**

Trumpet #1 - Desolation On The Earth, vs. 7

Trumpet #2 - Desolation On The Seas, vs. 8-9

Trumpet #3 - Desolation On The Fresh Water, vs. 10-11

Trumpet #4 - Desolation In The Heavens, vs. 12