

UNVEILED

THE BOOK OF REVELATION

WK 7 - THE TRUMPETS

REVELATION 8:6-11:19

QUESTIONS TO PONDER

1. THE TRUMPET JUDGMENTS REPRESENT GOD'S "WARNING BLASTS"—PARTIAL CRISES (1/3) MEANT TO SHOCK PEOPLE OUT OF FALSE SECURITY. WHERE DO YOU SEE GOD USING MODERN WARNING SIRENS (SOCIETAL, RELATIONAL, OR CULTURAL BREAKDOWNS) TO GRAB OUR COLLECTIVE ATTENTION TODAY?
2. IN CHAPTER 9, DESPITE MASSIVE UPHEAVALS, HUMAN BEINGS STUBBORNLY "REFUSED TO REPENT" AND CLUNG TO THEIR GOLD, SILVER, AND BRONZE IDOLS. WHY IS IT SO NATURALLY DIFFICULT FOR US TO ABANDON OUR FALSE SOURCES OF SECURITY EVEN WHEN THEY ARE CLEARLY FAILING US?
3. THE "TWO WITNESSES" REPRESENT THE CHURCH STANDING IN THE MIDDLE OF A HOSTILE CULTURE TO SPEAK TRUTH WITH HUMILITY. WHAT DOES IT PRACTICALLY LOOK LIKE FOR YOU TO FUNCTION AS A FAITHFUL, PROPHETIC WITNESS RATHER THAN AN ANGRY CULTURAL WARRIOR IN YOUR EVERYDAY INTERACTIONS THIS WEEK?

THIS WEEK'S CHALLENGE

IDENTIFY A SPECIFIC AREA OF YOUR LIFE WHERE YOU'VE BEEN LEANING ON A "HORIZONTAL IDOL" FOR YOUR ULTIMATE SECURITY OR COMFORT. FINANCIAL SECURITY, A POLITICAL IDEOLOGY, OR SOCIAL STATUS. THIS WEEK, INTENTIONALLY FAST FROM THAT SOURCE OF SECURITY FOR 24 HOURS (E.G., TURN OFF THE "NEWS", OR LIMIT CONSUMER SPENDING). USE THAT BLANK SPACE TO DROP TO YOUR KNEES AND PRAY FOR OUR CITY AND OUR WORLD. CONFESS OUT LOUD: "THE KINGDOMS OF THIS WORLD BELONG TO MY LORD, AND I DROP MY IDOLS TO FOLLOW THE LAMB."