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# Tribulation Judgments





# Seven Trumpets

(Revelation 8–11)



1. 1<sup>st</sup> Trumpet (8:7) – 1/3 vegetation destroyed
2. 2<sup>nd</sup> Trumpet (8:8-9) – 1/3 ocean destroyed
3. 3<sup>rd</sup> Trumpet (8:10-11) – 1/3 water destroyed
4. 4th Trumpet (8:12-13) – 1/3 luminaries darkened
5. 5th Trumpet (9:1-12) – Demons released
6. 6th Trumpet (9:13-21) – 1/3 humanity destroyed
7. 7th Trumpet (11:14-19) – Legal transfer announced

## Revelation 11:15

“Then the seventh angel sounded; 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 (*basileuō*) forever and ever.’” (cf. Matt. 6:10)



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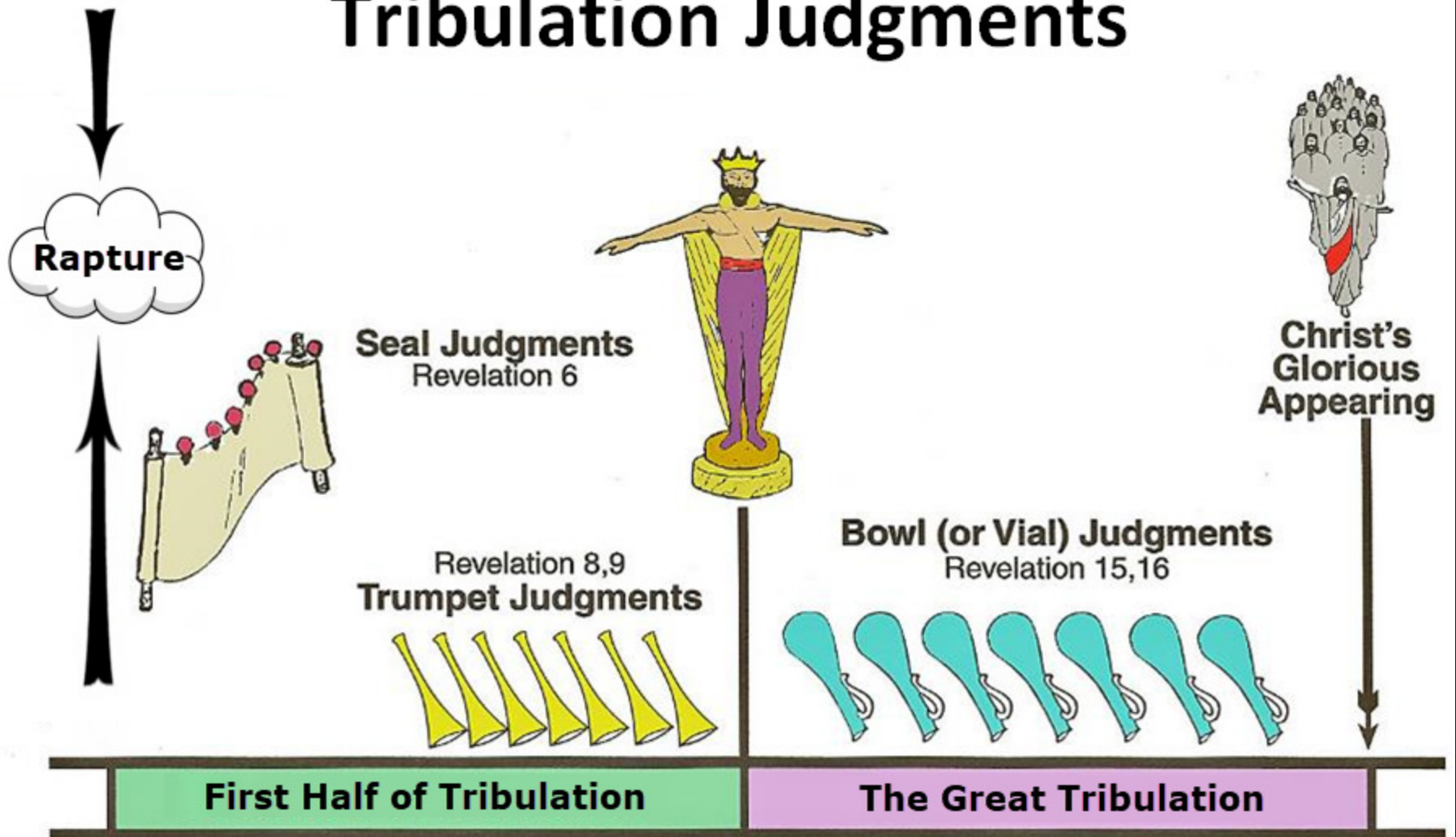
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# Distinctions Between 144,000 & Multitude

**144,000**

**MULTITUDE**

**Revelation 7:1-8**

**Revelation 7:9-17**

**Numbered**

**Innumerable**

**Jews**

**All nations**

**Sealed**

**Slain**

**Sealed before the Tribulation**

**Converted out of the Tribulation**

Hitchcock and Ice, *The Truth Behind Left Behind*, 77

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## Revelation 1:6; 5:10

“and He has made us to be a kingdom, priests to His God and Father—to Him be the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen...You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to our God; and they will reign [*basileuō*] upon the earth [*gē*].”



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# Activities of the Angels

## ■ Past

- ◆ Witnessed creation (Job 38:7)
- ◆ **Brought judgment (Gen 19:22; Acts 12:22-23)**
- ◆ Accompanied the Law (Gal 3:19)
- ◆ Announced births of John and Christ (Luke 1:11-13, 26-27)
- ◆ Strengthened Christ (Matt 4:11)
- ◆ Announced resurrection (Matt 28:1-7)
- ◆ Observed Ascension (Acts 1:11)
- ◆ Brought messages (Luke 1:13)

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# Promised Exemption from Divine Wrath

- The promise (1 Thess 1:10; 5:9; Rom 5:9; 8:1; Rev 3:10)
- Tribulation = divine wrath (Rev 6:16-17; 11:18; 15:1, 7; 16:1, 19)





## Psalm 90:2

“Before the mountains were born Or You gave birth to the earth and the world, Even from everlasting (*olam*) to everlasting (*olam*), You are God.”

Before the mountains were brought forth,  
or ever you had formed the earth and the world,  
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## Romans 16:26

“but now is manifested, and by the Scriptures of the prophets, according to the commandment of the eternal (aiōnios) God, has been made known to all the nations, *leading* to obedience of faith



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# David Hocking

David Hocking, *The Book of Revelation: Understanding the Future* (Tustin, CA: Hope For Today Publications, 2014), 459.

“God's plan includes the coming of God's wrath, and it will be *‘fulfilled’* (completed). Until it is finished, no one could enter the temple in heaven, dramatically emphasizing the importance of these seven last plagues in the overall plan of God.”



Conclusion

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