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The trumpet blast has always been used throughout scripture as an instrument preceding the announcement of something about to happen. In this case, the announcement paves the way for great storms and cataclysms to break upon the earth, the seas, the sky, and below the earth.

Reminiscent of the 10 plagues against the Egyptians prior to the exodus (Exodus 7-15), these judgements would appear to be aimed against the false god's and idols which mankind habitually give themselves to, from the earth, the environment to other activities/lifestyles, which in actuality are demonic.

Intended to display God's power and supreme authority over all, while seeking to purge the world of its evil, the inhabitants of the earth, rather than repent from their sin/idolatry in order to turn and

honor God, like Pharaoh, continue to harden their hearts.

God's purpose of cosmic, restoration through Christ will be fulfilled (Rom 8). Wickedness embodied by: rebellion, sexual perversion, injustice, abusive power struggles, false religion, demonic oppression and the like, may have had their time on the world stage, but room MUST be made for the Main Character to arrive!

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Read this passage out loud together as a group/family before asking any of the below questions.

+OBSERVATION/INTERPRETATION/APPLICATION

- Look up these verses, and describe the various ways trumpets were used: Ezekiel 33:1, Joel 2:1, Matt. 24:31, 1 Cor. 15:52
- God sent plagues on the Egypt to:
 - deliver His people from slavery (Ex 7-14)
 - to reveal His mighty power (Ex 15)
 - to judge the Egyptians for idolatry,
 - and to prove that the god's of Egypt were false

Compare the plagues in Exodus 7:14-11:10 to the judgements of the trumpets. What echoes of Exodus do you observe in Revelation? What to you think God is saying in planning these echoes?

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