Revelation 8:

1. v1-2

- a. What seal is opened? (v1)
- b. Why do you think there is half an hour silence in heaven?
- c. What did John see when the 7th seal is opened? (v2)
- d. What do you think the 7 trumpets represent? (Rev 6:17)
- e. Do you think that the believers, now in heaven, will be able to view the coming events on earth?

2. V3-5 ('another angel')

- a. What does the angel have in his hand and where is he standing? (v3)
- b. What is he given to offer? (v3)
 What do you think is the content of the prayers of the saints in this context? (Rev 6:9-11)
- c. What does the angel do with the golden censer? (v3-5)
- d. What happens when the 'fire from the altar is cast to the earth'? (v5)
- e. What do you think is the significance of ": and there were voices, and thunderings, and lightnings, and an earthquake."? (v5)
- f. Read Luke 17:24-30. "It rained fire from heaven in the days of Lot." What do you think does Jesus mean when He says "Even thus shall it be in the day when the Son of man is revealed"?
- g. Why will God pour out His wrath on mankind? (Jude 14-18, 2 Pet 2:9, Rom 1:18)

3. **V6**.

- a. What are the 7 angels going to do?
- b. What do you think is the significance of blowing the trumpets? For example Num 10:9a.

4. **V7 – 1st Trumpet**

- a. What was cast upon the earth?
- b. What happened to the trees and the grass?

5. $V8-9 - 2^{nd}$ Trumpet

- a. What was cast into the sea?
- b. What happened to the sea, the sea creatures and the ships?

6. V10-11 – 3rd Trumpet

- a. What fell upon a third part of the rivers and upon the fountains of waters?
- b. What happened to the water of these rivers?
- c. What is the name of the star?
- d. Do you think there is any significance in the name of the star? (Deut 29:18, Jer 9:15, Jer 23:15)
- e. What happens to man when they drink the contaminated water?

7. V12 – 4th Trumpet

- a. What happened to a third part of the sun, the moon and the stars?
- b. In our perspective how will the days and nights be affected?

8. V13

a. What do you think does it mean when the angel is saying "woe, woe, woe, to the inhabitants of the earth"?

Revelation 9:

1. V1-11 -> The 5th Trumpet

- a. What/who do you think "the star from heaven" is? Is he an angel or a demon? (v1, v11)
- b. What was given to the star that fell from heaven? (v1)
- c. Read Rev 20:1-3. Do you think the angel of Rev 9:1,11 is the same angel that casts Satan in the bottomless pit in Rev 20:1-3?
- d. What happened when the "bottomless pit" was opened? (v2-3)
- e. What in your understanding is the power that was given to the "locusts that came out of the bottomless pit"? (v3, 5)
- f. What commands/instructions were given to these locusts? (v4-5) For how long? (v5, 10)
- g. Who do you think are those men that have the "seal of God in their foreheads"? (Rev 7:3-4)
- h. Why do you think does it say "in those days shall men seek death" and "shall desire to die"? What do you think does it mean when "death shall flee from them"? (v6)
- i. What do these locusts look like? (v7-10)

2. V12-19 -> The 6th Trumpet

- a. How many woes are left? (v12)
- b. What was the 6th angel told to do after the trumpet sounded? (v14)
- Read Gen 2:14 and Gen 3:22-24.
 Do you think it is possible that the 4 angels that are bound in the great river Euphrates could be the Cherubims protecting the garden of Eden in Gen 3:24?
- d. How big is the army of horsemen and what do they look like? (v16-19)
- e. How many men will be killed? (v15) How will they be killed? (v18-19)
- f. Are the horsemen sent by God? Do you think God created them for this purpose? Where do you think are they now?

3. V20-21

- a. Why do you think do the men that were not killed by the first 6 trumpets still not repent?
- b. What are these men's sins? (v20-21)

4. Rev 11:14-19 -> The 7th Trumpet

5. The wrath of God:

- a. What is God's desire and heart for mankind? (1 Tim 2:1-6, 1 Tim 4:10, Rom 5:18, Rom 10:13, 2 Pet 3:9, John 1:7, John 5:22-24, John 3:16, John 12:32).
- b. What did John the Baptist say about those that will not believe in Jesus? (John 3:27-36)
- c. Do you think God is righteous in His judgement? (Rom 2:5-11, Deut 32:4, Ps 89:14, Jer 23:5)

d. Read Rev 22:18-19

- I. What stern warning is God giving to any man who adds or takes away words from God's book?
- II. Do you think the plagues that God is referring to in v18, are the plagues in the 7 trumpets (and 7 vials)?
- III. Do you think this only applies to the book of Revelation or the whole Bible?
- e. Do you think there will be anyone alive after God has poured out His wrath on the earth? (Zech 14:16)
- f. Review the 10 plagues in Ex 7 to 12. Are there any comparisons between the 'trumpet judgements' and the 10 plagues?

6. How would you respond to people when they say:

- a. "How can a loving God pour out His wrath on mankind"?
- b. "The 7 trumpets are only figurative. They will not really happen and they have a figurative meaning."
- c. "Many of these events have already happened."