THE 7 TRUMPETS

Chaps.8-11

Summary

The first 4 trumpets symbolized natural calamities that God brought upon the empire. With the 5th trumpet the wicked suffered torment, perhaps symbolizing the bitter consequences of their corrupt living. The 6th trumpet brought other nations against Rome, invading armies that killed many. All of these were instruments that God used in an effort to "wake up" the people and turn them from their evil ways.

Because these are warning judgments, only 1/3 is destroyed by them. It indicates that God is only bringing partial destruction at this point, hoping the people would be warned and repent. Sadly, they do not heed the warnings and all that is left for God to do was unleash his full wrath against them.

(Quote taken from "Unlocking the mystery of Revelation" pg.48, by David Banning)

1. **Do we see God's justice in these warnings? If so, explain how.**

2. **Do we see God's love in these warnings? If so, explain how.**

3. **God used natural calamities to warn Rome and turn the people from their evil ways. Could he do the same things today? Why, or why not?**

4. **What is the most important thing you learned from these chapters?**