

# Your Prayers' Place at the Seventh Seal

Rev. 8:1-5 Series: End Times Motivation

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## Context of the seventh seal

- Rapture and the Great Tribulation (or vice versa?)
- God's wrath (Rev. 6:12-17)
- Martyred saints cry for justice (6:9-10)
- Angels will have been "holding back" harm (Rev. 7:1-3)

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- Prepares for coming judgment
  - \_\_\_\_\_ priests each with a \_\_\_\_\_  
(Josh. 6)
  - \_\_\_\_\_ angels each with a \_\_\_\_\_  
(Rev. 8)
- Brings fear
  - People of Jericho were \_\_\_\_\_ (Josh. 2:9-10; 6:1)
  - People of earth will be \_\_\_\_\_ and hiding (Rev. 6:15-17)
- "Trumpet" in Rev. 8:2 is most likely a shofar (ram's horn) as in Josh. 6
  - To direct the movement of troops in \_\_\_\_\_

A scene of worship (Rev. 8:3-4). Like the priest burning incense in the Temple.

A scene of terror (Rev. 8:5)

- The instrument of \_\_\_\_\_ becomes an instrument of \_\_\_\_\_!

Two Encouragements from the sixth seal:

- 1) Your prayers have an impact in heaven and before God.
- 2) Your prayers will one day be part of God's final judgement on earth

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  - **Seven** priests each with a **trumpet** (Josh. 6)
  - **Seven** angels each with a **trumpet** (Rev. 8)
- Brings fear
  - People of Jericho were **scared** (Josh. 2:9-10; 6:1)
  - People of earth will be **fearful** and hiding (Rev. 6:15-17)
- "Trumpet" in Rev. 8:2 is most likely a shofar (ram's horn) as in Josh. 6
  - To direct the movement of troops in **battle**

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## A scene of terror (Rev. 8:5)

- The instrument of **worship** becomes an instrument of **destruction!**

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