

# How The Bible Was Put Together and Why It Is (Still) Our Book

[Week 23]

*\*(Revelation)\**

- Opening Scripture:
  - **concluding Revelation 7 (vs.10-17) & beginning Chapters 8 & 9**
    - **Doxological Statements** – Praise to GOD
    - **Promises of ultimate salvation (after the great tribulation)** – Redeemed saints who suffered
  - ONGOING FOCUS: **Symbolism in Prophetic & Apocalyptic Literature**
- ✓ This week: The Seventh Seal & The Trumpet Judgements
  - Silence in Heaven
  - Seven Angels – Significance
    - Trumpets – Number & Meaning
      - **First Trumpet**
        - Destructive imagery.
          - 1/3 destruction
          - All grass
      - **Second Trumpet**
        - Destructive imagery.
          - Mountain into sea - meaning
          - 1/3 destruction
            - Blood, creatures, ships
      - **Third Trumpet**
        - Star (“Wormwood”)
          - Waters poisoned – history & possible future
      - **Fourth Trumpet**
        - 1/3 heavenly lights extinguished
        - Symbol of eagle
      - **Fifth Trumpet**
        - Another star & Key to the Abyss
          - Suffering, but not death (nor harm Nature) – why?
          - Meaning (allegory) of appearances of “locusts”
      - **Sixth Trumpet**
        - Angels released
          - Number of troops
            - Appearance of riders
          - Lack of repentance
  - **CONTINUING KEY WORDS:** *Hermeneutic; Semiotics; Transmission; Transliteration (vs. translation &/or paraphrase); Psuedopigrapha; Inspiration; Divine Superintendence; Textual Reliability; Exogesis/Isogesis; Anthropomorphism, Polytheism/Henotheism & Monotheism; Eschaton &/or Parousia; Millennialism/PRE-Millennialism/POST-Millennialism/ A-Millennialism; Dispensationalism; Covenant Theology*

**(?)NEXT SESSION (?): Revelation 10 (& beyond) – Angelic appearance & continuing call to prophecy**