

**MOOREBANK & HAMMONDVILLE ANGLICAN CHURCH**  
**QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION OR REFLECTION**  
Passage: Revelation 8-9

1. Take a moment to review what we have seen so far in Revelation. Match up the following features with the texts below:

**Description**

The final judgment

The new creation

Struggles of 1<sup>st</sup> Century Christians & churches

The first coming of Jesus

The present age between 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> comings of Jesus

**Passage**

Revelation 6:12-17

Revelation 2-3

Revelation 7:9-17

Revelation 6:1-8

Revelation 1:5

**Read Revelation 8:1-5**

2. In the light of Revelation 6:9-11 what do you think is the content of the saints prayers in 8:3-4?
3. After the prayers of the saints go up, what is hurled down? What does this result in from v5?
4. What does this suggest about connection between the divine judgments that follow in chapters 8 & 9 and the prayers of the saints?

**Read Revelation 8:6-12**

5. Read through the judgments that follow the first four trumpets:
  - a. Can you think of episodes in the Bible they remind you of?
  - b. Imagine you're a Christian suffering for following Jesus in the first century. How does God's acts for his people in the past help you deal with life in the present?
6. What is the significance of the judgments being limited ie a third of the trees were destroyed? How does this increase the indictment of 9:20-21?

**Read Revelation 8:13-9:19**

7. Where did the judgments fall for the first four trumpets? With the more severe judgments of the last three, where do the judgments fall?
8. Again the judgment of the fifth and sixth judgment is limited. What is the implicit invitation in this restraint of judgment? Are you surprised by 9:20-21? Why / Why not?
9. How does it change how you view the world to understand that these judgments of God are not only some future event, but an ongoing reality in the period between Christ's first and second coming?

**Prayer**

10. Read Luke 13:1-5. What is the lesson that Jesus draws from a local disaster? How does this correspond with Revelation 8-9?
11. The judgment of God on a corrupted and broken world comes in response to the prayers of God's people. How can we pray more for suffering believers in other parts of the world?