

Intro: The opening of the seventh seal on the scroll unleashed—silence in heaven for about half an hour. It also revealed the seven angels who stand before God, and who received seven trumpets.

I. God's Restrained Judgment on Creation

- a. Thirteen 1/3rds in six verses
- b. The cause for joy in Psalm 98? The LORD's judgment.
- c. Through his judgment we see his rightness

II. All God's Judgments are Warnings—Until the Last Day

- a. We need to turn back to God—and to the cross
- b. *Everyone* in the world deserves punishment
- c. The flood foreshadowed the Last Day

III. The Mountain Thrown into the Sea

- a. Reminds us that this is a vision
- b. Was foreshadowed by a withered fig tree
- c. Connects prayers of faith to God's judgments

Close: With the sounding of the first four trumpets, visions of judgment are clearly seen. However, actual inhabitants of the earth—people being judged—aren't yet mentioned. That will change dramatically when the fifth trumpet sounds.