## The Seventh Seal

Revelation 8:1-5

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## I. The Silence in Heaven – verse 1

- A. Silence in heaven is most unusual
- B. Why the silence?

## II. The Seven Angels – verse 2

- A. This is speaking of a particular group Luke 1:18-19a
- B. To stand before God there is significance
  - 1. Place of honor
  - 2. Means ready to serve
- C. Seven angels are given seven trumpets

In the Old Testament there were 7 reasons for sounding trumpets:

1. It was sounded to show that God was intervening in the events of men.

Brass Altar

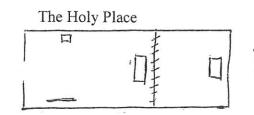
- 2. It was sounded in order to prepare men for battle.
- 3. It was sounded to gather the people of Israel together.
- 4. It was sounded to command the people to march.
- 5. It was sounded to announce the Year of Jubilee.
- 6. It was sounded to mark out the first day of the seventh month.
- 7. Trumpets were used to accompany public worship.

## III. The Censer of Gold - verses 3-5

A. What is this angel doing?

B. Old Testament Tabernacle

C. Two-fold impact of verse 5



The Holy of Holies