



## **The Book of Revelation - Session 22: The Seven Trumpets (Cont.)**

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### **Revelation Chapter 9**

*As we continue to go through the book of Revelation, we want to get a picture that this book lets us know that **God is in complete control of the future:***

We must be watchful, *as I have stated before*, for the language of similarity. Words like “like and as”, *as we continue to walk through this book.*

Remember this scroll is in the hand of Jesus and everything is under His control.

*Nothing happens here on the earth and in Heaven that is not in the control of His hand.*

Last session we finished discussing the sounding of the first 4 trumpets in Revelation chapter 8, and we are about to look at the last three trumpets which the Bible calls the three woes.

### **Revelation Chapter 9**

**Rev 9:1 Then the fifth angel sounded: And I saw a star fallen from heaven to the earth. To him was given the key to the bottomless pit.**

This star has already fallen from Heaven when John sees it.

It's some sort of a heavenly being because this star is referred to in the verse by the pronoun “him.”

*In revelation chapter 1 we see stars can be reference to angels.*

**Revelation 1:20 The mystery of the seven stars that you saw in my right hand and of the seven golden lampstands is this: The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches...**

*I'm not saying that this star is one of the stars of the seven churches, only that stars can reference angels when mention in the bible.*

*Some think that this being is satan, and it very well could be.*

*After all Jesus says He saw satan fall from Heaven. **Luke 10:18 And He said to them, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven."***

**In Isaiah 14:12 satan is identified as a star that has fallen. (NIV) How you have fallen from heaven, O morning star, son of the dawn! You have been cast down to the earth, you who once laid low the nations!**



*So, we see from the two scriptures satan is called a star that has fallen. So satan fits the description.*

Revelation chapter 1 tells us the Jesus has the keys to Death and hades. So, it is Jesus giving this being the key.

The bottomless pit or the shaft of the Abyss is the abode of the beast, fallen angels, and really bad demonic entities.

***Luke 8:31 And they begged Him that He would not command them to go out into the abyss.***

*It is evidently a preliminary prison, not their final abode, which is the lake of fire. It is important to note that this being is given the key to the bottomless pit.*

*Throughout Revelation, Jesus is the One who grants all authority and is always in complete control.*

*Remember Jesus has the scroll in His hands. Which means all authority and control as well. So, He could use satan to do this at the will of God.*

**Rev 9:2 And he opened the bottomless pit, and smoke arose out of the pit like the smoke of a great furnace. So the sun and the air were darkened because of the smoke of the pit.**

The abyss is alleged to be in the middle of the earth. Smoke is usually a sign of judgment or torture.

*It is worth noting that, in this chapter, there are more occurrences of the words “as” and “like” than in any other chapter in the Bible.*

**Rev 9:3 Then out of the smoke locusts came upon the earth. And to them was given power, as the scorpions of the earth have power.**

Some suggest that these locusts are demons, while others suggest that they are advanced military weaponry. But the bible doesn't say that. It says that they will be locusts.

*I think if they were like locusts the bible would have told us given the pattern in which this book is written.*

*Just because their description doesn't fit what we think locust ought to look like, doesn't mean that there are not locusts from another dimension, and this is what they look like this.*

*These locusts may be possessed by demons, but we don't know. We do know that they are demonic.*

Notice that they are given power. This power was given to them by God.

*Please notice that these locusts are not called scorpions, nor are we told that they look like scorpions, just that they have the power to torment as scorpions do.*

**Rev 9:4 They were commanded not to harm the grass of the earth, or any green thing, or any tree, but only those men who do not have the seal of God on their foreheads.**



*Locusts are greatly feared because they can strip a country of every green thing.*

But these locusts have a special assignment, these locusts are “given” power to harm those who didn’t have the seal of God on their foreheads, those who were not a part of the 144,000.

*Notice they are given power; they do not come out of the abyss with power.*

Jesus gives them this power and instructions, for all authority and power is in His hands.

**5 And they were not given authority to kill them, but to torment them for five months. Their torment was like the torment of a scorpion when it strikes a man.**

*The 144,000 will still be ministering and I believe that many will be saved and sealed through their ministry.*

All those who have become believers and are sealed on their foreheads during this time will also be protected.

*So, they are limited to just harming by stinging, people who are not saved.*

Again, we see God’s sovereignty, here prohibiting death and limiting the torment to five months.

**Rev 9:6 In those days men will seek death and will not find it; they will desire to die, and death will flee from them.**

People will want to die. Some may try to commit suicide and it will not work.

Remember Jesus has the keys to hell and death, so death is under His control. **(Revelation 1:18)**

**7 The shape of the locusts was like horses prepared for battle. On their heads were crowns of something like gold, and their faces were like the faces of men. 8 They had hair like women's hair, and their teeth were like lions' teeth. 9 And they had breastplates like breastplates of iron, and the sound of their wings was like the sound of chariots with many horses running into battle. 10 They had tails like scorpions, and there were stings in their tails. Their power was to hurt men five months.**

1. **“The appearance of the locusts was like horses prepared for battle.”** These creatures had mobility. They came like a calvary.

Just because we haven’t seen locusts like this doesn’t mean they are not locusts. They could be coming from another dimension.

These could be the beings that are spoken of in the book of Jude. **Jude 6 And the angels who did not keep their proper domain, but left their own abode, He has reserved in everlasting chains under darkness for the judgment of the great day.**



2. **“On their heads appeared to be crowns like gold.”** Their crowns probably symbolize their victory over the objects of their oppression.
3. **“Their faces were like the faces of men.”** This may imply intelligence.
4. **“They had hair like the hair of women.”** This may imply they have a level of ungodly glory. Remember the bible says that a woman’s hair is her glory.
5. **“Their teeth were like the teeth of lions.”** They have the ability to devour.
6. **“They had breastplates like breastplates of iron and the sound of their wings was like the sound of chariots, of many horses rushing to battle.”**
7. **“They have tails like scorpions, and stings; and in their tails is their power to hurt men for five months.”** These demonic entities are able to wreak havoc for five months through stinging tails.

**Rev 9:11 And they had as king over them the angel of the bottomless pit, whose name in Hebrew is Abaddon, but in Greek he has the name Apollyon.**

These locusts have a king over them, angel of the abyss” who is called “Abaddon” and “Apollyon” both meaning “destruction.”

This angel is not satan, as many believe. Nowhere in Scripture is satan referred to by either of these names.

*More importantly, this angel is confined to the Abyss until he is released by the “Star Being” while Satan is roaming free in the earth.*

**Revelation 9:12 One woe is past. Behold, still two more woes are coming after these things. 13 Then the sixth angel sounded: And I heard a voice from the four horns of the golden altar which is before God, 14 saying to the sixth angel who had the trumpet, "Release the four angels who are bound at the great river Euphrates." 15 So the four angels, who had been prepared for the hour and day and month and year, were released to kill a third of mankind.**

*Someone near the four horns of the golden altar in heaven, maybe the angel identified with it in **chapter 8:3**, gave a command after the sixth angel blew the sixth trumpet.*

The four angels mentioned in verse 14 are angels that John had not seen before. They must be fallen angels since good angels are never mentioned to be bound.

God had a purpose for them to fulfill and ordered their release to accomplish His will.

*Scripture does not record when or why God bound these angels, but evidently, He restricted them as punishment.*

These angels are bound **“at the great river Euphrates.”** Euphrates was in the Mesopotamian Valley, which was the cradle of civilization.

*It was where the garden of Eden was located; it was where the first sin was committed; it was where the first lie was told; it was where the first murder was committed; and it was where the first grave was dug.*



These four angels, who had been prepared for this hour and day and month and year will be released, so that they would fulfill their assignment to kill a third of mankind.

This precision highlights the preciseness of God's divine plan. His purposes will be accomplished perfectly and on schedule.

Isaiah talks about the preciseness of God here in **Isaiah 46:9-10** **9 Remember the former things of old, For I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like Me, 10 Declaring the end from the beginning, And from ancient times things that are not yet done, Saying, 'My counsel shall stand, And I will do all My pleasure,'**

**Rev 9:16 Now the number of the army of the horsemen was two hundred million; I heard the number of them.**

Some believe that these soldiers will come out of the Asian nations.

Some say the horses mentioned here are probably military armor vehicles.

*The ones with power in their tails are probably rockets and this army, through demonic influence kills 1/3 of the earth's population.*

But I believe these could be beings from another dimension. Because humanity has been trying to peel back the fabric of space and time for quite a while now.

Can humanity do this? According to the word of God humanity can do what they put their mind to do.

**Genesis 11:5-7 But the Lord came down to look at the city and the tower the people were building. 6 "Look!" he said. "The people are united, and they all speak the same language. After this, nothing they set out to do will be impossible for them!"**

*I don't know this for sure, but it is something we should think about.*

**Rev 9:17 And thus I saw the horses in the vision: those who sat on them had breastplates of fiery red, hyacinth blue, and sulfur yellow; and the heads of the horses were like the heads of lions; and out of their mouths came fire, smoke, and brimstone. 18 By these three plagues a third of mankind was killed by the fire and the smoke and the brimstone which came out of their mouths. 19 For their power is in their mouth and in their tails; for their tails are like serpents, having heads; and with them they do harm.**

Keep in mind; this will result in approximately half the population of the earth, alive at the beginning of the tribulation, being dead at the end of this judgment.

One-fourth died under the fourth seal judgment **Revelation 6:7-8**, and many more died as martyrs and for other reasons **Daniel 12:1, Matthew 24:21-22**. However, it is only the earth-dwellers; those in rebellion against God, who suffer death as a result of this woe.

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*This mean that half of the earth's population will have died during the tribulation up to this point.*

**20 But the rest of mankind, who were not killed by these plagues, did not repent of the works of their hands, that they should not worship demons, and idols of gold, silver, brass, stone, and wood, which can neither see nor hear nor walk. 21 And they did not repent of their murders or their sorceries or their sexual immorality or their thefts.**

These last two verses are two of the saddest in the entire Bible.

After all of the calamity, destruction, and death, those who are still alive still will not repent and turn to Jesus as lord and savior.