The Lion and The Lamb

Revelation 9:13-21

- In heaven the seals have been opened, trumpets are sounding, and on earth total chaos and catastrophe has brought unimaginable destruction upon mankind. The Sun and moon have been diminished, the seas and fresh water polluted, the trees and grass burned up, along with the earthquakes, its left the earth unrecognizable.

- If that wasn't enough the demonic have been unleashed as the bottomless pit has been opened and out of it have come creatures that John can only describe as like something, but not really it. They have been given a timestamp of five months to wreak havoc upon those who have yet to surrender to Jesus, in that time it will be so bad that people will seek death to escape but won't find it, **V6** it will run from them.

V13-21

- **V12** before the sixth trumpet sounds an ominous warning comes that this is just one woe, pointing back to **CH 8**, **V13** when an Angel flying through the midst of heaven declares "**woe**, **woe**, **woe to the inhabitants of the earth**, **because of the remaining blasts of the trumpet of the three Angels who are about to sound**".

- **V13-16** it was at the golden altar of incense that the angel offered the prayers of the saints > **8:3-5**, Now from this same altar a voice speaks, commanding that four angels be loosed. These are not holy angels as no holy angel is bound, so being wicked angels each are given a part of a vast army of two hundred million beings at their liberation. The army is released at a precise time, for a specific purpose.

- Their purpose is to kill not just torment, a third f the world's population, now since a fourth of mankind have already been killed according to 6:8, this means that half of the world's population will be dead by the time the sixth trumpet judgment is completed. As I read this remember what Jesus said about the great tribulation > **Math 24:21-22**- notice unless the days are shortened no one will be saved.

- In the midst of all this horror God's grace is still there > **6:8** a fourth of the earth dies not everyone, when the bottomless pit is opened and those unimaginable things are loosed to sting ad torment but not kill and for five months. People will try to kill themselves but cannot giving them another opportunity to get right with God.

- Now here a third of mankind is killed but not all, as The Lord gives people who still are alive another chance to surrender to Him, after seeing and experiencing all of this you would think people would be falling on their knees in repentance right!

- Also in reading this most of Satan's angels are free now, being the principalities against which we wrestle against today according to Ephesians 6. but in reading Revelation there still are some terrible high ranking offenders, that have been bound and preserved for the great tribulation, that are specifically reserved for this time.

- **V17-19** in describing this army we see a description of horror, destruction, ad demonic association, many commentaries will attempt to say this is John's best description of moder machinery in the only terms he can. Today China claims to be able to put an army of 1 million plus men on the battlefield, that's the most that any nation claims. I believe the United States claims to be able to put between 500,000 and 700,000 and many place doubt that we could realistically do even that.

- So two hundred million on the battlefield especially with all the devastation and death that has already occurred sounds more supernatural than an army of people. So I take it as an army headed by four fallen angels who's sole purpose is to kill people, and specifically a third of all mankind. So if we have eight billion on the planet today and many have been raptured, and now half killed, those who want a less populated earth just got their wish, but not in the way they wanted.

- **V20-21** here is the response of mankind, those who were not killed by the disease, earthquakes, famine, pollution, stars falling to the ground, scorpions stinging, demons killing, people doing whatever to survive. Instead of looking around at all the devastation, and torment that they have endured ad crying out to God, repenting of their sin, and false worship, covetousness, murder, drugs, sexual immorality.

- The United States is the leading the world in committing murders, illegal drug use, and volume of pornography consumption and web traffic. 25% of the entire world's online pornography sites come from the United States, the next closet nation is United Kingdom at a little over 5%, when you look at these sins listed here in Revelation which was written over two centuries ago its like a modern list against our present age. There is nothing to stop any of this from beginning except rapture.