

Revelation 9: Trumpet Judgments Continue/Demonic Plagues

Remember to Lift Up the Lord Jesus Christ

Chapter 8 Review: The Seventh Seal; Trumpet Judgments Begin

I. Seventh Seal Opened: 4 of 7 Trumpet Judgments Begin

II. Trumpet Judgments Begin

Trees Burnt

Salt Water becomes Blood

Fresh water become bitter

Sun, Moon and Stars smitten

III. Terrifying Announcement to Earth Dwellers

3 Trumpet Judgments Left

Chapter 9 Introduction:

*And I looked, and I heard an **angel [Eagle]** flying through the midst of heaven, saying with a loud voice, "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!"* [Revelation 8:13]

I. Fifth and Sixth Trumpet Judgment under the Seventh Seal:

Intensity **increases**

Trumpet Five: Demonic Locusts

Trumpet Six: 4 Demons Unleashed and Empower a Great Demonic Army

Revelation 9

I. Fifth Trumpet: Demonic Locust from the Bottomless Pit

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.

"Star" falls from heaven to earth

To *him* [Star] was given the key to the bottomless pit; i.e. *abussos*. Lit. The "**pit of the abyss**"

Abyss: Heart of the Earth; Hades or connected with Hades [another compartment]

Luke 16:26 And besides all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed, so that those who want to pass from here to you cannot, nor can those from there pass to us.'

Luke 8:31 [Demons] begged Him that He would not command them to go out into the abyss.

Confinement [incarceration] for Genesis 6 and Jude 6 ***fallen*** ones

Symbols have **keys** [see intro]; this "star" is an angel as a key has been given:

Revelation 1:20 The mystery of the seven stars which you saw in My right hand, and the seven golden lampstands: The **seven stars are the angels** of the seven churches, and the seven lampstands which you saw are the seven churches.

Star Fallen: Past tense

Luke 10:18 [Jesus] said to them, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven."

[Paraphrase] The fifth angel sounded his trumpet and I saw that Satan had fallen from heaven to earth and was given access to the heart of the earth, the place of confinement for select wicked fallen angels; i.e. this cage of demons is about to be opened!

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. 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.

Bottomless Pit opened:

Abyss Root Word: "without depth" ; center of the earth no bottom, just ceiling

Smoke rose like a **huge furnace**

Genesis 19:28 [first mention of smoke] ... [Abraham] looked toward Sodom and Gomorrah, and toward all the land of the plain; and he saw, and behold, the smoke of the land which went up like the **smoke of a furnace**.

Sun and air darkened **worldwide** ...by the smoke and more than previously:

Revelation 8:12 Then the fourth angel sounded: And a third of the sun was struck, a third of the moon, and a third of the stars, so that a third of them were **darkened**. A third of the day **did not shine**, and likewise the night.

Matthew: 24:29 [see chart] "Immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken.

Out of the smoke **locusts "came upon the earth"**

Locust "**given**" power "*as the scorpions of the earth have power*" v.5

Locust: Not symbolic as No key given; John calls them locusts as

did Joel:

Joel 1:6 For a nation has come up against My land, Strong, and without number; His teeth are the teeth of a lion, And he has the fangs of a fierce lion.

Joel 2:25 "So I will restore to you the years that the swarming locust has eaten, The crawling locust, The consuming locust, And the chewing locust, My great army which I sent among you.

God is in complete control:

Chronology: Last part of the Great Tribulation but before the Bowl Judgments which are more intense and will conclude with the Second Coming of Jesus Christ

1st Seal Anti-Christ	2nd Seal War	3rd Seal Famine	4th Seal Death
Revelation 6 Revelation 13	Revelation 6	Revelation 6	Revelation 6
Matthew 24:4-5	Matthew 24:6-7	Matthew 24:7	Matthew 24:7-8
Dan. 7:8 and Dan. 9			

5th Seal Dragon Attack	6th Seal Cosmic Disturbances
Revelation 6 & 12	Revelation 6
Matthew 24:8-28	Matthew 24:28-31
Daniel 7:21, 25 Daniel 12:11	

Mission of Locusts: TO HURT **HUMANS** ONLY

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. 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.

Commanded by God:

Do not harm the earth

Do not harm any green thing

Do not harm any tree

Do harm those who **do not have the Seal of God on their foreheads**

144,000 were sealed:

Revelation 7:4 And I heard the number of those who were **sealed**. One hundred *and* forty-four thousand of all the tribes of the children of Israel *were* sealed

Great Multitude Sealed? 3 Views:

Caught up in a second rapture. Don't think so

All martyred by this time...maybe

Sealed because of their faith...probably though not mentioned in Revelation:

Ephesians 1:13 In Him you also trusted, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, **having believed, you were sealed** with the **Holy Spirit** of promise...

Ephesians 4:30 ...do not grieve the **Holy Spirit** of God, by whom you

were **sealed** for the day of redemption.

1 **Thessalonians 5:9** ...God did not appoint us to **wrath**, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ,

Do not kill but torment “*earth dwellers*” for **5 months**

5 Months of Torment: 150 Days as in the Days of Noah; i.e. **Judgment/Demonic** activity

Genesis 8:2 The fountains of the deep and the windows of heaven were also stopped, and the rain from heaven was restrained. 3 And the waters receded continually from the earth. At the end of the *hundred and fifty days* the waters decreased.

Revelation 9:21 [Later in this chapter] And they did not repent of their murders or their sorceries or their sexual immorality or their thefts.

Do torment as torment of a scorpion

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

Matthew 24:21 For then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been since the beginning of the world until this time, no, nor ever shall be. ²² And unless those days were shortened, no flesh would be saved; but for the elect’s sake those days will be shortened.

Seek death but not find it: Pre-cursor to **hell**

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**.

Appearance of Tormenting Locusts:

Shape *like* horses ready for battle

Joel 2:2 A day of darkness and gloominess, A day of clouds and thick darkness, Like the morning *clouds* spread over the mountains. A people *come*, great and strong, The like of whom has never been; Nor will there ever be any *such* after them, Even for many successive generations... ⁴ Their appearance is like the appearance of horses; And like swift steeds, so they run.

Crowns *something like* gold
Faces *like* the faces of men
Hair *like* a woman's hair
Teeth *like* Lions teeth

Joel 1:6 ...a nation has come up against My land, Strong, and without number; His teeth are the teeth of a lion, And he has the fangs of a fierce lion.

Breastplates *like* iron
Wings sounded *like* chariots w/ many horses running to battle

Joel 2:5 With a noise like chariots Over mountaintops they leap, Like the noise of a flaming fire that devours the stubble, Like a strong people set in battle array.

Stinging tails *like* scorpions

NOTE: Mid-eastern scorpions produce the most painful stings known to man!

Joel 2:8 They do not push one another; Every one marches in his own column. Though they lunge between the weapons, They are not cut down.

"Power was to hurt"...and to hurt for **five months!** After this they will be confined to the Bottomless Pit again until Final Judgment

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**.

"Run of the Mill" Locust **have no king:**

Proverbs 30:27 The **locusts** have no **king**, Yet they all advance in ranks...

These have a king; i.e. they are **Supernatural** Locust following commands

Created by God and **used by Satan** to accomplish **God's purpose**; they are demon possessed living creatures:

Mark 5:13 ...at once Jesus gave them permission. Then the unclean spirits went out and entered the swine (there were about two thousand); and the herd ran violently down the steep place into the sea, and drowned in the sea.

Their "king" is Satan: Abaddon / Apollyon; i.e. **"Destruction"**

John 10:10 The thief does not come except to **steal**, and to **kill**, and to **destroy**. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.

12 One woe is past. Behold, still **two more woes are coming** after these things.

II. Sixth Trumpet: Unleashed Angels and Demonic Army

Mission of angels/army: TO Kill **"Earth Dwellers"**

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."**

Earthly Golden Altar also had 4 Horns which the Priest touched with blood as he burned the fat of the sacrifice with a perpetual fire on the altar itself

Sin was:

Redeemed by **Blood**

Judged by **Fire**

If innocent blood [Jesus] is not accepted for payment of sin, the blood of the guilty will be required for judgment of sin!

Previously men would cling to the horns of the altar **for mercy from the avenger:**

1 Kings 1:50 ...Adonijah was afraid of Solomon; so he arose, and went and **took hold of the horns of the altar.**

Now John hears a voice from the four horns of the **Heavenly Golden Altar** which is before God saying to the **sixth angel about to blow the sixth trumpet:**

"Release the four angels who are bound at the great river Euphrates"

Euphrates: Babylon First Mention [*Morris, "The Revelation Record"*]

Euphrates River: *Emerged* from the Garden of Eden

Genesis 2:10 Now a **river went out of Eden** to water the garden, and from there it parted and became four riverheads. 11 The name of the first is Pishon; it is the one which skirts the whole land of Havilah, where there is gold. 12 And the gold of that land is good. Bdellium and the onyx stone are there. 13 The name of the second river is Gihon; it is the one which goes around the whole land of Cush. 14 The name of the third river is Hiddekel; it is the one which goes toward the east of Assyria. **The fourth river is the Euphrates.**

Euphrates: *Filled* by underground reservoirs, not rain
Controlled and **energized** by earth's underground heat

Genesis 2:5 ...before any plant of the field was in the earth and before any herb of the field had grown. For the LORD God had not caused it to rain on the earth, and there was no man to till the ground; 6 but **a mist went up from the earth** and watered the whole face of the ground.

Deep burst open:

Genesis 7:11 In the six hundredth year of Noah's life, in the second month, the seventeenth day of the month, on that day all the **fountains of the great deep were broken up**, and the windows of heaven were opened.

Earth's geography **changed:**

2 Peter 3:6 ...the world that then existed **perished**, being flooded with water.

New Continents

Vast oceanic reservoirs replace subterranean reservoirs where Euphrates originally flowed

New River Euphrates formed; it's source high on Mount Ararat

Derived from water in the permanent ice cap that soon formed on the summit after the flood receded

Emerged with the Tigris River to the great Mesopotamian plain

Flowed eventually into a new sea where the descendents of Noah settled:

Genesis 11:2 And it came to pass, as they journeyed from the east, that they

found a **plain in the land of Shinar**, and they dwelt there.

These descendants of Noah named these two rivers in memory of the Edemic rivers which they resembled

Proceeded to build the great city of **Babylon**

The superintendent over the building project was **Nimrod**

Genesis 10:8 Cush begot **Nimrod**; he began to be a mighty one on the earth. 9 He was a mighty hunter before the LORD; therefore it is said, "Like Nimrod the mighty hunter before the LORD." 10 And the beginning of his kingdom was Babel, Erech, Accad, and Calneh, in the land of Shinar. 11 From that land he went to Assyria and built Nineveh

As Satan entered Eden he now enters **Babel**

Tower build to worship the "host of heaven"

Genesis 11:4 And they said, "Come, let us build ourselves a city, and a tower whose top is in the heavens; let us make a name for ourselves, lest we be scattered abroad over the face of the whole earth."

Astrology

Pantheism:

God is everything

Belief in ALL deities

Idolatry

Spiritism

Naturalistic Philosophy

Pagan Religious Evolution

Satan [General Contractor] communicated with **Nimrod** [Superintendent] leading to:

Temple shrines with signs of the heavens depicting...

Representations of Stars/Constellations that were...

Identified with god/goddesses who were in reality...

Satan's demonic host who would now be worshiped! Satan's goal!

Behind EVERY idol, false religion, and philosophy is a **demon**:

1 Corinthians 10:19 What am I saying then? That an idol is anything, or what is offered to idols is anything? ²⁰ Rather, that the things which the Gentiles sacrifice they **sacrifice to demons** and not to God, and I do not want you to have fellowship

with demons.

Divine Judgment on Babel:

Languages confused

Families dispersed

Possible punishment; i.e. imprisonment of 4 satanic angels that instigated the Babel rebellion *as had happened at the previous flood judgment*

Jude 6 ...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...

QUESTION: How can a disembodied spirit be "bound"

POSSIBILITY: The Antediluvian; i.e. pre-flood Euphrates, is the prison rather than the current Babylonian Euphrates

"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.

Locusts commanded to harm and lasted **5 months**

These four angels were:

Prepared for the hour/day/month/year for **a purpose...**

Released to kill 1/3 of mankind! Over 1 Billion people!

This will last just over **13 months** [18 months total for 5th and sixth plague]

Angels means of killing will be an **army**:

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

200 Million "man" army on "horses"; Demons or **Demon Controlled:**

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.**

Vision: Lit. Sight; i.e. a very unusual sight
Bodies specially created by **God** [Satan cannot create]

Appearance of the “Riders”:

Rider’s Breastplates:

Fiery Red
Hyacinth Blue
Sulfur Yellow

Appearance of the “Horses”:

Horses Heads *like* heads of lions

Horses Mouths: Power to KILL

Fire
Smoke
Brimstone

Job 41:19 [Leviathan] Out of his mouth go **burning lights**; Sparks of **fire shoot out.** ²⁰ Smoke goes out of his nostrils, As *from* a boiling pot and burning rushes. ²¹ His breath **kindles coals, And a flame goes out of his mouth.**

3. Horses Tails: Power to Harm

Like serpents
With heads
Harmful

1/3 Worlds population killed: Even *after* previous judgment 1.2 Billion people are killed; i.e. avg. *6 victims per horseman!*

Once these host creatures are dead, their demons will:
Be bound once again or..
Allowed to roam until the LORD returns

III. Unrepentant: Vessels of Wrath

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.

Hardened Hearts prove to be Vessels of Wrath:

Romans 2:5 But in accordance with your hardness and your impenitent heart you are treasuring up for yourself wrath in the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God, 6 who "will render to each one according to his deeds"

Romans 9:22 *What* if God, wanting to show *His* wrath and to make His power known, endured with much longsuffering the vessels of wrath prepared for destruction...?

Survivors will not repent **sinning against God through Idolatry:**

Works of their hands; a channel of...

Worshiping demons which are behind all...

Idols which cannot:

See

Hear

Walk

HYPERLINK "<http://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Acts+14:15&version=NKJV>**" Acts 14:15** We... preach to you that you should turn from these useless things to the **living God**, who made the heaven, the earth, the sea, and all things that are in them

HYPERLINK "<http://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=1%20Thessalonians+1:9&version=NIV>**" 1 Thessalonians 1:9** ...they themselves declare concerning us what manner of entry we had to you, and how you **turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God**, 10 and to wait for His Son from heaven, whom He raised from the dead, even Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.

HYPERLINK "<http://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Ezekiel+6:9&version=NIV>**" Ezekiel 6:9** ...in the nations where they have been carried captive, those who escape will remember me—how I have been grieved by their adulterous hearts, which have turned away from me, and by their eyes, which have **lusted after their idols**. They will loathe themselves for the evil they have done and for all their detestable practices.

Survivors will not repent **sinning against Man through Evil Works:**

Murder

Sorceries: gr. *Pharmakeia*; lit. "drugging" also translated "witchcraft"

Pharmakeia... "will be one of the means employed by Antichrist to make the population subservient to his will" [JVM]

Sexual Immorality

Thefts

2 Thessalonians 2:9 The coming of the lawless one is according to the working of Satan, with all power, signs, and lying wonders, 10 and with all unrighteous deception among those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved. 11 And for this reason God will send them strong delusion, that they should believe the lie, 12 that **they all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness.**

Matthew 24:36 "But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, but My Father only. ³⁷ But as the days of Noah were, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be. ³⁸ For as in the days before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, ³⁹ and did not know until the flood came and took them all away, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be.

Did not repent: Bowl Judgments will be similar but much more intense

Aerial View: Revelation Chapters 1-9

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Chapters 2-3 **II. Possession of Jesus Christ** [The Church on

Earth]

Chapter 4 **III. Program of Jesus Christ:** Church gone; John sees the Future

Chapter 5 **Lion and the Lamb:** Worthy to Open the Scroll

Chapter 6 **Olivet Outline** / Tribulation Overview [6 Seals]

Chapter 7 **Remembering Mercy in Wrath:** God Leaves a Witness

Interlude between Seal 6 and 7

Angels hold back judgment on earth, 144,000 Jewish Evangelists, Multitude of Great Tribulation Saints

Interlude between 6th and 7th Seal but chronologically starting between the 4th and 5th Seal

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As the

“Days of Noah”

Satan Cast down
Anti-Christ Possessed
Kills 2 Witnesses

Daniels 70th

Olivet Discourse Matthew 24

Anti-Christ Revealed
Jews Flee

Abomination Desolation

Dan. 11:31, 9:27
Mat. 24:15 Rev. 13:5, 6

Trumpet Judgments

Anti-Christ Disguised 3 ½ years
Embraced as “Messiah” claiming to bring peace

Anti-Christ Revealed 3 ½ years
Martyrdom/Conversion 3+ years

7 Year Peace Treaty

Ezekiel 38, 39

War

144,000 Saved & Sealed/ Angel preaching Gospel
Revelation 7 / Revelation 14

2 Witnesses

Revelation II

3 ½ Years

Great Tribulation /Jacob's Trouble Jer 30:7

3 ½ Years

Tribulation/ Beginning of Sorrows Mat 24:8

Sky like Scroll

2nd Coming

Leviticus 4:17, 18 and Leviticus 5: 12, 13

Corruption of every nation

Starting in Babel

Have no power to save; are dead as contrasted to the Living God