

# Revelation 9 – 4 April 2019

## Purging of the Purchased Possession:

### Trumpet Judgements – God’s Judgement Begins

#### Part 2 of 2

#### Introduction –

Discuss how chapter 7 was an interlude after 6 seals.

Chapter 8 was first 4 Trumpets

Discussion of spiritual places:

- 4 words translated as “Hell”
  - Hebrew – **Sheol**, Greek – **Hades**, **Gehenna**, and the once used **Tartarus**.
  - Hades – “*to not see*” – *Most common word*
  - *Tartarus – unknown usage only used once but says the fallen angels are bound at Tartarus in “hell” in chains of darkness (Hades = to not see)*

- Gehenna (G1067) – used 12 in NT all by Jesus and in James 3:6
  - This means the lake of fire.
  - False worship and burning trash at the valley of the Son of Hinnom.
- Abyss – could just be hell
- Sheol (H), Hades (G), Tartarus (G) and Abussos (G) could all just be hell (English) but Gehenna (G) has different attributes.

## Read Chapter 9 Vs 1-12 – 5<sup>th</sup> Trumpet

1. Vs. 1
  - a. “Star from heaven” – Could be Satan himself as in Luke 10:18
  - b. Key was given to him, he doesn’t possess the key.
    - i. A day is coming when he’ll wish he did possess the key.
2. Vs 2 – The bottomless pit is the Abyss.

- a. We know there will be demons there (Luke 8:31)
  - b. We know it's the place of the dead (Rom 10:7)
  - c. Could just be another term for hell or hades.
  - d. Satan said he would ascend into heaven, yet he would be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit. (Isa 14:13-15 – Rev 20)
3. Vs 3-12
- a. They are called “locusts” – what we know
    - i. Vs 3
      - 1. They come out of the Abyss
      - 2. They have power like scorpions have power...sting.
    - ii. Vs 4
      - 1. They know how to take orders from God., they're intelligent.
      - 2. They don't harm the sealed Israelites nor greenery.

iii. Vs 5-6 – They sting but don't kill.

1. Only "5 mnths" in Bible is the Flood

iv. Vs 7-10 – These descriptive terms are clearly used as metaphors.

1. This is John describing something that he's never seen before.

v. Vs 11-12

1. They have a supernatural leader from the pit named the destroyer.

b. The Locusts – what could they be

i. Could be spiritual beings unleashed on men.

1. This is more the plain reading of the text.

2. Prov 30:27 tells us real locusts don't have a king.

ii. Could be earthly weapons and assets being controlled by spiritual forces.

1. Spiritual forces are called by the earthly forces that they are involved with. (Dan 10:12-13)
4. Locusts & Gog - Septuagint
  - a. Amos 7:1
  - b. Num 24:7

Read Chapter 9 Vs 13-19 – 6<sup>th</sup> Trumpet

1. Vs 13-15
  - a. Interesting that demons seem to be territorial.
    - i. Here & also Dan 10
  - b. 4 Angels are loosed to kill a 1/3 of men.
  - c. There going to use the horsemen to do it.
2. Vs 16-19
  - a. Could be an earthly force
    - i. In John's day, there weren't even 200,000,000 people in the whole world!
    - ii. 200,000,000 is only 15% of China.

- b. Most likely a spiritual force.

Read Chapter 9 Vs 20-21

1. **3<sup>rd</sup> fact to believe about God's judgement:**  
**Do you believe that it's the kindness of God that leads people to repentance, not the judgment of God?**
2. Judgement of God doesn't bring repentance.
3. The goodness of God brings repentance.
4. As the church, we should emphasis God's goodness, grace and love in telling the world to repent.
5. Rom 2:1-4

Conclusion –

1. Just as God has His hand in control of Satan and what He allows him to do, God is working out a good end.

2. So today, we've seen 3 facts about God's judgement on people we know.
  - a. Do you believe that our prayers can affect God's judgement now!
  - b. Do we believe that God will do away with all the wrongs thru judgement in the end?
  - c. Do you believe that it's the kindness of God that leads people to repentance, not the judgment of God?
3. Don't submit to Satan, who has to be allowed to do what he does, submit to God who controls it all and has love and grace for you.