

UNDERSTANDING REVELATION

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SEEING JESUS
AS HE REALLY IS

The Book Of
REVELATION
Chapter 9



The Bug King



The seventy-two returned with joy, saying, "Lord, even the demons are subject to us in your name!" And he said to them, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. Behold, I have given you authority to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and **nothing shall hurt you**. Nevertheless, do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven." Luke 10:17-20

Tormentors From Hell

Revelation 9:1-6

And the **fifth angel** blew his trumpet, and I saw a star fallen from heaven to earth, and he was given the key to the shaft of the bottomless pit. He opened the shaft of the bottomless pit, and from the shaft rose smoke like the smoke of a great furnace, and the sun and the air were darkened with the smoke from the shaft. Then from the smoke came **locusts** on the earth, and they were given power like the power of **scorpions of the earth**. They were told not to harm the grass of the earth or any green plant or any tree, but only those people who do not have the seal of God on their foreheads. They were allowed to torment them for **five months**, but not to kill them, and their **torment** was like the **torment** of a scorpion when it stings someone. And in those days people will seek death and will not find it. They will long to die, but death will flee from them.

"Titus began the siege of Jerusalem in April, 70. The defenders held out desperately for five months, but by the end of August the temple area was occupied and the holy house burned down." ~ F.F. Bruce (New Testament History)

"When the unclean spirit has gone out of a person, it passes through waterless places seeking rest, but finds none. Then it says, 'I will return to my house from which I came.' And when it comes, it finds the house empty, swept, and put in order. Then it goes and brings with it seven other spirits more evil than itself, and they enter and dwell there, and the last state of that person is worse than the first. So also will it be with this evil generation."

- Jesus (Matthew 12:43-45)

"When therefore Titus had marched over that desert which lies between Egypt and Syria... he came to Caesarea, having resolved to set his forces in order at that place, before he began the war. Nay, indeed, while he was assisting his father at Alexandria, in settling that government which had been newly conferred upon them by God, it so happened that the sedition at **Jerusalem** was revived, and parted into three factions, and that one faction fought against the other; which partition in such evil cases may be said to be a good thing, and the effect of Divine justice."

"And now, as the city was engaged in a war on all sides, from these treacherous crowds of wicked men, the people of the city, between them, were like a great body torn in pieces. The aged men and the women were in such distress by their internal calamities, that they wished for the Romans, and earnestly hoped for an external war, in order to their delivery from their domestic miseries."

Flavius Josephus "The Wars of the Jews" 5.1-2, 5.27-28

Did You Think They "Looked" like Locusts?

Revelation 9:7-12

In appearance the **locusts** were like **horses** prepared for battle: on their heads were what looked like crowns of gold; their faces were like **human faces**, their hair **women's hair**, and their teeth like **lions' teeth**; they had breastplates like breastplates of iron, and the noise of their wings was like the noise of many chariots with horses rushing into battle. They have tails and stings like scorpions, and their power to hurt people for five months is in their tails. They have as **king** over them the **angel of the bottomless pit**. His name in Hebrew is Abaddon, and in Greek he is called Apollyon.

The **first woe** has passed; behold, **two woes** are still to come.

"Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things take place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

*But concerning that **day and hour no one knows**, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father only. For as were the days of Noah, so will be the coming of the Son of Man.*

For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day when Noah entered the ark, and they were unaware until the flood came and swept them all away, so will be the coming of the Son of Man."

- Jesus (Matthew 24:34-39)

War From the Euphrates

Revelation 9:13-21

Then the **sixth angel** blew his trumpet, and I heard a voice from the four horns of the golden altar before God, saying to the sixth angel who had the trumpet, "Release the four angels who are bound at the great river Euphrates." So the four angels, who had **been prepared** for the hour, the day, the month, and the year, were released to kill a third of mankind. The number of mounted troops was **twice ten thousand times ten thousand**; I heard their number. And this is how I saw the horses in my vision and those who rode them: they wore breastplates the color of fire and of sapphire and of sulfur, and the heads of the horses were like lions' heads, and fire and smoke and sulfur came out of their mouths. By these three plagues **a third of mankind was killed**, by the fire and smoke and sulfur coming out of their mouths. For the power of the horses is in their mouths and in their tails, for their tails are like serpents with heads, and by means of them they wound. The rest of mankind, who were not killed by these plagues, **did not repent** of the works of their hands nor give up worshiping demons and idols of gold and silver and bronze and stone and wood, which cannot see or hear or walk, nor did they repent of their murders or their sorceries or their sexual immorality or their thefts.