

The Trumpet Judgments Part 2 Revelation 9:1-21 (Part 17)

Are the trumpets of the seven angels related to the last trumpet of the rapture? No

1 Corinthians 15:50-52 *I tell you this, brothers: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable. 51 Behold! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, 52 in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed.*

1 Thessalonians 4:15-18 *For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. 16 For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. 17 Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. 18 Therefore encourage one another with these words.*

- There are 2 different subjects.
- There are 2 different events.
- There are 2 very different results.
- Nothing in common between the events.
- This would be unknown to Paul's readers.
- The last trumpet is a signal to move or that the event is over.

Revelation 9:1 *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.*

A star fallen from heaven to earth: The context shows us that this star is not a literal meteor or star, but stands symbolically for an angelic creature.

- Could be a good angel, an evil angel, most likely satan (Isaiah 14:12, Job 38:7).

He was given the key to the shaft of the bottomless pit: The key represents authority to open the (*abusos*) abyss.

- The abyss is the temporary abode and prison for a portion of the demonic angels where they wait their eternal and final judgment to the lake of fire.

Jude 6-7 *And the angels who did not stay within their own position of authority, but left their proper dwelling, he has kept in eternal chains under gloomy darkness until the judgment of the great day— 7 just as Sodom and Gomorrah and the surrounding cities, which likewise indulged in sexual immorality and pursued unnatural desire, serve as an example by undergoing a punishment of eternal fire.*

2 Peter 2:4-6 *For if God did not spare angels when they sinned, but cast them into hell and committed them to chains of gloomy darkness to be kept until the judgment; 5 if he did not spare the ancient world, but preserved Noah, a herald of righteousness, with seven others, when he brought a flood upon the world of the ungodly; 6 if by turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah to ashes he condemned them to extinction, making them an example of what is going to happen to the ungodly.*

Revelation 9:2-3 *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. 3 Then from the smoke came locusts on the earth, and they were given power like the power of scorpions of the earth.*

He opened the shaft: When the shaft to the abyss is opened, demons in the form and character of locusts flood the earth. Power to inflict pain and suffering are given them like scorpions.

Revelation 9:4-6 *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. 5 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. 6 And in those days people will seek death and will not find it. They will long to die, but death will flee from them.*

Those people who do not have the seal of God on their foreheads: These demonic beings are able to harm everyone who does not have the seal of God on their foreheads.

- All unbelievers and believers without the seal are tormented.
- There are no believers alive except the 144,000. Millions will be killed and 2/3 of the Jews will be (Zech. 13)
- God would not allow the demons to torment His children. They are sealed with the Holy Spirit.
- The 144,000 are first-fruits of salvation (14:4) and those saved after them are also sealed.

They were allowed to torment them for five months, but not to kill them: The demons are given tormenting power but it is limited to time and power (cannot kill).

People will seek death and will not find it: The pain and torment is so bad that men and women will seek death but they are unable to die.

Revelation 9:7-9 *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, 8 their hair like women's hair, and their teeth like lions' teeth; 9 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.*

Like horses prepared for battle: Ready for battle in appearance.

Like crowns of gold: Authority and power.

Like human faces: Intelligent and tactful.

Like women's hair: Beautiful in appearance, alluring.

Like lions' teeth: Fierceness and deathlike power in their attack.

Revelation 9:10-12 *They have tails and stings like scorpions, and their power to hurt people for five months is in their tails. 11 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. 12 The first woe has passed; behold, two woes are still to come.*

- They have a king over them showing a hierarchy and organization. This is satan or another high ranking evil angel since he was possibly in the bottomless pit.
- John uses both Hebrew and Greek to name the king. Both mean destroyer.

Revelation 9:12-15 *Then the sixth angel blew his trumpet, and I heard a voice from the four horns of the golden altar 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, the day, the month, and the year, were released to kill a third of mankind.*

A voice: God, the Lamb, or an angel.

- "From the altar of incense" connects this woe to the prayers of the saints and martyrs.

For the hour, the day, the month, and the year: This is God showing His control over the seemingly out-of-control demonic torment on mankind.

Revelation 9:16-19 *The number of mounted troops was twice ten thousand times ten thousand; I heard their number. 17 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. 18 By these three plagues a third of mankind was killed, by the fire and smoke and sulfur coming out of their mouths. 19 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 number of the demonic-army is 200 million. The Greek word for 10,000 is *myrias* where we get our word *myriad*. Twice a myriad times a myriad. 1/3 of what is left of the world will be killed by these demons.

Revelation 9:20-21 *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, 21 nor did they repent of their murders or their sorceries or their sexual immorality or their thefts.*

Did not repent: Even after seeing hell on earth and witnessing billions die at the hands of a demonic enemy, unbelievers will not turn to God.

Works of their hands: their deeds and their earthly idols.

Worshipping demons and idols: Putting the things of earth before God. To worship an idol is to worship the demonic.

Murders, sorceries, immorality: This is a list of sins that typify an unbeliever. Their sins are not forgiven because they will not repent.

1. The spiritual realm is real.

2. Repentance is required.

3. Do not be deceived.