

**"The Trumpet Judgments"**

**Part 5**

**Revelation 8:6-9:21**

**Introduction:** Last week in our study of Revelation we looked at **9:1-12** and it was in these verses that we were able to see the first WOE which came upon the EARTH DWELLERS during the Tribulation.

There was a warning given at the end of Revelation 8 concerning the 3 **WOES** which were to come upon the EARTH DWELLERS.

**Revelation 8:13**

*<sup>13</sup> And I beheld, and heard an angel flying through the midst of heaven, saying with a loud voice, Woe, woe, woe, to the inhabitants of the earth by reason of the other voices of the trumpet of the three angels, which are yet to sound!*

The first of the three WOES included the demons which were released from the abyss in Revelation 9. John called them LOCUSTS. They were not natural locusts they were demonic spirits/fallen angels which had been locked up since the days of Noah and will then be released in the Tribulation period. They will be restricted in their activity for they will not be permitted to harm the vegetation but will only be permitted to **TORMENT** those who have not received the **SEAL OF GOD** in their foreheads.

**Notice Revelation 9:4-6**

They will be able to inflict terrible pain but not to the point of death. These **CREATURES** will be impossible to escape and they will be unstoppable.

**Joel 2:5-9**

*<sup>5</sup> Like the noise of chariots on the tops of mountains shall they leap, like the noise of a flame of fire that devoureth the stubble, as a strong people set in battle array.*

*<sup>6</sup> Before their face the people shall be much pained: all faces shall gather blackness.*

*<sup>7</sup> They shall run like mighty men; they shall climb the wall like men of war; and they shall march every one on his ways, and they shall not break their ranks:*

*<sup>8</sup> Neither shall one thrust another; they shall walk every one in his path: and when they fall upon the sword, they shall not be wounded.*

<sup>9</sup> *They shall run to and fro in the city; they shall run upon the wall, they shall climb up upon the houses; they shall enter in at the windows like a thief.*

These demons which are loosed upon the earth will be the first of the 3 WOES.

### **Notice Revelation 9:12**

The next WOE will be the 6<sup>th</sup> Trumpet Judgment and the 3<sup>rd</sup> WOE will be the 7<sup>th</sup> Trumpet Judgment which will contain all of the BOWL Judgments.

Let us now consider the next Trumpet.

### **I. Trumpet Judgment #6**

#### **Notice Revelation 9:13**

This verse is very interesting. Let me refresh your memory on a few things before we proceed. When you and I read over this verse we would be quick to skip over the mention of the GOLDEN ALTAR and the HORNS. But to the JEWS who would read over this it would have been something which would have much more meaning. Let us keep in mind that in the Tribulation God will be working with the Nation of Israel. The TRIBULATION will not involve the CHURCH for the CHURCH is raptured before the TRIBULATION.

#### **Daniel 9:24**

<sup>24</sup> *Seventy weeks are determined upon thy people and upon thy holy city, to finish the transgression, and to make an end of sins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to seal up the vision and prophecy, and to anoint the most Holy.*

DANIEL'S PEOPLE would be Israel not the church. The church will be gone and that is why the 144,000 Jewish men (from the 12 tribes) are sealed for they will be missionaries during the Tribulation.

So getting back to the thought of God working with the Nation of Israel this statement about the GOLDEN ALTAR and the HORNS is here to get the attention of the people of Israel during the Tribulation. Now let me explain the meaning here. There were FOUR HORNS on the GOLDEN ALTAR, one on each corner. The HORNS on the ALTAR were considered to be a place of MERCY. If someone sought safety and MERCY he would run to the GOLDEN ALTAR and hold tightly to the HORNS.

#### **1 Kings 1:50-51**

<sup>50</sup> *And Adonijah feared because of Solomon, and arose, and went, and caught hold on the horns of the altar.*

<sup>51</sup> *And it was told Solomon, saying, Behold, Adonijah feareth king Solomon: for, lo, he hath caught hold on the horns of the altar, saying, Let king Solomon swear unto me today that he will not slay his servant with the sword.*

So the HORNS of the ALTAR spoke of MERCY. But here in the text before us John hears a voice coming from the place of MERCY and it is a voice of JUDGMENT. To the people of Israel this is a warning. The MERCY and GRACE will not always be available. When this angel sounds his Trumpet it will be an announcement that Mercy has been replaced with Judgment.

**Application:**

Let me bring this into your life for a moment. In Genesis 6 God spoke Words that should cause every person to take a very close look at salvation.

**Genesis 6:3a**

<sup>3</sup> *And the LORD said, **My spirit shall not always strive with man...***

God may be STRIVING with you today concerning your salvation and you keep resisting His offer. Please understand that His Spirit will not continue to strive with you. You can go so far as to cut off all your opportunities to be saved. You suppress His Truth and you harden your heart more and more.

**A. The Army**

**Notice Revelation 9:14**

Here we see that there is a command to set free the 4 angels which are bound in the Euphrates River. Last week we looked at the angels who were bound in the abyss and here we see that EVEN today there are 4 fallen angels bound in the Great River Euphrates. Some of the fallen angels who followed Satan were bound in the abyss and some were placed in the Euphrates.

**Notice Revelation 9:15**

These angels were locked up for 4000 years for a specific time, which is the Tribulation when God will use them as His instruments of judgment. They will be given power over one third part of the population to kill them.

Now let me remind you that there are 4 angels in the River Euphrates and the number 4 is global so therefore this JUDGMENT is global.

**Notice Revelation 9:16**

Here we see that the 4 angels who are set free will lead an army of 200 million horsemen. This army is most likely another demonic army. They are led by fallen angels and there is no place in Scripture where demons are said to lead a human army. **This event here is not the same as we will later study in Revelation 16.**

**Revelation 16:12**

*<sup>12</sup> And the sixth angel poured out his vial upon the great river Euphrates; and the water thereof was dried up, that the way of the kings of the east might be prepared.*

The word "THOUSAND" here can also mean "AN INNUMERABLE NUMBER". When Satan fell he took with him one third of the angels. No let me give you an idea about how many angels there are.

**Revelation 5:11**

*<sup>11</sup> And I beheld, and I heard the voice of many angels round about the throne and the beasts and the elders: and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands;*

There are an infinite number of angels and therefore one third of infinity is infinity. The point I am making is that this demonic army here in Revelation 9 is beyond number. The 4 angels will organize a demonic army that will sweep the face of the earth and will kill one third of the population. This is in addition to the one fourth which will die under the SEAL JUDGMENTS. This now puts the total to over one half of the world's population. One of the problems faced during this time will be disposing of the bodies. It will most likely be mass graves or incineration.

**B. Their Power**

**Notice Revelation 9:17-18**

The riders are demonic and the horses are demonic as well. It is the horses that kill the people with fire, smoke and brimstone. Now there are many who want to say that these horses are tanks and John did not have the language of our day so he compares them to horses. That is NOT correct. This is to be taken literally. If John were searching for

something to describe a tank don't you think it would have been better to say it looked like a chariot?

**One man said that the problem we have with prophecy is that we desire to ALWAYS pour it into our day and age instead of allowing God to bring it to pass in His time.**

### Notice Revelation 9:19

Here is the description of the horses. Now I had showed you verses from Joel last week which allowed us to see that Joel was permitted to see what is recorded in Revelation 9:1-11.

### Joel 2:1-11

*Blow ye the trumpet in Zion, and sound an alarm in my holy mountain: let all the inhabitants of the land tremble: for **the day of the LORD cometh**, for it is nigh at hand;*

<sup>2</sup> *A day of darkness and of gloominess, a day of clouds and of thick darkness, as the morning spread upon the mountains: **a great people and a strong; there hath not been ever the like, neither shall be any more after it, even to the years of many generations.***

<sup>3</sup> *A fire devoureth before them; and behind them a flame burneth: the land is as the garden of Eden before them, and behind them a desolate wilderness; yea, and nothing shall escape them.*

<sup>4</sup> *The appearance of them is as the appearance of horses; and as horsemen, so shall they run.*

<sup>5</sup> *Like the noise of chariots on the tops of mountains shall they leap, like the noise of a flame of fire that devoureth the stubble, as a strong people set in battle array.*

<sup>6</sup> **Before their face the people shall be much pained:** *all faces shall gather blackness.*

<sup>7</sup> *They shall run like mighty men; they shall climb the wall like men of war; and they shall march every one on his ways, and they shall not break their ranks:*

<sup>8</sup> *Neither shall one thrust another; they shall walk every one in his path: and when they fall upon the sword, they shall not be wounded.*

<sup>9</sup> *They shall run to and fro in the city; they shall run upon the wall, they shall climb up upon the houses; they shall enter in at the windows like a thief.*

<sup>10</sup> *The earth shall quake before them; the heavens shall tremble: the sun and the moon shall be dark, and the stars shall withdraw their shining:*

<sup>11</sup> *And the LORD shall utter his voice before his army: for his camp is very great: for he is strong that executeth his word: for the day of the LORD is great and very terrible; and who can abide it?*

The words of Joel apply to both of these TRUMPET JUDGMENTS.

### **C. The Foolishness of the Earth Dwellers**

#### **Notice Revelation 9:20-21**

These 2 verses contain much information about life during the Tribulation. But what we need to see is how these people have witnessed the death of over one half of the world's population but they still refuse to repent. If we slow down and look closely at the list of sins listed here we can see how rapidly our society is moving toward the Tribulation period.

They continue in their:

#### **1. The works of their hands**

Listen to the words of Garland:

*"The problem is not men's hands, but rather the will of men which motivates their hands. Their will is opposed to God and therefore what they produce by their hands does not glorify God, but rather reflects their own selfishness and sin. In the end, without God's Holy Spirit, men become creative perverts, dangerous geniuses (Gen. 11:6), bent on creating their own hell in pursuit of what they incorrectly perceive to be wisdom and intelligence. "Professing to be wise, they became fools"*

#### **2. Demon worship**

#### **3. Idolatry - Idols of gold, silver, brass, stone and wood.**

#### **4. Murders - There have always been murders but in the Tribulation they will increase as those who refuse to worship the Anti-Christ will be murdered.**

#### **5. Sorceries - Witchcraft and substance abuse.**

Listen to the words of Henry Morris:

*"During the awful days of the tribulation, the breakdown of law and order will mean that there will be no more restraints on drug use. Furthermore, the fearful judgments on the*

*earth will drive many to drugs as a form of escapism. The merchants of the earth will gladly cooperate because of the great profits involved."*

**6. Fornication - Sexual relations outside of marriage.**

**7. Thefts**

Listen to the words of Barnhouse concerning the thefts:

*"The last crime in this category is that of theft. This is "the statement or general and abounding dishonesty, the obliteration of moral distinctions, the disregard of others' rights, and the practice of fraud, theft, and deceit wherever it is possible." In our day corruption in high places gives the example to all classes. The only wrong consists in getting caught."*

**Conclusion:**

We can clearly see this unfolding in our day which means our world could be very close to the Tribulation which means the RAPTURE is very close.

**The EARTH DWELLERS who are apart of these sins will be doomed and damned. They have heard the Gospel and for that reason they will be sent the delusion from God.**

**2 Thessalonians 2:8-12**

*<sup>8</sup> And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming:*

*<sup>9</sup> Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders,*

*<sup>10</sup> And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved.*

*<sup>11</sup> And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie:*

*<sup>12</sup> That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.*

**Paul tells us that those who reject the Gospel under the rule of the Anti-Christ will be sent the strong delusion and will perish.**

If you go far enough your heart will become extremely calloused to the warnings of God.

**Jeremiah 5:3-4**

*<sup>3</sup> O LORD, are not thine eyes upon the truth? thou hast stricken them, but they have not grieved; thou hast consumed them, but they have refused to receive correction: they have made their faces harder than a rock; they have refused to return.*

*<sup>4</sup> Therefore I said, Surely these are poor; they are foolish: for they know not the way of the LORD, nor the judgment of their God.*