

Revelation 9

- **Many commentators see chapter eight or chapter nine as the beginning of the last three-and-a-half years of the Tribulation. This is the time when the Antichrist breaks his treaty with Israel and sets himself up as God.**

Verse 1

- **Some say it is a fallen angel or even Satan himself. This is J. Vernon McGee's & Daymond Duck's position.**
- **They site that fact that this star "fell from heaven". Luke 10:18 - ¹⁸ And He said to them, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven."**

Verse 1

- **Stanley Horton believes it is one of God's angels. That the word "fall" simply means a rapid descent and not a spiritual fall.**
- **Jesus would have to relinquish His keys to Satan and would Jesus do that? – Stanley Horton**

Verse 1

- **Revelation 1:17-18 - ¹⁷ And when I saw Him, I fell at His feet as dead. But He laid His right hand on me, saying to me, “Do not be afraid; I am the First and the Last. ¹⁸ I *am* He who lives, and was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore. Amen. And I have the keys of Hades and of Death.**
- **I have the keys of [absolute control and victory over] death and of Hades (the realm of the dead) (AMP)**

Verse 1

- **The Bottomless Pit is literally “The shaft of the abyss”.**
- **Luke 8:30-31 - ³⁰ Jesus asked him, saying, “What is your name?” And he said, “Legion,” because many demons had entered him. ³¹ And they begged Him that He would not command them to go out into the abyss.**

Verse 1

- **For Stanley Horton and other commentators, they see a correlation between chapters nine and twenty and that the angel who lets the demon locusts out will also chain and throw Satan in the very same pit.**
- **Regardless who the angel is, Jesus is still in charge and giving orders.**

Verse 2

- **Luke 16:23-24 - ²³ And being in torments in Hades, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom. ²⁴ “Then he cried and said, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus that he may dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame.’**
- **Hades has a bigger population, at least with people, than heaven.**

Verses 3-4

- **Please note, scorpions when used in the Bible deals with wickedness.**
- **Ezekiel 2:6 - ⁶ “Son of man, do not fear them or their words. Don’t be afraid even though their threats surround you like nettles and briars and stinging scorpions. Do not be dismayed by their dark scowls, even though they are rebels.**

Verses 3-4

- **The main question that does get raised is, “Are these insects that are possessed or demons who are allowed to take the shape of the locusts?”**
- **Know this: they are real and their sting is real. There is no allegory or symbolism here.**

Verses 3-4

- **Satan's authority and power are still held in check by God.**
- **It is God who has the authority to limit the locusts, not the devil.**

Verses 5-6

- **This pain will seem to last or you will probably get stung multiple times.**
- **Like the Israelites in Egypt, those with the mark or seal of God on their foreheads will not be attacked and stung.**
- **God has put limitations on these creatures**

Verses 5-6

- **All this will last five months, which isn't that long, unless you are in pain the whole time.**
- **People will want death to relieve the pain and even try to commit suicide but God supernaturally will not let them die.**
- **There is no escaping God's judgment once it starts.**

Verses 7-8

- **⁷ The locusts looked like horses prepared for battle. They had what looked like gold crowns on their heads, and their faces looked like human faces. ⁸ They had hair like women's hair and teeth like the teeth of a lion. (NLT)**

Verses 7-8

- **The crowns show their power and dominance for those five months.**
- **Faces like a man show intellect.**
- **“Hair like a woman’s”, some see this as massive antennas.**
- **The teeth like a lion speaks of destruction.**

Verses 9-10

- **The armor suggests invincibility. You cannot kill yourself and you cannot kill them either. This plague must run its course.**
- **“If the language is figurative rather than literal, it nevertheless represents reality and the reality it represents will indeed come upon all who do not have the seal of God on the foreheads”. – Stanley Horton**

Verse 11

- **Some say the angel that released the plague was their king. This belief says the angel who unlocked the pit was not a servant of Jesus, but a demon given the key.**
- **Others suggest it is Satan himself.**

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- **Others see this as this army has a specific demon to lead them that has been chained or locked in the pit with them.**

Verse 11

- **Abaddon means destruction or the place of destruction. That Hebrew word is found in Job 26:6, 28:22, Psalm 86:13 and Proverbs 15:11.**
- **Apollyon, the Greek word that means the destroyer.**

Verse 11

- **The fact that he is given both a Jewish and Greek (Gentile) name shows he and his army will sting anyone, Jewish and Gentile alike.**
- **Romans 2:5-10**

Verse 12

- **The trumpets are successive. They do not seem to overlap. The first trumpet will fulfill its judgment before the second sounds.**
- **If we read the text as it is written, the sixth trumpet will not sound until the five months of the plague of locusts are over.**

Verses 13-14

- **The voice is probably another angel, but it is the message that matters, not who speaks it.**
- **Let us realize that with all the evil in this world and all the demonic activity that does and has taken place, God has bound what seems to be the worst of the worst from the world we presently live in.**

Verses 13-14

- **The river Euphrates is 1700 miles long and is the longest river in western Asia.**
- **The Euphrates ran through the Garden of Eden and runs through modern-day Iraq, which was ancient Babylon.**
- **It is the area where Cain would have killed Abel & where the Tower of Babel was.**
- **It was the ancient borders of Israel when it was at its height under David and Solomon.**

Verses 13-14

- **Isaiah 8:5-8 - ⁵ Then the Lord spoke to me again and said, ⁶ “My care for the people of Judah is like the gently flowing waters of Shiloah, but they have rejected it. They are rejoicing over what will happen to King Rezin and King Pekah. ⁷ Therefore, the Lord will overwhelm them with a mighty flood from the Euphrates River—the king of Assyria and all his glory. This flood will overflow all its channels ⁸ and sweep into Judah until it is chin deep. It will spread its wings, submerging your land from one end to the other, O Immanuel. (NLT)**

Verse 15

- **These angels have been chained up, restrained, since the fall of Satan. They are so wicked that their desire and goal is to wipeout humanity.**
- **However, God still puts limitations on them.**
- **One-third of men, mankind, will die.**

Verse 15

- **If the earth, after the rapture, had six billion people, 1.5 billion people would be lost in the rise of the Antichrist and the rest of the seals and the first four trumpets.**
- **4.5 people would then be left on the earth. With the sixth trumpet, one-third of all humanity left will be killed.**

Verse 15

- **Matthew 24:21-22 - 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.**

Verse 15

- **4.5 billion multiplied by 33% is 1,485,000,000 billion. That is how many would be killed.**
- **There would then be a population of 3,015,000,000 on the earth.**

Verse 16

- Here, yet again, is a debate. Is this army demonic or human?
- John probably could not conceive of an army numbering 200,000,000, but we can now.
- China and India could easily do that separately.

Verses 17-18

- **Jacinth or hyacinth is both a dark blue flower and gem.**
- **Fire is of course red and brimstone is yellow.**
- **It cannot be the armies preparing for the Battle of Armageddon; the time for that is still a little bit away.**

Verses 17-18

- **It could be that the Antichrist is making war and bringing everyone under his demonic powers.**
- **China's dress uniforms are dark blue and their flag is red and yellow.**

Verses 17-18

- Many see this as tanks (horses) spewing missiles and artillery (fire, smoke and brimstone).
- One belief is John sees a massive army destroying its enemies. I would then ask, what enemies?
- Would there be almost 1.5 billion people resistant to the Antichrist's power?

Verses 17-18

- Obviously, there would be casualties on both sides in a war, but then, why the four demons?
- Do the four demons possess various men with great political power? Nothing seems to support that.

Verses 17-18

- **J. Vernon McGee & Stanley Horton suggest this is an entirely demonic army.**
- **What John sees is not tanks, planes or any modern warfare, but a demonic army that is used by God to kill one-third of humanity under the direction of these four demons that have been chained in the Euphrates River.**

Verses 17-18

- **Daymond Duckworth sides with these four demons seducing four world leaders into following the Antichrist and making war on the earth but will not totally commit to the idea.**
- **Some look at Daniel 11 and the wars of the Antichrist. (Daniel 11:40-45) and some also see a correlation from Ezekiel 38-39 and Gog and Magog.**

Verse 19

- **¹⁹ For the power of the horses [to do harm] is in their mouths and in their tails; for their tails are like serpents and have heads, and it is with them that they do harm. (AMP)**

Verse 19

- **If we take the Bible as it is written and we take the fifth trumpet as literal, meaning demonic locusts or a similar looking form, then why would we not take the sixth trumpet as literal.**
- **After the sixth seal, man acknowledges that this is the Wrath of God and the Lamb. Why would we think that if this is a demonic army that men would repent and not hate God and harden their hearts.**

Verses 20-21

- **²⁰ The rest of mankind, who were not killed by these plagues, did not repent even then of the works of their hands, so as to cease worshiping *and* paying homage to the demons and the idols of gold and of silver and of bronze and of stone and of wood, which can neither see nor hear nor walk; ²¹ and they did not repent of their murders nor of their sorceries (drugs, intoxications) nor of their [sexual] immorality nor of their thefts. (AMP)**

Verses 20-21

- **John 3:19 - ¹⁹ And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.**
- **Romans 1:18-32**