

REVELATION SERIES - LESSON 14

REVELATION 9

We're dealing with future time where the wrath of God is going to be poured out upon the earth known as the tribulation.

Ch 6 - 18 Are prophetic events that will happen upon the earth.

People will come to Christ during this time but it will be so incredibly difficult. Time of martyrdom and earthquakes, economic collapse, famines, ocean turning to blood, etc.

Remember, it's God's final wake up call.

Tribulation comes in 3 forms:

- 1) 7 SEALS

2) 7 TRUMPETS

3) 7 BOWLS

Rev 8:7 - Trumpet 1

$\frac{1}{3}$ earth burned up

$\frac{1}{3}$ trees burned up

All green grass burned up

Rev 8:8-9 - Trumpet 2

$\frac{1}{3}$ sea becomes blood

$\frac{1}{3}$ sea life killed

$\frac{1}{3}$ sea vessels destroyed

Rev 8:10-11 - Trumpet 3

$\frac{1}{3}$ of all fresh water becomes bitter

Rev 8:12-13 - Trumpet 4

All light sources are darkened by $\frac{1}{3}$

Ch 9 - Trumpet 5 & 6

Ch 9 - it's going to deal now with great demonic activity and attack.

First part of Ch 9, the attacks are limited and for the purpose of torment.

Then in the last half of Ch 9, other demons are released and people will die. They will not only torment people but will actually kill people.

Ch 9:1-12, this deals with the 5th Trumpet.

Vs 1 - “STAR” - “Fallen star from heaven”

John uses masculine personal pronouns attached to this star.

Notice “to him” & “he”

This is a being “HIM” and “HE”

“Angelos” - messengers, and it’s used in Bible at times of human messengers of God’s word.

I believe this “star” is a reference to Satan.

Couple of passages to support this.

(1) Luke 10:18 - “I saw Satan fall like lightning from Heaven”.

(2) Isaiah 14:12

“Lucifer”

In this passage, Satan is kicked out for rebelling against God.

“Lucifer” - the name is derived from Latin.

Lux = “Lucis” genitive form of Lux.

“Ferre” - “to carry or to bring”.

Lux = Light

Ferre = to carry

“Luxferre” = Lucifer = “to carry light”; “Light bearer”

He is a star and a spirit being created that was very brilliant.

Ezekiel 28:16-17 "Anointed cherub"

“Was given key to bottomless pit”.

Taken from greek word “abussos”.

“Abussos” = bottomless is found 7 times in Revelation and only found 2 other times in Bible.

Luke 8:30-31

“Abyss” - these demons actually beg Jesus to not send them to the “Abyss”.

Abyss - bottomless pit is in the heart of the earth where the worst of the worst demons have been kept.

II Peter 2:4

As bad as the demons are in His mercy, He kept the worst of them locked in chains in the abyss.

Vs 2 - Locust not literal - but demons in form of locusts.

Vs 5 - “Five months”

So it's horrible but measured and it's for “5 months” and “can't kill them”.

“Scorpion strikes a man” - that's how it will feel.

Vs 6 - People will try and commit suicide, but will not be able to die.

Vs 7 - “Shape of horse”, “crown”, “face of man”.

Vs 8

Vs 9

Vs 11 - “Angel of bottomless pit”.

Prov 30:27 - “real locust have no king”

But these locusts have a King . . . it's Satan.

11b - “Abaddon” in Hebrew

“Apollyon” in Greek

Both actually mean “DESTROYER”

It's reference to Satan . . . He is the destroyer.

Vs 12

Vs 13-21 - 6th Trumpet

“Bottomless pit”

Bible doesn't say exactly where that is located.

In 1920's & 30's, seismologists after reading seismic waves on the earth made a determination about the core of the earth.

It's about the size of the moon, solid and mostly iron with a temp of 13,000 degrees which is about 2000 degrees hotter than the sun's surface.

David said in Psalm 63:9 - those trying to destroy him “would go down to depths of the earth”.

These demons are released for 5 months to torment from bottomless pit.

These demons come from "Euphrates".

These demons are allowed to KILL, not merely torment.

Vs 13 - scene in heaven

Bound = means not good angels but bad, so they are not worshipping God but they are fallen angels and demons.

"Great River Euphrates"

Places them in ancient Babylon which is modern day Iraq.

Euphrates was originally one of the 4 rivers in the garden of Eden (Gen 2).

Somewhere in the original location of Garden of Eden.

In ancient Mesopotamia, Iraq, between Tigris and Euphrates rivers.

Vs 15

“ $\frac{1}{3}$ of mankind”

Now the population is 6 billion. $\frac{1}{3}$ of 6 billion is another 2 billion people. By the time we get to the 6th Trumpet, $\frac{1}{2}$ of earth's people are gone. At minimum, 4 billion people are gone.

Vs 16 - In WWII all the armies combined was only 70 million on both sides.

This Army is maybe an army of demons or humans demon possessed.

Vs 17

Vs 18

Vs 19

Vs 20 - “Did Not Repent”

“Repent” - 12 times in chapter 20.

Repent = means “To Turn”.

“Metanaco”

Meta = Change

Naco = Mind or Will

It means to change my mind and will from the path I'm on to God.

Vs 21 - “Sorceries” = “Pharmakeia”

It's a very sad ending of torment & death, but in spite of all that, people still will not turn.

What will it take for people to wake up?