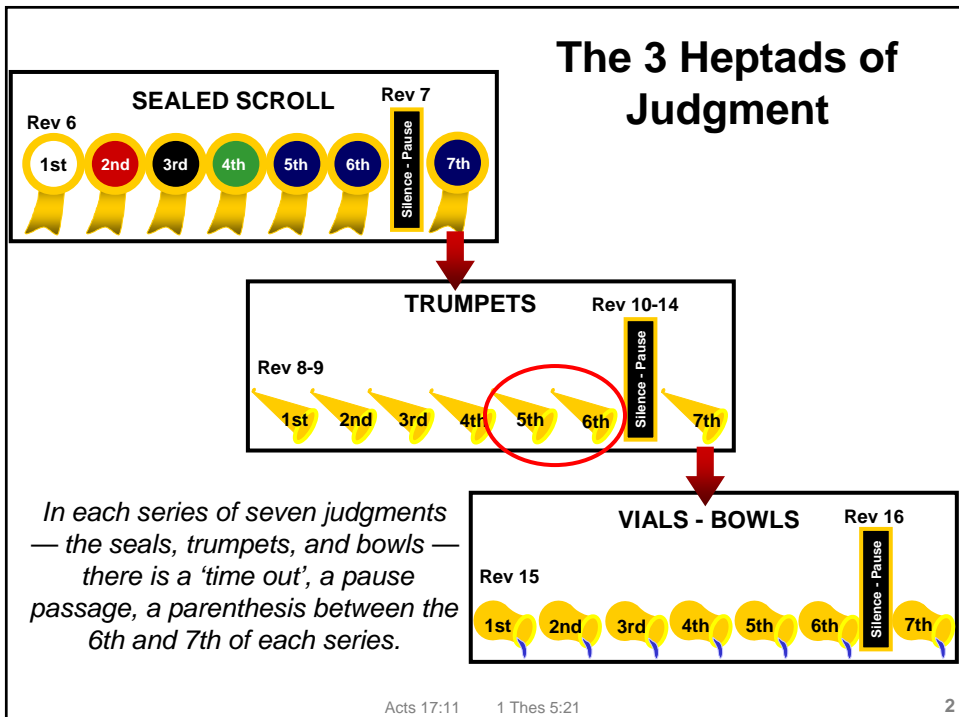


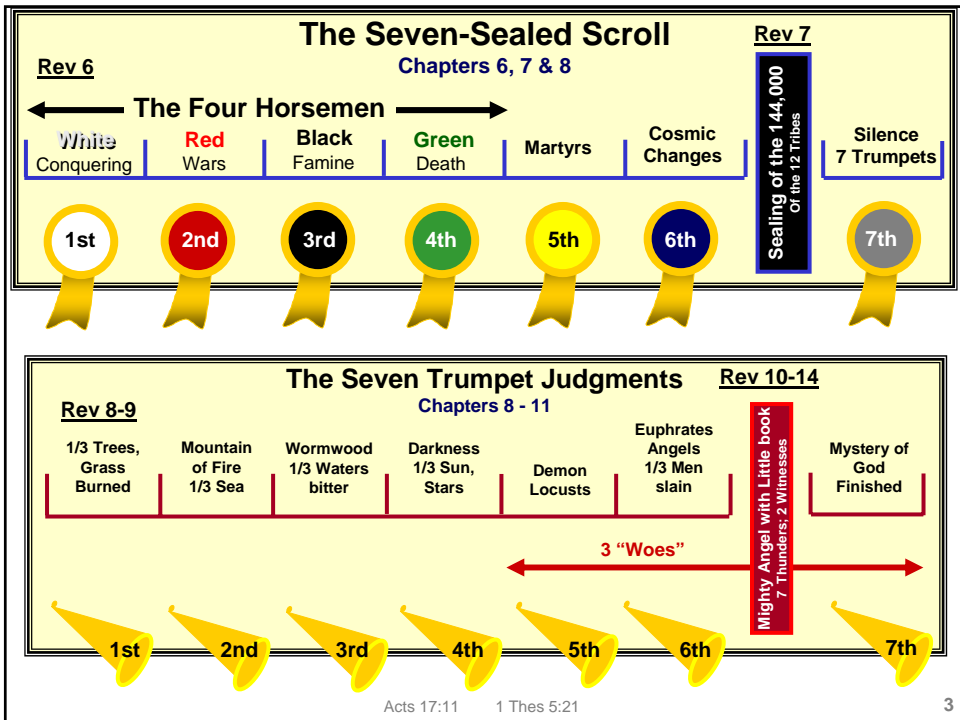
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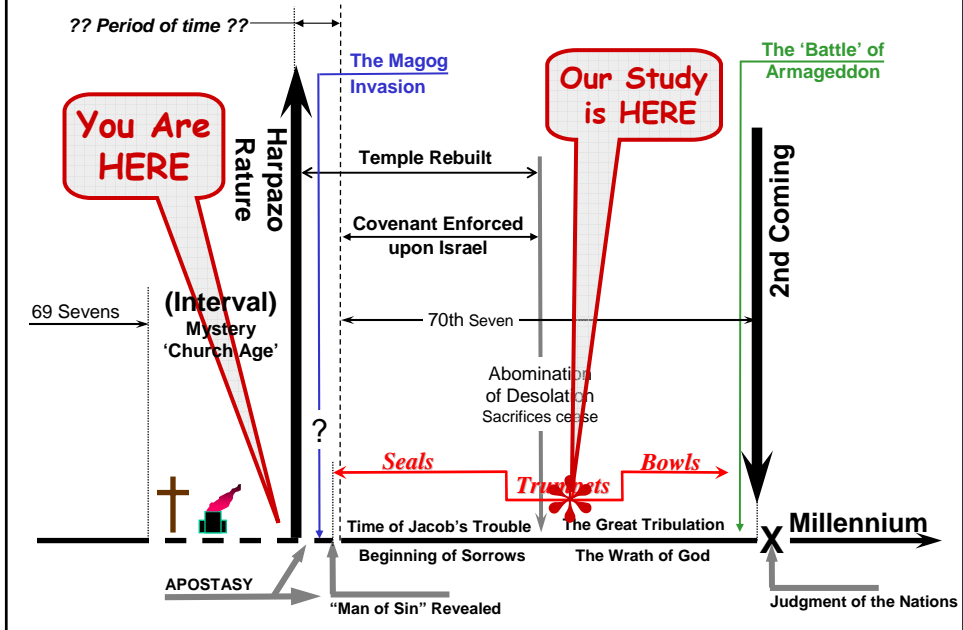
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- 9:1 Isa 14:12-14
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The Exodus versus Revelation

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| 1. Jacob's trouble: affliction | <i>Isa 60:14; Jer 30:5-8</i> |
| 2. Cry to God; heard: | <i>Jer 31:18-20</i> |
| 3. God commands oppressors; let them go: | <i>Isa 43:6</i> |
| 4. 2 witnesses; miracles before enemies: | <i>Rev 11:3-6</i> |
| 5. Enemies will also perform miracles: | <i>Rev 13:14-15</i> |
| 6. Sore judgments from God: | <i>Jer 25:6, 15 ???</i> |
| 7. God protects His people | <i>Rev 7:4; 12:6; Rev 14-16</i> |
| 8. Water turned to blood: | <i>Rev 8:8; 11:6; 16:4-5</i> |
| 9. Satanic frogs: | <i>Rev 16:13</i> |
| 10. Plague of 'locusts' | <i>Rev 9:20-21</i> |
| 11. Boils and Blains: | <i>Rev 16:2</i> |
| 12. Hailstones from heaven | <i>Rev 8:7</i> |
| 13. Darkness | <i>Isa 60:2; Rev 16:10</i> |
| 14. Hearts hardened | <i>Rev 9:20-21</i> |
| 15. Death of multitudes | <i>Rev 9:15</i> |
| 16. Israel to be delivered | <i>Zech 14:3-4; Rom 11:6</i> |

"THE DAY OF THE LORD"



Rev. 9:1-12

[1] And the fifth angel sounded, and I saw a star fall from heaven unto the earth: and to him was given the key of the bottomless pit. [2] And he opened the bottomless pit; and there arose a smoke out of the pit, as the smoke of a great furnace; and the sun and the air were darkened by reason of the smoke of the pit. [3] And there came out of the smoke locusts upon the earth: and unto them was given power, as the scorpions of the earth have power.

[4] And it was commanded them that they should not hurt the grass of the earth, neither any green thing, neither any tree; but only those men which have not the seal of God in their foreheads. [5] And to them it was given that they should not kill them, but that they should be tormented five months: and their torment was as the torment of a scorpion, when he striketh a man. [6] And in those days shall men seek death, and shall not find it; and shall desire to die, and death shall flee from them.

[7] And the shapes of the locusts were like unto horses prepared unto battle; and on their heads were as it were crowns like gold, and their faces were as the faces of men. [8] And they had hair as the hair of women, and their teeth were as the teeth of lions. [9] And they had breastplates, as it were breastplates of iron; and the sound of their wings was as the sound of chariots of many horses running to battle. [10] And they had tails like unto scorpions, and there were stings in their tails: and their power was to hurt men five months.

[11] And they had a king over them, which is the angel of the bottomless pit, whose name in the Hebrew tongue is Abaddon, but in the Greek tongue hath his name Apollyon. [12] One woe is past; and, behold, there come two woes more hereafter.

Rev 8:13 – 9:12 Free Translation

13 And I saw, and I heard one eagle flying in midheaven, saying with a great voice, Woe, woe, woe, to them dwelling on the earth, from out of the other voices of the trumpet of the three messengers which are about to sound.

1 And the fifth messenger sounded, and I saw a star from the heavens, fallen to the earth, and to him was given the key to the pit of the abyss. 2 And he opened the pit of the abyss, and there arose a smoke out of the pit, like the smoke of a great furnace, and the sun and the air were darkened from the smoke of the pit.

3 And from out of the smoke locusts went into the earth, and unto them was given authority, as the scorpions of the earth have authority. 4 And it was said to them that they should not hurt the grass of the earth, nor any green thing, nor any tree, but only the very men who have not the seal of God upon their foreheads. 5 And it was given to them that they should not kill them, but that they should be tortured five months; and their torture was as the torture of a scorpion when it strikes a man. 6 And in those days shall men seek death, and in no wise shall find it; and they shall desire to die, and death fleeth from them.

7 And the likenesses of the locusts were like unto horses prepared unto battle; and upon their heads as it were crowns like unto gold; and their faces as the faces of men; 8 and they had hair as the hair of women; and their teeth were as those of lions. 9 And they had breastplates like breastplates of iron; and the sound of their wings as the sound of chariots, of many horses rushing to war. "And they have tails like scorpions; and there were stings; and their authority was in their tails to hurt men five months. "They have a king over them, the messenger of the abyss; whose name in Hebrew is Abaddon, but in the Greek he has the name, Apollyon.

12 The one woe is past; behold, there come yet two woes after these.

Rev 8:13

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! **KJV**

Then I looked, and I heard an **eagle** flying in midheaven, saying with a loud voice, "Woe, woe, woe to those who dwell on the earth, because of the remaining blasts of the trumpet of the three angels who are about to sound!" **NASB**

As I watched, I heard an **eagle** that was flying in midair call out in a loud voice: "Woe! Woe! Woe to the inhabitants of the earth, because of the trumpet blasts about to be sounded by the other three angels!" **NIV**

G105 aetos **ἀετός**

- 1) an eagle: since eagles do not usually go in quest of carrion, this may refer to a vulture that resembles an eagle
- 2) an eagle as a standard (Roman Military)

It is an eagle, not an angel, seen flying in the sky above announcing that 3 woes were coming upon the inhabitants of the earth when the 3 last trumpets sound.

It is the eagle who speaks (the KJV translation is considered in error).

The eagle being the strongest of the flying birds is sometimes a symbol of vengeance since it is a bird of prey.

"For wheresoever the carcase is, there will the eagles be gathered together" (Matt. 24:28; cf. Rev. 19:17, 18).

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Rev 9:1-2 The 5th Angel sounds his trumpet This is getting personal...

[1] And the fifth angel sounded, and I saw a star fall from heaven unto the earth: and to him was given the key of the bottomless pit. [2] And he opened the bottomless pit; and there arose a smoke out of the pit, as the smoke of a great furnace; and the sun and the air were darkened by reason of the smoke of the pit.

The judgments so far have been directed at the physical earth.

The suffering men have faced has been indirect.

The deaths that have occurred have been the result of the natural upheavals.

There has been little direct personal attack upon and suffering by men.

In Revelation, we see two different kinds of wrath

wrath from God Himself and wrath from the Devil.

Satan and his angels hate mankind - not because man is such a threat but because God loves man.

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Rev 9:1-3 A Bottomless Pit ???

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The 5th trumpet sounds and Jesus, who holds the keys to death and hell, gives the key to the 'pit of the abyss' – 'the bottomless pit' – to a 'star' that John sees fall from heaven to the earth.

Perspective: frame of reference is the earth...where there is a bottomless pit !

He opens the pit, temporarily releasing it's demonic prisoners.

Bottomless pit - the only place that is bottomless is the center of something - all directions are up - up is in every direction.

Like being at the north pole - you can only go south
– it's south is in every direction.

In a bottomless pit – you can only go up
– it's up in every direction

The center of the earth ???

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Rev 9:1-3 A Falling Star ???

[1] And the fifth angel sounded, and I saw a star fall from heaven unto the earth and to him was given the key of the bottomless pit. [2] And he opened the bottomless pit; and there arose a smoke out of the pit, as the smoke of a great furnace; and the sun and the air were darkened by reason of the smoke of the pit. [3] And there came out of the smoke locusts upon the earth: and unto them was given power, as the scorpions of the earth have power.

Who is the star John saw fall from heaven?

Not physical asteroids or comets like those the 2 previous trumpets

- This is a 'him', a 'he' – this star is a being; a personality

Satan is described as the daystar, son of the morning *Isa 14:12*

He had been cast - was "fallen" - from heaven *Ezek 28:15 Luke 10:18*

The word 'fall' should have been translated 'fallen'
'Fallen' is correct tense of the Greek verb.

It may well be that the fallen star given the key is Satan himself

Satan has limited access to God - even after the fall *Job 1 & 2; Rev 12:10*

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A Star fell from heaven to the earth...

- Satan → Key passages: *Isaiah 14* *Ezekiel 28*
- 54x in the Bible
 - 36x in New Testament
 - 7x in Revelation
- Angel of Abousoo?
 - He will be imprisoned there 'in chains' for nearly 1,000 years
- Has Fallen *Isa 14:12; Luke 10:18; Rev 8:10*
- Will lose access to God *Rev 12:7-12; cf. Job 1:6-12*

Isaiah 14:1-32 > the Devil you say

Isaiah 14:1-32

[4] That thou shalt take up this proverb against the king of Babylon, ... [9] Hell from beneath is moved for thee to meet thee at thy coming: it stirreth up the dead for thee, even all the chief ones of the earth; it hath raised up from their thrones all the kings of the nations. [10] All they shall speak and say unto thee, Art thou also become weak as we? art thou become like unto us? [11] Thy pomp is brought down to the grave, and the noise of thy viols: the worm is spread under thee, and the worms cover thee. [12] How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning; how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations! [13] **For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north: [14] I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High.** [15] Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit. [16] They that see thee shall narrowly look upon thee, and consider thee, saying, Is this the man that made the earth to tremble, that did shake kingdoms; [17] That made the world as a wilderness, and destroyed the cities thereof; that opened not the house of his prisoners?

Ezekiel 28:1-6 > the Devil you say

Ezekiel 28:1-26

[11] Moreover the word of the Lord came unto me, saying, [12] Son of man, take up a lamentation upon the king of Tyrus, and say unto him, Thus saith the Lord God; Thou sealest up the sum, full of wisdom, and perfect in beauty. [13] **Thou hast been in Eden** the garden of God; every precious stone was thy covering, the sardius, topaz, and the diamond, the beryl, the onyx, and the jasper, the sapphire, the emerald, and the carbuncle, and gold: the workmanship of thy tabrets and of thy pipes was prepared in thee **in the day that thou wast created.** [14] Thou art **the anointed cherub that covereth**; and I have set thee so: thou **wast upon the holy mountain of God**; thou hast walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire. [15] Thou **wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till iniquity was found in thee.** [16] By the multitude of thy merchandise they have filled the midst of thee with violence, and thou hast sinned: therefore I will cast thee as profane out of the mountain of God: and I will destroy thee, O covering cherub, from the midst of the stones of fire. [17] Thine heart was lifted up because of thy beauty, thou hast corrupted thy wisdom **by reason of thy brightness: I will cast thee to the ground**, I will lay thee before kings, that they may behold thee. [18] Thou hast defiled thy sanctuaries by the multitude of thine iniquities, by the iniquity of thy traffick; therefore will I bring forth a fire from the midst of thee, it shall devour thee, and **I will bring thee to ashes upon the earth** in the sight of all them that behold thee. [19] All they that know thee among the people shall be astonished at thee: thou shalt be a terror, and never shalt thou be any more.

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- Satan had been called Lucifer - the "anointed cherub" Ezek 28:12, 14 Isa 14:12
- He was not and is not an 'eternal' being but was created Ezek 28:15
- He and all angels had been created to be ministering spirits ~~to~~ for (on behalf of) the human race Hebrews 1:13-14 But to which of the angels said he at any times, Sit on my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool? [14] Are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation?
- The angels do not procreate 'replenish themselves' – they are very many but a fixed number Hebrews 12:22 But ye are come unto mount Sion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels,
- Satan was not satisfied with his exalted position and wish to usurp God's authority Isa 14:13-14
- Based on Jewish tradition and symbolism, the phrase the "stars of heaven" is used to describe living beings - angels or spirits.
Job 38:7 When the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy?
- Satan in his rebellion incited 1/3 of the angels to join him
Rev 12:3-4 And there appeared another wonder in heaven; and behold a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads. [4] And his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven, and did cast them to the earth: and the dragon stood before the woman which was ready to be delivered, for to devour her child as soon as it was born.
Rev. 12:7 And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels,
- They had no chance to prevail against their creator and were cast out of heaven to the earth Ezek 28:17 Rev. 12:9 And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.

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The devil made me do it....

Why would one who is described as being full of wisdom delude himself into thinking he could overthrow his creator?

Perhaps he convinced himself, deceived himself into believing that God was not his creator but an 'equal' and thus was vulnerable.

Wisdom does not necessarily guarantee intelligence.

Was this the first 'seed' of evolution ??

Why out of all creation would Satan – the dragon – be cast to earth ?

Satan had been created to serve man - a role he rejected.

Perhaps God was allowing him to test man to determine man's loyalty whether it was to God or self or and Satan. Perhaps it was part of God's plan to deal with man's sin and rebellion once and for all...

Man was quickly tested with the same temptation that brought about Satan's own fall – "ye shall be as gods"

Gen 3:4-5 And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die: 5 For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.

Lucifer > Satan > the Dragon > the Devil you say

When men multiplied on the earth - now in their sinful state - Satan did everything possible to corrupt men to the point God would have no use for them.

Genesis 6:1-4 And it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born unto them, [2] That the sons of God saw the daughters of men that they were fair; and they took them wives of all which they chose. ... [4] There were giants in the earth in those days; and also after that, when the sons of God came in unto the daughters of men, and they bare children to them, the same became mighty men which were of old, men of renown.

As these fallen heavenly 'sons of God' possessed now fallen human 'sons of God' they bore offspring bringing about a race of giant demon controlled beings.

A 'son of God' is an exclusive term used in scripture for those beings who were the result of God's direct creation or incarnation. There are only four:

The angels Adam The Lord Jesus The Church

The fallen angels who participated in this action of possessing men and their offspring were condemned to a prison called – Tartarus GK: 5020

2 Peter 2:4 For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to hell, [tartaroo] and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment;

Jude 1:6 And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day.

Tartarus = ?? = The ABYSS

Abyss: [Ah BISS] – *GK:12* the bottomless pit or the chaotic deep.

Found 9x in the New Testament; 30x+ in the Septuagint.

Often referred to as the 'deep' or 'darkness'

Luke 8:31 And they besought him that he would not command them to go out into the deep.

Romans 10:7 Or, Who shall descend into the deep? (that is, to bring up Christ again from the dead.)

The temporary place of terrible punishment of disobedient spirits, fallen angels, demons, and ultimately the beast and the false prophet.

Rev 9:11; Rev 11:7; Rev 20:1, 3

The final, eternal place of punishment is the 'lake of fire'; often called 'Gehenna'

Rev 20:10; Rev 20:14-15

Translated into Greek, the Hebrew "valley of hinnom" becomes gehenna,

12 times in the New Testament (11 times by Jesus and once by James), each time it is translated in as "hell"

Matt 5:22; Mark 9:43,45,47; Luke 12:5; James 3:6

"The outer darkness" Mat_8:12; Mat_22:13; Mat_25:30;

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Hell = The Lake of Fire = Gehenna *G1067*

The place of future eternal punishment...

Originally the valley of Hinnom, a deep, narrow ravine south of Jerusalem, where the filth and dead animals of the city were cast out and burned; a fit symbol of the wicked and their future destruction.

At the HIGH PLACES of Baal in the valley of Hinnom, parents sacrificed their children as a burnt offering to the pagan god Molech

2 Kings 23:10

Ahaz and Manasseh, Kings of Judah, were guilty of this wickedness

2 Chr 28:3; 33:6

King Josiah put an end to this Baal worship destroying the pagan altars and defiling the valley in order to make it unfit even for pagan worship

2 Kings 23:10

Jeremiah foretold that God would judge this awful abomination of human sacrifice and would cause such a destruction that "the valley of the son of Hinnom" would become known as "the valley of slaughter"

Jer 7:31-32; 19:2,6; 32:35

The place was also called "Tophet."

Hell = The Lake of Fire = Gehenna *G1067*

The valley of Hinnom became the garbage dump for the city of Jerusalem.

All the filth and garbage of the city, including the dead bodies of animals and executed criminals were thrown into it. Maggots filled and worked the filth.

To consume all this, fires smoldered and burned constantly. Smoke from the burning debris rose day and night. When the wind blew over the city from the direction of Hinnom, there was no doubt how awful a place it was.

At night wild dogs howled and gnashed their teeth as they fought over the garbage.

Jesus used this awful scene as a symbol of hell.

In effect he said, "do you want to know what hell is like? Look at the valley of gehenna."

Hell is God's "cosmic garbage dump."

All that is unfit for heaven will be thrown into hell.

Hinnom became a visible symbol of horror, woe and of the place of eternal punishment we call HELL.

Hell = The Lake of Fire = Gehenna

Hell as a place of punishment is translated gehenna,

In *Mark 9:46, 48*, hell is described as a place where

"their worm does not die and the fire is not quenched."

Repeatedly Jesus spoke of 'outer darkness' and a 'furnace of fire', where there will be wailing, weeping, and gnashing of teeth

Matt 8:12; 13:42,50; 22:13; 24:51; 25:30; Luke 13:28

The book of Revelation describes hell as "a lake of fire burning with brimstone"

Rev. 19:20; 20:10, 14-15; 21:8

Into hell will be thrown the beast and the false prophet. *Rev. 19:20*

At the end of the age the devil himself will be thrown into it, along with death and hades (sheol) and all whose names are not in the book of life.

"And they will be tormented day and night forever and ever" Rev. 20:10b

Some people doubt whether hell consists of actual fire or if it is just symbolic.

Don't get too comfortable with that thought.

Symbols are used because words are inadequate.

Whether you are talking about Heaven or Hell, the reality is greater than the symbols used to describe them.

This is the pits...

The abyss was originally considered to be the place of imprisoned waters (the holding place of the primeval waters that covered the earth before God separated them from the firmament).

Genesis 1:1-7

[1] In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. [2] And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.

[3] And God said, Let there be light: and there was light. [4] And God saw the light, that it was good: and God divided the light from the darkness. [5] And God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And the evening and the morning were the first day.

[6] And God said, Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters. [7] And God made the firmament, and divided the waters which were under the firmament from the waters which were above the firmament: and it was so.

It was thought to once have been a great subterranean sea.

Genesis 7:11 In the six hundredth year of Noah's life, in the second month, the seventeenth day of the month, the same day were all the fountains of the great deep broken up, and the windows of heaven were opened.

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This is THE pit...

The Abyss or 'bottomless pit' became known as the place of confinement of God's greatest enemies harboring some of the most terrible of the fallen creatures which followed Lucifer in his rebellion.

"The Lord shall punish the host of the high ones that are on high [that is, Satan's hosts], and the kings of the earth upon the earth. [For this earth is to be terribly judged, but God never forgets that behind the wicked of this earth there are the wicked of the angelic hosts.] And they shall be gathered together, as prisoners are gathered in the pit, and shall be shut up in the prison, and after many days shall they be visited" (Isa. 24:21-22)

The Abyss is a great chasm within the earth where the disobedient of heaven and disobedient of earths' rulers and the fallen spirits who cohabited with man were kept prisoner. (Although even there they were not beyond his power and authority)

Amos 9:3 And though they hide themselves in the top of Carmel, I will search and take them out thence; and though they be hid from my sight in the bottom of the sea, thence will I command the serpent, and he shall bite them:

Isa 51:9 Awake, awake, put on strength, O arm of the Lord; awake, as in the ancient days, in the generations of old. Art thou not it that hath cut Rahab, and wounded the dragon?

Psalms 74:13 Thou didst divide the sea by thy strength: thou brakest the heads of the dragons in the waters.

Lu 8:31 And they besought him that he would not command them to go out into the deep.

What's all this about dragons and serpents
hid in the deep, the bottom of (beneath) the sea ???

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Rev 9:1-3 The ABYSS...Smoke and Locusts ???

[1] And the fifth angel sounded, and I saw a star fall from heaven unto the earth: and to him was given the key of the bottomless pit. [2] And he opened the bottomless pit; and there arose a smoke out of the pit, as the smoke of a great furnace; and the sun and the air were darkened by reason of the smoke of the pit. [3] And there came out of the smoke locusts upon the earth: and unto them was given power, as the scorpions of the earth have power.

John is describing the opening of a place beyond the natural environment of man's normal existence. It is the loosing of evil spirit beings upon natural man.

Satan's still controls a great army – some confined, some free and still roaming ...

Ephes. 6:12 For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.

2 Cor. 12:7 And lest I should be exalted above measure through the abundance of the revelations, there was given to me a thorn in the flesh, the messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I should be exalted above measure.

Also see *Mark 9:17-27*

1 Peter 5:8 Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:

Rev 9:2-3 Sorry, we don't have a 'No Smoking' section ...

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The first time smoke is mentioned in scripture is at the destruction of Sodom and Gomorah; smoke of judgment...

Genesis 19:28 And he looked toward Sodom and Gomorrah, and toward all the land of the plain, and beheld, and, lo, the smoke of the country went up as the smoke of a furnace.

Smoke was seen at the giving of the law on Sinai...

Exodus 19:18 And mount Sinai was altogether on a smoke, because the Lord descended upon it in fire: and the smoke thereof ascended as the smoke of a furnace, and the whole mount quaked greatly.

Out of the smoke of the abyss - billowing like smoke out of a furnace emerge wave after wave of hideous flying creatures like locusts swarming across the land.

Rev 9:3 Don't call the exterminators...they're hiding !!

[3] And there came out of the smoke, locusts upon the earth: and unto them was given power, as the scorpions of the earth have power.

Numerous references to grasshoppers and locusts in the Bible show what an impact these insects had in the hot, dry lands of the ancient world.

Some of these references are literal Ex. 10:4-19

The 8th plague that God sent upon the Egyptians was an invasion of locusts.

Others are symbolic Num. 13:33

John calls them locust but they were not your normal run of the mill Locust...

A locust swarm was the only event John could use to describe the scene to the people of his day to convey the terror of what he was seeing.

The terms grasshopper and locust are often used interchangeably.

They are in the same family as household crickets.

Another term that is rarely used for these insects is 'katydid' (in NIV)

Lev 11:20-25

20 "All flying insects that walk on all fours are to be detestable to you.

21 There are, however, some winged creatures that walk on all fours that you may eat: those that have jointed legs for hopping on the ground.

22 Of these you may eat any kind of locust, katydid, cricket or grasshopper.

23 But all other winged creatures that have four legs you are to detest.

24 "You will make yourselves unclean by these; whoever touches their carcasses will be unclean till evening.

25 Whoever picks up one of their carcasses must wash his clothes, and he will be unclean till evening. NIV

Acts 17:11 1 Thes 5:21

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The locusts are here! The locusts are here!

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Late update: Swarms of locust are enjoying the Red Sea resort city of Eilat at Israel's southern tip. The swarms have also been spotted in the Negev toon They are described as reddish and averageing about 7 cm long (about 3 inches).

Tomorrow, Israeli officials say they will spray insecticide to kill them and try to prevent their northern migration.

The Plant Protection and Inspection Services declared a state of high alert in the south of the country Thursday afternoon, fearing that swarms of locusts would head toward Israel's coastal region from the Sinai Peninsula, Haaretz reported.

Locusts were spotted at the northeastern Sinai town of El Arish Thursday, after migrating eastward along Egypt's entire Mediterranean coast. "Certainly in this region there is no need for panic," said Keith Cressman, locust forecasting officer for the UN Food and Agriculture Organization. "There is certainly a tendency when a swarm of locusts appear in such a large urban area like Cairo that an awful lot of people see it and it causes a lot of panic."

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Israeli officials have been monitoring the locusts' movement for weeks. Earlier in November, a few of the reddish arthropods were spotted along the Mediterranean and in coastal cities.

The Agriculture Ministry received a request from its Palestinian counterpart to coordinate steps to eliminate the locusts if they arrive in the area, Haaretz reported. The ministry said if the locusts do hit Israel, they will be quickly exterminated.

Leftist groups are expected to protest the ethnic cleansing.

Out of Egypt

Most of the millions of red locusts that swarmed through Cairo had flown east by Thursday but the government announced that President Hosni Mubarak was still closely following the efforts to control the swarm that had invaded northern Egypt a day before.

The locusts, some at least seven centimeters (2.75 inches) long, caused Cairenes to squat, and swat and stare as they (the locusts) filled the skies in some neighborhoods of the city Wednesday.

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By Thursday, the swarm had moved east along the Sinai Peninsula, about 50 kilometers (30 miles) from the Israeli border.

Agriculture Minister Ahmed el-Leithy said in a news conference that Mubarak was following the locust issue and government control measures.

Egyptian authorities began emergency pesticide spraying Wednesday to protect the Nile Delta's important agriculture industry but said the locusts appeared to pose no serious threat to crops.

However, the FAO in Rome issued an alert that control operations were hampered because local farmers dispersed swarms by burning tires and other materials to protect their fields.

Cressman said the worst may be over for Cairenes, since there were no additional reports of incoming locusts. He said the swarms originated in West Africa and traveled over Libya to Egypt.

"Perhaps now all of them or most have moved farther east," he said.

Cressman said he did not expect the locusts to move farther east than the Israeli coast and added that they were too immature to breed.

Though only a nuisance so far in the Middle East, FAO officials are closely following the possible locust migration to traditional breeding grounds along the Red Sea coast that could eventually affect impoverished countries such as Sudan, which is already undergoing a severe humanitarian crisis.

If the locusts were allowed to breed in these areas, "those new generation swarms in early next summer could move into Sudan for the summer rains and at that point there may be threat to food security," said Cressman.

Locusts can multiply 10- to 16-fold over a generation.

"The swarms are looking for first for food and second for favorable breeding grounds," said Christian Pantenius, program coordinator of the FAO office in Egypt.

He said the affected countries are "doing their utmost best" to control the locusts.

Locusts, which normally live between two and six months, eat their weight -- about 2 grams, or 0.07 ounces -- in crops every day. They can travel 200 kilometers (120 miles) a day.

Acts 17:11 1 Thes 5:21

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Joel 1:4

**What the gnawing locust has left,
the swarming locust has eaten; And what the swarming locust has left,
the creeping locust has eaten; And what the creeping locust has left,
the stripping locust has eaten.**

Locusts are Orthopterans along with cockroaches, mantises, grasshoppers, and crickets

There are 24,000 different species (282 in Arizona alone).

Some can grow up to 10" in length!

They multiply by parthenogenesis - if a male isn't around the female takes care of it alone

Each female locust can lay 250-300 pods; with 70-80 eggs/pod.

In 1881 in Cypress, 1,300 tons of egg masses were dug up in an effort to try to prevent a plague the next spring.

Larvae go through 4-13 stages; sometimes taking 6-7 years to fully mature.

Once mature they live 2-6 months (5 months on average)

- 1) **Gnawing** locust: *gazam*. Emerges from egg (in spring); has no wings.
- 2) **Swarming** locust: *arbeh*. Most common winged locust.
- 3) **Licking** locust: *yalah* ("caterpillar") Jer 51:27. Third phase; old skin; small wings.
- 4) **Consuming** locust: *chasil* ("cankerworm"). 3" long; 1" antennae.

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Locusts

- Locust breed in the desert and invade cultivated lands.
- A typical locust has a brown body, 2-3 inches long, weighing about 2-3 grams. They can have wing spans from 4-5 inches.
- They have two sets of wings and can cover 120 miles a day. They can fly 17 hours at a time.
- Locust usually swarm in the spring.
- Many millions of these insects may be included in one of these swarms. Density in a swarm can be 120 million locusts/square mile. Swarms have been spotted 1200 miles out at sea. In 1889, a swarm in the Red Sea covered 2,000 square miles.
- They travel in military like columns up to 100 feet deep and up to 4 miles wide. They can block the sunlight when they mass and move. They reduce visibility on the ground to less than 200 feet.
- When in mass the millions of wings has been described as a high wind or rushing water or a waterfall.



Locusts

- Scientists have found a single hormone that, when activated, causes swarming. The locust becomes aggressive and gregarious; the hormone causes changes in coloration, physiology, metabolism and behavior.
- Swarming they completely strip the land, eating every plant in sight, totally destroying the crops down to the roots below ground. The only things they leave behind are devastation and famine, disease and loss of trade follows with the inevitable inflation, etc. They can literally wipe out a nation.
- Locusts have been called the “incarnation of hunger.” There is no more destructive force on earth, even today. They eat their own weight every day. The noise of their eating is described as the noise of a prairie fire.
- Locusts do not always appear in swarms. Hot weather normally brings a few solitary grasshoppers and locusts. Under certain conditions of climate and food scarcity, chemical changes take place in the female locust that cause more eggs to hatch, sending millions of locusts into the air at the same time in search of food.

Locusts

A locust plague is practically unstoppable:

- Water - When enough have drowned, the rest use their bodies as a bridge.
- They have been known to smother fires that had been set to destroy them.
- Modern farmers will resort to poisoning the adults and harrowing fields in the fall in an attempt to destroy the eggs before they can hatch in the spring.

Many people, including the Jews, eat locusts [Lev. 11:22](#)

They are boiled, fried, or dried. Locusts were part of John the Baptist's diet
[Matt. 3:4](#)

The Old Testament always identified locusts with destruction.

[Joel 1:1-20](#) [Joel 2:1-32](#)

The damage they inflict and the speed with which they carry it out are incredible.

1866 locust invasion in Algiers left nothing behind killing 200,000 people due to famine in the following days.

The Hebrew language calls them by at least six different names each describing a specific characteristic of the locust.

Locusts have been described as having heads that look like miniature horses heads
(German term is Heupferd, "hay-horse"; the Italian, cavaletta, "little horse")

Locusts in scripture

Judgment in "fours":

Jere 15:3 And I will appoint over them four kinds, saith the Lord: the sword to slay, and the dogs to tear, and the fowls of the heaven, and the beasts of the earth, to devour and destroy.

Ezek 14:21 For thus saith the Lord God; How much more when I send my four sore judgments upon Jerusalem, the sword, and the famine, and the noisome beast, and the pestilence, to cut off from it man and beast?

Plague of locusts:

Exod 10:2-6 And that thou mayest tell in the ears of thy son, and of thy son's son, what things I have wrought in Egypt, and my signs which I have done among them; that ye may know how that I am the Lord. [3] And Moses and Aaron came in unto Pharaoh, and said unto him, Thus saith the Lord God of the Hebrews, How long wilt thou refuse to humble thyself before me? let my people go, that they may serve me. [4] Else, if thou refuse to let my people go, behold, to morrow will I bring the locusts into thy coast: [5] And they shall cover the face of the earth, that one cannot be able to see the earth: and they shall eat the residue of that which is escaped, which remaineth unto you from the hail, and shall eat every tree which groweth for you out of the field: [6] And they shall fill thy houses, and the houses of all thy servants, and the houses of all the Egyptians; which neither thy fathers, nor thy fathers' fathers have seen, since the day that they were upon the earth unto this day. And he turned himself, and went out from Pharaoh.

Deut. 28:38-42 Thou shalt carry much seed out into the field, and shalt gather but little in; for the locust shall consume it. [39] Thou shalt plant vineyards, and dress them, but shalt neither drink of the wine, nor gather the grapes; for the worms shall eat them. [40] Thou shalt have olive trees throughout all thy coasts, but thou shalt not anoint thyself with the oil; for thine olive shall cast his fruit. [41] Thou shalt beget sons and daughters, but thou shalt not enjoy them; for they shall go into captivity. [42] All thy trees and fruit of thy land shall the locust consume.

Locusts in scripture

Joel 1:1-6 The word of the Lord that came to Joel the son of Pethuel. [2] Hear this, ye old men, and give ear, all ye inhabitants of the land. Hath this been in your days, or even in the days of your fathers? [3] Tell ye your children of it, and let your children tell their children, and their children another generation. [4] That which the palmerworm hath left hath the locust eaten; and that which the locust hath left hath the cankerworm eaten; and that which the cankerworm hath left hath the caterpillar eaten. [5] Awake, ye drunkards, and weep; and howl, all ye drinkers of wine, because of the new wine; for it is cut off from your mouth. [6] For a nation is come up upon my land, strong, and without number, whose teeth are the teeth of a lion, and he hath the cheek teeth of a great lion.

But there is something else going on, something more sinister

Prov 30:27 The locusts have no king, yet go they forth all of them by bands;

Compare with Rev 9:3-11; Amos 7:1

Amos 7:1 Thus hath the Lord God shewed unto me; and, behold, he formed grasshoppers in the beginning of the shooting up of the latter growth; and, lo, it was the latter growth after the king's mowings.

Rev 9:3 Locusts

[3] And there came out of the smoke, locusts upon the earth: and unto them was given power, as the scorpions of the earth have power.

Revelation 9 presents a nightmare:

Locusts with special powers will be unleashed upon mankind for 5 months.

Never before had man seen such creatures on the earth.

A day of darkness and 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 Joel 2:2

Joel may have seen them in a vision

The appearance of them is as the appearance of horses" Joel 2:4

This may indicate a military invasion, hordes that would come upon the land with utter ruthlessness because of the Satanic power which energized the army.

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Demons

- Are evil spirits
- Always seeking embodiment
- Destined for torment *Matt 8:29; Matt 25:41*
- Must obey the Lord Jesus Christ

Mark 1:23-27; Mark 5:1-15; 1 John 4:4

Demon Locusts

"The locusts have no king." Proverbs 30:27

"And there came locusts upon the earth.. - And they had a king over them, which is the angel of the bottomless pit, whose name in the Hebrew tongue is Abaddon, but in the Greek tongue hath his name Apollyon." Revelation 9:3, 11

Who is Gog? Ezek 38-39

Thus hath the Lord GOD shewed unto me; and, behold, he formed grasshoppers in the beginning of the shooting up of the latter growth; and, to, it was the latter growth after the king's mowings. Amos 7:1 (KJV) [from the Masoretic texts]

Thus the Lord showed me, and behold a swarm of locusts were coming, and, behold, one of the young devastating locusts was Gog, the King. Amos 7:1 (LXX)

Rev 9:4

[4] And it was commanded them that they should not hurt the grass of the earth, neither any green thing, neither any tree; but only those men which have not the seal of God in their foreheads.

Ordinary locusts destroy the trees and grass and green plants

- these are forbidden to harm the already ravaged earth

They were to hurt only men

- men who did NOT have the mark of God upon them in their foreheads

This would seem to refer to the 144,000 marked by God earlier. (Rev 7)

2 Tim. 2:19 Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are his. And, Let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity.

Does God permit these beings to afflict the remainder of those who had come to Him as a result of his witnesses (the 2 in Jerusalem and the 144,000)?

Perhaps the others have already lost their lives or

Perhaps they have also been marked and it was simply not mentioned previously.

They swarm across the earth tormenting men for 5 months which is very close to the average life span of an adult locust.

Rev 9:5 Stinging Locusts ???

[5] And to them it was given that they should not kill them, but that they should be tormented five months: and their torment was as the torment of a scorpion, when he striketh a man.

Locust don't sting – but – scorpions do... Their sting was extremely painful

The desert scorpion of the middle east carried the most painful sting of all creatures known.

The scorpion is a small crawling animal that looks like a flat lobster.

A member of the spider family, it has eight legs and two sets of pincers.

Scorpions have a large curved tail with a 'claw' at the end' with which they 'sting' their foes injecting a poison.

It uses its poisonous sting only when threatened or when it attacks large prey.

This sting is seldom fatal, but it can be very painful; far more painful than a hornet's sting.

A scorpion feeds on spiders and insects, which it rips apart with its claws.

During the day, scorpions escape the desert heat by hiding under rocks and stones; in every opening in stone walls and construction; in every crack and crevice..

They come out at night to hunt and eat.

Inhabitants of Bible lands feared scorpions.

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These animals were an ever-present danger when Moses led the children of Israel through the hot, rocky wilderness Deut. 8:15

Jesus spoke about giving a person a scorpion instead of an egg Lu 11:12
That probably referred to the light colored scorpion, which could be mistaken for an egg when in a coiled position.

Ezekiel was told by God not to be afraid of his enemies, who were referred to symbolically as scorpions Ezek. 2:6

King Rehoboam's threat did not mean he would use scorpions as whips.
A barbed whip or scourge was called a "scorpion." 1 Kgs 12:14

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These 'locust' have some way of tormenting men with something like the sting of the scorpion with which they attack 'Godless' mankind – not destroy vegetation...

Their 5 month presence and painful torment will cause men to long for death which will not come.

Job 3:21; Jer 8:3

Whatever they are, these things cannot be newly created creatures

God is not creating new things, especially new things that are not good.

The last thing recorded thing that God created was us – new creatures, new creations in Christ Jesus...

2 Cor. 5:17-18 Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new. [18] And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation;

Satan cannot create at all

These beings must be the demonic beings previously confined in the Abyss

Rev 9:5

[5] And to them it was given that they should not kill them, but that they should be tormented five months: and their torment was as the torment of a scorpion, when he striketh a man.

A 5 month limitation is placed on them - whether this is the length of the effect of their scorpion like sting or the length of their freedom, it is not absolutely clear.

5 months (150 days - 5 30 day months) was the duration of the flood that rid the earth of the demonic race and evil men in Noah's day

When the abyss is opened - the frustration of centuries of torment and confinement are unleashed on men.

This is no victory for Satan - it is God using him as a tool of punishment

Satan watched helplessly as men throughout the church age were redeemed.

He could do nothing but watch as the Church was gathered together to meet Jesus in the air at the Rapture

He has been powerless to prevent men from accepting Christ after the Rapture
His anger and frustration must be at a pinnacle – a fever pitch...

Rev 9:6

[6] And in those days shall men seek death, and shall not find it; and shall desire to die, and death shall flee from them.

The pain and suffering they cause is so great men will seek to die; they will look for it

But, they will not be able to find it...

Suicide will not even be an option...

Any effects of their efforts to take their own lives only adds to their misery.

God is not sadistically prolonging suffering

He is not willing that any should perish.

For centuries God approached man in love and now He does so with punishment in the hope that as a result some men will yet repent.

During this period Satan is revealed - no more 'angel of light' deceptions

People are today being prepared for this type of direct demonic revelation
- movies, tv, books, science, etc.

From 'Star Wars to Harry Potter to Genetic engineering...

Rev 9:7

And the shapes of the locusts **were like** unto horses prepared unto battle; and on their heads **were as it were** crowns like gold, and their faces **were as** the faces of men.

These are NOT literal descriptions of the beings...

The text does not say the locust beings were horses with human face and gold crowns - it says they looked like them.

John was attempting to use words and creatures his readers would recognize to describe what he was finding indescribable.

These were not an unknown breed of insect - they were demons out of the Abyss and John was struggling to describe the scene adequately.

These demons fly like locusts, run like horses and sting like scorpions.

They are wearing something that looked like gold crowns and when John looked at them he saw the faces of men.

Some believe these were pilots of some sort of war machine but that explanation does not fit the facts...that they come out of a smoking pit and are only seen for 5 months...

The demonic spirit world is being exposed and is openly interacting with men.

Rev 9:8-10

[8] And they had hair **as** the hair of women, and their teeth were **as** the teeth of lions. [9] And they had breastplates, **as it were** breastplates of iron; and the sound of their wings was **as** the sound of chariots of many horses running to battle. [10] And they had tails **like unto** scorpions, and there were stings in their tails: and their power was to hurt men five months.

In addition to having human like faces, they had long, woman-like hair.

They had teeth that could tear flesh like a lions teeth.

There was iron armor and the sound of charging horse chariots in their wings.

It would appear that God has prepared or allowed these demons to assume a fleshly form in which to carry out their vengeance.

Their tormenting sting was in their tails which has been described as like a scorpion tail - extremely painful but not fatal.

As suddenly as they appeared they vanish giving men another respite during which they could repent if they choose.

Perhaps scientists find some way to kill the bodies these demons are using or perhaps God just re-confines them into the Abyss.

Rev 9:11

[11] And they had a king over them, which is the angel of the bottomless pit, whose name in the Hebrew tongue is Abaddon, but in the Greek tongue hath his name Apollyon. [12] One woe is past; and, behold, there come two woes more hereafter.

This plague is not literal locusts:

These locusts which came out of smoke "have over them a king..."

Our Lord takes particular pains to tell us "The locusts have no king" Pro 30:27

The leader of this group is named Abaddon (Heb) or Apollyon (Gk)

It is found only once in most English translations of the Bible.

Abaddon is a transliteration of a Hebrew word which occurs 6 times in the Bible.

It is most often translated "destruction"

Job 26:6; 28:22; 31:12; Ps. 88:11; Prov. 15:11; 27:20

Three places, it is the phrase "hell and destruction" Job 26:6; Prov. 15:11; 27:20

The Hebrew noun translated "hell" is "sheol".

The Hebrew noun translated "destruction" is "abaddon".

Here Abaddon is not a thing but a being, a personality, the ranking demonic angel who reigns over those confined in the Abyss. This leader is and was confined with the demonic host

Job 26:6, Job 28:22, Job 31:12, Ps 88:11, Prov 15:11, Prov 27:20

Apollyon (the present participle of the greek verb -to destroy- means the destroyer).

Acts 17:11 1 Thes 5:21

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Rev 9:12 Woe be gone ! – not yet, 2 more to come

[12] One woe is past; and, behold, there come two woes more hereafter.

The first of the final three trumpets signaling Woe - destruction targeting mankind has ended, Two more are yet to follow

With each successive judgment, the consequences become more and more severe

Isaiah 26:9 With my soul have I desired thee in the night; yea, with my spirit within me will I seek thee early: for when thy judgments are in the earth, the inhabitants of the world will learn righteousness.

Each succeeding judgment will turn a few more 'learners' to the Lord

-most people will remain stiff necked and unrepentant.

Supernatural armies have previously appeared in the Scriptures:

- Horses and a chariot of fire separated Elijah from Elisha when Elijah was taken up into heaven (2 Kgs 2:11);
- When Dothan was besieged by the army of Syria, God opened the eyes of Elisha's servant and he saw the horses and chariots of fire (2 Kgs 6:13-17).
- The Lord Jesus Christ will be attended by the armies of heaven riding on white horses.

Acts 17:11 1 Thes 5:21

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Rev. 9:13-21

[13] And the sixth angel sounded, and I heard a voice from the four horns of the golden altar which is before God, [14] Saying to the sixth angel which had the trumpet, Loose the four angels which are bound in the great river Euphrates.

[15] And the four angels were loosed, which were prepared for an hour, and a day, and a month, and a year, for to slay the third part of men.

[16] And the number of the army of the horsemen were two hundred thousand thousand: and I heard the number of them.

[17] And thus I saw the horses in the vision, and them that sat on them, having breastplates of fire, and of jacinth, and brimstone: and the heads of the horses were as the heads of lions; and out of their mouths issued fire and smoke and brimstone. [18] By these three was the third part of men killed, by the fire, and by the smoke, and by the brimstone, which issued out of their mouths. [19] For their power is in their mouth, and in their tails: for their tails were like unto serpents, and had heads, and with them they do hurt.

[20] And the rest of the men which were not killed by these plagues yet repented not of the works of their hands, that they should not worship devils, and idols of gold, and silver, and brass, and stone, and of wood: which neither can see, nor hear, nor walk: [21] Neither repented they of their murders, nor of their sorceries, nor of their fornication, nor of their thefts.

Rev 9:12 – 21 Free Translation

"And the sixth messenger sounded, and I heard one voice from the horns of the golden altar which is before God, "saying to the sixth messenger which had the trumpet, Loose the four messengers which are bound at the great river, Euphrates, -And the four messengers were loosed, which had been made ready for the hour and day, and month and year, in order that they should kill the third part of men.

'And the number of the armies of the horsemen was twice ten thousand times ten thousand [or, twice myriads of myriads], I heard the number of them. 17 And thus I saw the horses in the vision, and them that sat upon them, having breastplates of fire, and of hyacinth, and of brimstone; and the heads of the horses are as the heads of lions; and out of their mouths go forth fire and smoke and brimstone.

18 By these three plagues was the third part of men killed, by the fire, and the smoke, and the brimstone, which is going forth out of their mouths, 19 for the authority of the horses is in their mouth, and in their tails, for their tails are like serpents, having heads, and with them they do harm.

20 And the rest of the men, who were not killed with these plagues did not repent of the works of their hands, that they should not worship demons, and the idols of gold, and of silver, and of brass, and of stone, and of wood; which are neither able to see, nor to hear, nor to walk; "and they did not repent of their murders, nor of their sorceries, nor of their fornication, nor of their thefts.

Rev 9:13 The 6th Angel blows his trumpet “On the horns of a dilemma”

[13] And the sixth angel sounded, and I heard a voice from the four horns of the golden altar which is before God,

John hears a voice coming from the four horns on the heavenly Altar.

These horns are located one at each corner of the alter

On the earthly alter - patterned after the heavenly alter - the High Priest burning the offering would sequentially touch the 4 horns with a finger dipped in the blood of the sacrifice being burned on the alter 7 times

Lev 4:17-18 And the priest shall dip his finger in some of the blood, and sprinkle it seven times before the Lord, even before the veil. [18] And he shall put some of the blood upon the horns of the altar which is before the Lord, that is in the tabernacle of the congregation, and shall pour out all the blood at the bottom of the altar of the burnt offering, which is at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation.

Between the 4 horns of the Altar the priests would maintain a perpetual fire.

Symbols of the fact that sin would be judged by fire and must be redeemed by blood

If innocent blood was not shed in atonement
Then guilty blood must be shed in judgment

Acts 17:11 1 Thes 5:21

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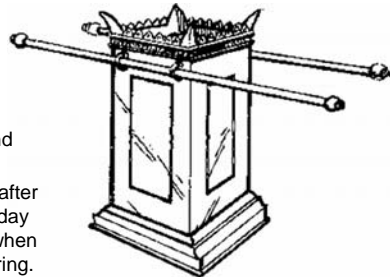
The altar of Incense [Exod 30:1-10].

Aka: The Altar of Worship

- Stood just in front of the Veil in the Holy Place in both the Tabernacle and Temple
- Is 18 inches square - 3 feet high
- Is hollow covered with gold plate
- Has 4 horns; one at each corner with a railing all around it's top to keep burning coals in place.

A Priest burned a special incense on it before the first and after the last sacrifice of the day to enclose the sacrifices of the day filling the Holy Place in a sweet perfume, odors (incense) when the sacrificial blood was sprinkled on the altar of burnt offering.

Altar of Incense



[13] And the sixth angel sounded, and I heard a voice from the four horns of the golden altar which is before God,

The golden altar was the altar of incense.

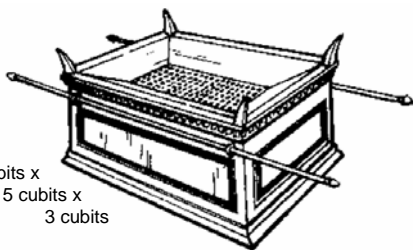
The abomination of desolation spoken of by Daniel the prophet (Dan. 9:27; Matt. 24:15) has already occurred at this point, and it has desecrated the altar. And it is from the horns where the blood was applied that a cry goes forth to God for vengeance.

The altar on earth has been desecrated; the sacrifice and the offerings have been made to cease; from the golden altar in Heaven comes a cry for judgment; the desecration must be avenged; Antichrist must pay the price of his rebellion.

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The Brazen Altar of Sacrifice Ex 27:1-8



5 cubits x
5 cubits x
3 cubits

Romans 6:23 For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Jesus is our perfect sacrifice, shedding his blood and dying for our sin.

John 1:29; Rev 13:8; Heb 10:10; Rom 4:25

Becoming a man and dying with no debt of his own to pay, His sacrifice was perfect – a once and for all sacrifice paying the price for all sin – past and future – ours and the sins of the whole world. No more sacrifices are required to satisfy God's holiness and justice. We only need to accept Jesus' sacrifice for us as our own acknowledging Him as our Living Lord.

Rom 12:1 tells us to present our bodies a living sacrifice. What does that mean to you?

God wanted to dwell among his people. How does a holy God dwell among sinful people? God required the people to sacrifice a perfect animal for cover their sins. **Lev 17:11**

The blood of the animal was important to justify the people before God. Only a perfect animal with no fault or flaw of its own could be used as a sacrifice to cover for their sins.

Because this was a temporary 'covering for sin and did not remove their sin it had to be repeated on a regular basis. An animal cannot pay for man's sin. **Heb 9:25**

The person bringing the sacrifice offering would place his hand onto the lambs head while it was killed, as a symbol of putting the person's sin onto the animal who then paid the price for sin by dying in his place.

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Rev 9:14

[14] Saying to the sixth angel which had the trumpet, Loose the four angels which are bound in the great river Euphrates.

Four in scripture seems to be the number of creation.

We can only sense or measure 4 of the 10 dimensions of the universe?

Length, Height, Width, Time ...

Eph 3:18 May be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height;

The voice from within the horns orders the angel that blew the 6th trumpet to loose four other angels that are being held bound in the great river Euphrates

The voice John hears from the horn must be the Lord's voice as the angels of presence who are blowing the trumpets only take their orders from God

We cannot tell whether the 4 angels at the Euphrates have been bound as in

- restrained awaiting orders to act or
- chains like the prisoners in the abyss.

In any case, they have been restrained from carrying out their actions.

With the order to loose them, they are free to execute another judgment on men.

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Euphrates

Who are the 4 angels that are bound at the river Euphrates ??

And why are they bound there ??

- Eastern boundary of Israel as promised by God
Gen 15:18; Deut 1:7; Josh 1:4; 1 Kgs 4:21, 24
- Traditional / Historic boundary between East and West
Romans lived in constant fear of the Parthian Empire on the eastern side of the Euphrates
- One of four rivers mentioned as being in Eden
- Sin began here *Gen 2:14-15; Gen 3:6-7*
 - 1st – 3rd murder *Gen 4:8*
 - Satan 'kills' Adam and Eve
 - Cain kills Abel
 - Nimrod ["We will rebel"] *Gen 10-11*
 - Tower of Babel = Babylon
 - The source of idolatry and false worship.

Rev 9:14

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God placed 4 great messengers, supernatural beings, to forbid (or who are themselves forbidden) to pass, allowing evil forces to move from the east to west.

Now these barriers are removed and an innumerable company of horsemen is now released and pours toward the land of promise.

The reference may indicate these angels are among the spirit beings responsible for the individual nations in the area. *Dan 10*

They may have been prevented from entering the territory promised to Abraham until this appointed time ????

Are these forces which come from beyond the Euphrates armies of men or are they demon forces?

They may represent nations, political powers, kingdoms not previously involved in the middle east, fertile crescent area or Palestine.

It would seem that these 4 are overlords of another group of angels probably also bound.

These are separate from the group bound in the abyss with Abaddon.

Rev 9:14

[14] Saying to the sixth angel which had the trumpet, Loose the four angels which are bound in the great river Euphrates.

One third of the angels fell with Satan at his rebellion.

A large group of them were bound in the Abyss for their subsequent actions.

The primeval Euphrates flowed out of the Garden of Eden having its source the underground reservoirs beneath the earth's surface

Genesis 2:5-6 And every plant of the field before it was in the earth, and every herb of the field before it grew: for the Lord God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and there was not a man to till the ground. [6] But there went up a mist from the earth, and watered the whole face of the ground.

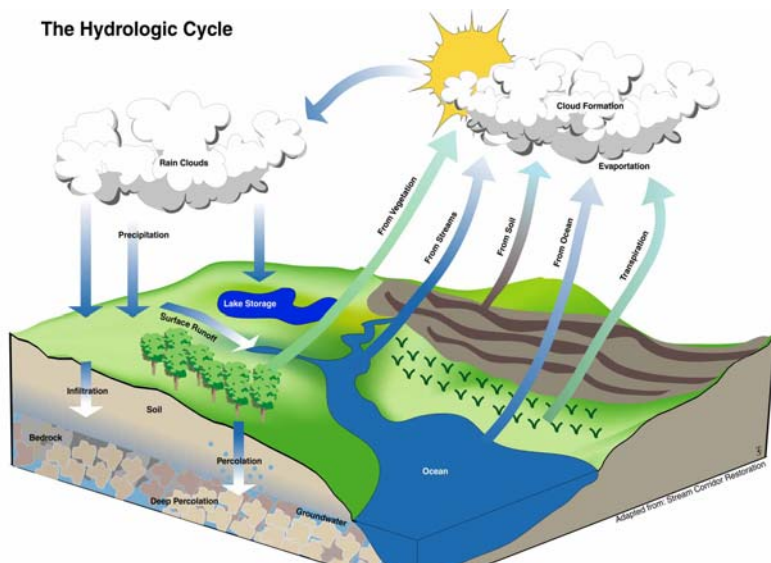
Genesis 2:10-14 And a river went out of Eden to water the garden; and from thence it was parted, and became into four heads. [11] The name of the first is **Pison**: that is it which compasseth the whole land of Havilah, where there is gold; [12] And the gold of that land is good: there is bdellium and the onyx stone. [13] And the name of the second river is **Gihon**: the same is it that compasseth the whole land of Ethiopia. [14] And the name of the third river is **Hiddekel**: that is it which goeth toward the east of Assyria. And the fourth river is **Euphrates**.

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Genesis 2:5–6 suggests it did not rain before the flood:

Now no shrub of the field was yet in the earth, and no plant of the field had yet sprouted, for the Lord God had not sent rain upon the earth; and there was no man to cultivate the ground. But a mist used to rise from the earth and water the whole surface of the ground.



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[14] Saying to the sixth angel which had the trumpet, Loose the four angels which are bound in the great river Euphrates.

At the time of the flood this great deep was broken up

Genesis 7:11 In the six hundredth year of Noah's life, in the second month, the seventeenth day of the month, the same day were all the fountains of the great deep broken up, and the windows of heaven were opened.

The flood changed the earth's geography drastically and dramatically.

2 Peter 3:6 Whereby the world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished:

After the flood subsided the face of the earth had changed. New separated continents had been formed. Vast ocean reservoirs replaced the subterranean sources of the previous rivers. The hydrologic cycle began.

A new river Euphrates flowing through the same general area and terrain now had it's source high the mountains near Mount Arafat and it's icecap. It now flowed down the slopes and emerged with the Tigris river on the Mesopotamian plane and from there on to the newly formed sea.

It was in the Mesopotamian plane that Noah's descendents settled.

They named the 2 new rivers Tigris and Euphrates after the original rivers that flowed out of Eden before the flood.

Genesis 10:25 states and 1 Chronicles 1:19 repeats

“And two sons were born to Eber; the name of the one was Peleg, for in his days the earth was divided.”

Peleg lived a few centuries after the flood and at least 2 generations after the multiplying of languages at Bebel.

Little else is known about him.

Three possible meanings for ‘the earth was divided’

Most Bible commentators mention only the first two.

a. Division of the people when languages were multiplied at Babel.
(*Genesis 11:1–9.*)

b. Continents were divided by continental drift which began in Peleg’s day.

c. Rising water divided the continents.

Had sea level been 300 or more feet lower, continents would have been interconnected. If sea level later rose to today’s level, the earth would be divided by water.

[Fountains of the Great Deep.mov](#)

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[14] Saying to the sixth angel which had the trumpet, Loose the four angels which are bound in the great river Euphrates.

Under a great leader named Nimrod the people attempted to build the “Tower and Babel” and ultimately founded Babylon – which became a great city

Genesis 10:8-10 And Cush begat Nimrod: he began to be a mighty one in the earth. [9] He was a mighty hunter before the Lord: wherefore it is said, Even as Nimrod the mighty hunter before the Lord. [10] And the beginning of his kingdom was Babel, and Erech, and Accad, and Calneh, in the land of Shinar.

Genesis 11:4 And they said, Go to, let us build us a city and a tower, whose top may reach unto heaven; and let us make us a name, lest we be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth.

It was there that men assembled to worship idols and themselves

- the unholy pagan religions of the world were born there

Apparently Satan and his hoards taught Nimrod and his deputies occult secrets.

The top of the temple tower was emblazened with the ‘zodiac’ - signs of the heavens representing stars and constellations which were in turn identified with pagan gods and goddesses

- probably the demonic hosts in their deceptive form.

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Rev 9:14

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With the tower building, the occult religions renew Satan's the attempt to 'ascend above the throne of God' thinking to place themselves in a position greater than and to overthrow their creator.

For this God confused their language.

Mankind was dispersed over all the earth settling in new communities by language group.

Perhaps the angelic host involved in these activities are the host held bound in the Euphrates - bound in the very area of their rebellion and evil activity

How spirit beings are bound for 4,000+ years at a river, God only knows

Maybe the Euphrates mentioned here is the primeval Euphrates at its source

- now inactive beneath the surface of the earth

Spirit beings as we understand them cannot be confined by natural physical elements but are bound by spiritual forces and confinements of which we know nothing.

Rev 9:15

[15] And the four angels were loosed, which were prepared for an hour, and a day, and a month, and a year, for to slay the third part of men.

These 4 angels were specially prepared for their horrible purpose:

When scripture says, they "were prepared for an hour, and a day, and a month, and a year..."

It could be referring to the length of time it took to prepare them - or -

It could be a reference to the length time they are loosed to do their killing.

The previous judgment – the 5th trumpets "locust" attack - lasted 5 months.

Here the Greek uses the definite article '**the** hour' rather than 'an hour'

Given that they were prepared for 'the hour', "a day, a month, and a year" must refer to that hour, a specific time period which in this case lasts - just over 13 months – 391 biblical days. (12 x 30d + 30d + 1d)

The time of their activity and the length of their activity was established long before the event begins.

Rev 9:15

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Previously men had sought death but could not find it

Now 1/3 of the remainder of humanity is now about to be killed

Troops of demon horsemen are loosed with specific orders to kill 1/3 of mankind.

The Locust were not given permission to kill men;

These have orders to kill ...

Note: Again, 1/3 may refer to the number killed or the area of the earth affected.

The 5th and 6th trumpet take just over 18 months.

If the previous trumpets and seals took at least 3 years, the 6th trumpet would be in effect at the midpoint of the '7 year tribulation'.

Since ¼ of all men were killed during earlier judgments (Rev 6:8), over ½ of the world's population will be dead by the time the 6th trumpet is completed.

Rev 9:16

[16] And the number of the army of the horsemen were two hundred thousand thousand: and I heard the number of them.

John hears someone - perhaps the voice out of the horns from the altar - state the number of the released hoard to be two hundred thousand thousand – 200,000,000.

While it is possible that an earthly army that size could be assembled the description that follows seems to indicate these 'soldiers' are not at all human

Red China has claimed to be able to assemble a military force of 200 million since the late 1960's...

The horsemen John describes may be a word picture that John is painting using the Parthian forces to help make what he is seeing understood to his readers.

The Parthians were a feared people living east of and beyond the Euphrates.

They had a cavalry army which they used in their conquests.

Historically this also describes 'the khans' (as in Genghis Khan).

The physical description of this army may be symbolic.

It may be John's attempt to describe modern weapons of war in the terms familiar in John's day or

The description may be literal describing another demonic hoard made up of spiritual beings.

Rev 9:16

[16] And the number of the army of the horsemen were two hundred thousand thousand: and I heard the number of them.

200,000,000 demon forces is a vast number.

Mar 5:8-15 For Jesus was commanding, Come out of the man, you unclean spirit! 9 And He asked him, What is your name? He replied, **My name is Legion, for we are many.** 10 And he kept begging Him urgently not to send them [himself and the other demons] away out of that region. 11 Now a great herd of hogs was grazing there on the hillside. 12 And the demons begged Him, saying, Send us to the hogs, that we may go into them! 13 So He gave them permission. And the unclean spirits came out [of the man] and entered into the hogs; and the herd, numbering about 2,000, rushed headlong down the steep slope into the sea and were drowned in the sea. 14 The hog feeders ran away, and told [it] in the town and in the country. And [the people] came to see what it was that had taken place. 15 And they came to Jesus and looked intently and searchingly at the man who had been a demoniac, sitting there, clothed and in his right mind, [the same man] **who had had the legion [of demons]**; and they were seized with alarm and struck with fear.

If a legion of demons could possess one man and a Roman legion counted 6,000 men, then two hundred million might be but a small part of what the Holy Spirit calls "the spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places" (Eph. 6:12, RSV).

In Asia, the demon religions all find their source east of the Euphrates.

India is said to have thirty-three million gods and

"all the gods of the heathen are demons" (Ps. 96:5 - LXX).

Rev 9:17

[17] And thus I saw the horses in the vision, and them that sat on them, having breastplates of fire, and of jacinth, and brimstone: and the heads of the horses were as the heads of lions; and out of their mouths issued fire and smoke and brimstone.

The vision here is not a vision like Peter's vision of the sheet Acts 10

The Greek word translated vision literally means "unusual sight".

It is used one other time in Rev 4:3 where it is translated 'sight'

What John describes was real - not a dream scene or trance

It appears God has again prepared some sort of previously unknown physical body for these spirit beings to inhabit as they carry out their vengeance.

They are not horses and horsemen but are like horses and horsemen

John is using objects and creatures he and his readers are familiar with to describe something never seen before and is otherwise indescribable.

Rev 9:17

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Hyacinth (Jacinth) and brimstone are not found anywhere else in the New Testament.

Jacinth is a hard gemstone probably like zircon - a diamond replacement

Hyacinth is a translation of a word that is rendered by various authorities as "red color bordering on black" (Thayer), "violet or dark blue" (Bailly), while ancient writers described it as "purple and iron colored" (cit. in Liddell and Scott).

Fire and brimstone is usually interpreted as burning sulphur

The Hebrew root is related to the resin from gopher wood as was used in the ark

The Greek root seems to relate to something having a 'divine appearance'

Burning Sulphur is apparently the closest description John can relate to ...

this does NOT mean it is sulphur.

As these creatures spread across the earth it will appear that hell has come to earth

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These are not the 1ST 'fire breathing' animals on the earth.

Nearly every culture has tales and folklore regarding 'fire breathing dragons'.

Fossil evidence seems to indicate certain of the dinosaurs may have had structures that could have served as 'mixing chambers' for flammable body fluids that could be expelled in the form of fire and smoke.

The Bible describes one such creature called the 'Leviathan'

Job 41:19-21

[19] Out of his mouth go burning lamps, and sparks of fire leap out.

[20] Out of his nostrils goeth smoke, as out of a seething pot or caldron.

[21] His breath kindleth coals, and a flame goeth out of his mouth.

Rev 9:18

[18] By these three was the third part of men killed, by the fire, and by the smoke, and by the brimstone, which issued out of their mouths.

In the last half of verse 17 and in verse 18, the three killing effects are also described as fire, smoke and brimstone.

Each of these later words is different from the three words used in the description of the breastplate.

Men will be consumed by flame, suffocated by smoke and poisoned by the gases

The 13 month battle will be like a scene out of a Hollywood horror movie
only no one calls cut and

no one goes to dinner after the days shooting is wrapped...

Today, earth's population is near 6.5 billion

By this time it will have been reduced to 3.0-3.5 billion by the Rapture, the Seal and previous Trumpet judgments and death from natural causes.

During the 13 month 6th Trumpet an additional 1.2 billion people (estimated) will die in the attack

Each of these beings kill 6 people on average – no one knows how many are injured and wounded by them...

Rev 9:19 - Head and Tail - Isa 9:14-16

[Rev 9:19] for their power is in their mouth, and in their tails: for their tails were like unto serpents, and had heads, and with them they do hurt.

[Isa 9:14] Therefore the Lord will cut off from Israel head and tail, branch and rush, in one day. [15] The ancient and honourable, he is the head; and the prophet that teacheth lies, he is the tail. [16] For the leaders of this people cause them to err; and they that are led of them are destroyed. KJV

[Isa 9:14] Therefore the Lord will cut off from Israel head and tail [the highest and the lowest]--[high] palm branch and [low] rush in one day; [15] The elderly and honored man, he is the head; and the prophet who teaches lies, he is the tail. [16] For they who lead this people cause them to err, and they who are led [astray] by them are swallowed up (destroyed). AMP

The ancient and honorable, the elders and the magistrates, are the leaders.

They will be cut off because they have caused the people to err.

The false prophet teaching lies is called the tail.

False doctrine is like the sting of the scorpion.

First it poisons, but it leads ultimately to madness.

This horde of demons out of the pit devastates those not sealed with the name of God like locusts which turn a fruitful field into a desert, and stinging the heart and the conscience with scorpion-like anguish.

Rev 9:19

[19] for their power is in their mouth, and in their tails: for their tails were like unto serpents, and had heads, and with them they do hurt.

If they kill with their mouths it may be that they injure and hurt with tails...

Their tails had what appeared to be head like a snake,
the slashing 'bite' of the tail causes tremendously painful cuts

Apparently these beings did not kill every time someone crossed their path
sometimes they only maimed and tortured their victims

Animals have a God given fear of man

Genesis 9:2 And the fear of you and the dread of you shall be upon every
beast of the earth, and upon every fowl of the air, upon all that moveth upon the
earth, and upon all the fishes of the sea; into your hand are they delivered.

These beings are demon energized bodies - no fear of man exists.

The plague will not end until very near to or soon after the midpoint of the tribulation

Earths pompous leaders will attribute the victory and withdrawal and death of these
attacks to their own efforts, power and leadership

When the time allotted to these creatures is finished a brief time of relative rest
begins – another pause or parenthesis between the 6th and 7th Trumpet just like we
saw following the breaking of the 6th Seal ...

Acts 17:11 1 Thes 5:21

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Rev 9:20-21

[20] And the rest of the men which were not killed by these plagues yet repented
not of the works of their hands, that they should not worship devils, and idols of
gold, and silver, and brass, and stone, and of wood: which neither can see, nor
hear, nor walk: [21] Neither repented they of their murders, nor of their sorceries,

The current interval is revealed in Revelation 10:1 - 11:14

During the respite, men are given what may be their 'final' opportunity to chose
and to serve God.

In spite of these events, the remainder of mankind does not repent or seek God.

There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God Ro 3:11

With this judgment the lines for and against God are clearly drawn among men.

Those who remain and have not yet turned to God, harden in their resolve
siding with the Satanic, occultic, 'official', man lead religion and policies...

The 7th Trumpet will usher in the **Bowls of God's Wrath**.

When they are poured out – men will think back to the time of the Trumpet
and Seal judgments and consider them the "Good Ol' days..."

Acts 17:11 1 Thes 5:21

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Characteristic of Today

...let no man deceive you with vain words: for because of these things cometh the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience Eph 5:6

- **Demonology**

During the last century there has been a tremendous advance in what is called "spiritual"

In reality it is spiritism or demonism – demon worship.

- **Murders**

We even subsidize murders prior to birth

Even pagan cultures made abortion illegal

- **Sorcery**

Pharmakia: Use of drugs

Largest constituency in Washington DC

- **Fornication / Homosexuality**

The main preoccupation of today's culture

- **Theft**

Institutional and Corporate as well as individual

Rev 9:20-21

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The rise of occultic activities has been in effect for years

1 Tim. 4:1-2 Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils; [2] Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron;

2 Tim. 3:13 But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived.

Great idolatrous worship centers exist today

Idols are openly worshipped even here in the USA

– often within 'Christian' churches and practices.

To worship an idol is the same as worshipping the demonic force behind it.

1 Cor. 10:20 But I say, that the things which the Gentiles sacrifice, they sacrifice to devils, and not to God: and I would not that ye should have fellowship with devils.

Rev 9:20-21

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Ever since the Red horse and rider went forth at the breaking of Seal 2, there has been continuous and increasing violence and anarchy on the earth.

The word translated 'sorceries' is 'pharmakeia' which is literally 'druggings'

It is also translated 'witchcraft'

Galatians 5:20 Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies,

With all the pain and suffering, pain killing and mind altering drugs will be accepted and taken freely and willingly by suffering masses.

The trances and drugs used in the occult practices open the worshippers minds and bodies to the control and possession by demonic spirits.

The drugs and trances bring down the defenses of a sharp mind that might otherwise recognize the evil efforts being made against them.

Revelation 10-16

Chapter 10 – The Mighty Angel with a Book

Chapter 11 – The Two Witnesses

Chapter 12 – The Summary of Israel

Chapter 13 – The Two Beasts

Chapter 14 – The Harvest

Chap 15 / 16 – The 7 Bowls of God's Wrath

Rev 15

Sores on men
With the
Mark

Sea of
Blood
All died

Rivers,
waters
Become
blood

Sun,
scorches
With fire

Darkness
on
Beast's
Kingdom

Euphrates
Kings of
East

Rev 16

3 Demon Spirits like Frogs
Gather for Battle of God
Almighty

Air
"It is done"

1st

2nd

3rd

4th

5th

6th

7th

The Seven Trumpet Judgments: Chapters 8 – 11

The Seven Bowls of Wrath: Chapters 15 & 16

