



Revelation chapter 9

# Chapter 9

- We have the trumpets 5 and 6
- Remember the trumpet judgements are what is called the thirds.
- 1/3 of the trees
- 1/3 of the sea
- 1/3 of the fresh waters
- 1/3 of the stars, sun and moon
- 1/3 of the day
- Also we have an angel crying woe, woe, woe
- The woes were for the last three trumpets!

# The Seven Seals of Revelation

First Seal	Second Seal	Third Seal	Fourth Seal	Fifth Seal	Sixth Seal	Seventh Seal
<p><b>White Horse: Deception</b></p> <p>Revelation 6:1-2</p>	<p><b>Red Horse: War</b></p> <p>Revelation 6:3-4</p>	<p><b>Black Horse: Famine</b></p> <p>Revelation 6:5-6</p>	<p><b>Pale Horse: Pestilence</b></p> <p>Revelation 6:7-8</p>	<p><b>Martyrdom and Great Tribulation</b></p> <p>Revelation 6:9-11</p>	<p><b>Heavenly Signs</b></p> <p>Revelation 6:12-17</p>	<p><b>Seven Trumpet Plagues</b></p> <p>Revelation 8:2</p>

Silence in Heaven  
Rev. 8:1-6

## Seven Trumpets: The Day of the Lord

First Trumpet	Second Trumpet	Third Trumpet	Fourth Trumpet	Fifth Trumpet	Sixth Trumpet	Seventh Trumpet
<p>Green grass and one-third of the trees are burned up.</p> <p>Revelation 8:7</p>	<p>One-third of sea becomes blood; one-third of ships and sea life are destroyed by fire.</p> <p>Revelation 8:8-9</p>	<p>One-third of waters turn bitter.</p> <p>Revelation 8:10-11</p>	<p>One-third of sun, moon and stars do not shine.</p> <p>Revelation 8:12</p>	<p>"Locusts" wield the Beast's military power.</p> <p>Revelation 9:1-12</p>	<p>200 million-man army gathers.</p> <p>Revelation 9:13-21</p>	<p>The Kingdom is proclaimed.</p> <p>Second Coming</p> <p>Revelation 11:15-19</p>

## Seven Last Plagues

First Plague	Second Plague	Third Plague	Fourth Plague	Fifth Plague	Sixth Plague	Seventh Plague
<p>Sores afflict those who accepted the mark of the Beast.</p> <p>Revelation 16:2</p>	<p>Sea turns to blood; all sea creatures die.</p> <p>Revelation 16:3</p>	<p>Rivers turn to blood.</p> <p>Revelation 16:4-7</p>	<p>Mankind, scorched by the sun, blasphemes God.</p> <p>Revelation 16:8-9</p>	<p>The Beast's seat of government is afflicted.</p> <p>Revelation 16:10-11</p>	<p>The Euphrates is dried up; world armies gather to Armageddon.</p> <p>Revelation 16:12-16</p>	<p>The earth is utterly shaken.</p> <p>Revelation 16:17-21</p>

Horsemen (Rev 6:1–8)	Matthew 24:3–14	Mark 13:3–13	Luke 21:7–12
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. White Horse: victorious conqueror = war.</li> <li>2. Red Horse: takes peace from the earth so that its inhabitants will slaughter one another = strife &amp; bloodshed.</li> <li>3. Black Horse: scales for rationing food = famine.</li> <li>4. Pale Green Horse: brings death through pestilence &amp; wild animals.</li> </ol>	<p>“As he sat on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to him privately, saying, “Tell us, when will these things be, and what will be the sign of your coming and of the end of the age?” And Jesus answered them, “See that no one leads you astray. For many will come in my name, saying, ‘I am the Christ,’ and they will lead many astray. <b>And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not alarmed, for this must take place, but the end is not yet. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, and there will be famines and earthquakes in various places. All these are but the beginning of the birth pains.</b></p> <p>“Then they will deliver you up to tribulation and put you to death, and you will be hated by all nations for my name’s sake. <b>And then many will fall away and betray one another and hate one another.</b> And many false prophets will arise and lead many astray. And because lawlessness will be increased, the love of many will grow cold. But the one who endures to the end will be saved.”</p>	<p>“And as he sat on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter and James and John and Andrew asked him privately, “Tell us, when will these things be, and what will be the sign when all these things are about to be accomplished?” And Jesus began to say to them, “See that no one leads you astray. Many will come in my name, saying, ‘I am he!’ and they will lead many astray. <b>And when you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed. This must take place, but the end is not yet. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. These are but the beginning of the birth pains.</b></p> <p><b>. . . . And brother will deliver brother over to death, and the father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death.</b> And you will be hated by all for my name’s sake. But the one who endures to the end will be saved.”</p>	<p>“And they asked him, “Teacher, when will these things be, and what will be the sign when these things are about to take place?” And he said, “See that you are not led astray. For many will come in my name, saying, ‘I am he!’ and, ‘The time is at hand!’ Do not go after them. <b>And when you hear of wars and tumults, do not be terrified, for these things must first take place, but the end will not be at once.</b></p> <p><b>Then he said to them, “Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and pestilences. And there will be terrors and great signs from heaven. But before all this they will lay their hands on you and persecute you, delivering you up to the synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors for my name’s sake.”</b></p>

Sixth Seal	Trumpets & Bowls 1–7
<p>Great earthquake (6:12) Blackened sun (6:12) Red (like blood) moon (6:12) Falling stars (6:13) Sky separating (6:14) Mountains &amp; islands moving (6:14) Fear of all earth dwellers (6:15–17)</p>	<p>Great earthquake (16:18) Sun becomes dark (8:12) Moon becomes dark (8:12) Stars fall (8:10–11; 9:1).</p> <p>Mountains &amp; islands fleeing (16:20)</p>

- It is interesting that the sixth seal is a lighter warning to what is about to come!
- The next two trumpets are on a spiritual level.
- A sense of spiritual warfare that is taken out on the earth.

# Chapter 9 outline

- The fifth angel verses 1-12
- The sixth angel verses 13-19
- The results of the two angels 20-21
- If we look at the flow, we see some alignment.
- The seals representing the initial stages of God's wrath, revealing events on Earth, while the trumpets signify a more intense phase of judgment with greater cosmic and spiritual implications, often involving demonic forces and widespread devastation.
- Seals primarily focus on earthly events like war, famine, and death, while the trumpets often depict broader cosmic disturbances, including plagues, natural disasters affecting the environment, and the release of demonic forces.

- While both use symbolic imagery.
- The seals might be more straightforward in their symbolism
- The trumpets often use more complex and cryptic imagery related to spiritual warfare.



# The fifth trumpet

- The angel sounds
- John sees a star “fallen” from heaven.
  - Interesting term. Does it mean the star is falling or was fallen?
  - The Greek has this in the past tense form. So the star was fallen.
- Okay now that opens up a lot more questions.
  - Is it Satan?
  - Is Satan the lord or king of Hell (the bottomless pit)
  - The *abyssos* is a prison for certain demons (Luke 8:31, 2 Peter 2:4, and Jude 6). This is probably the same place as this **bottomless pit**.

The bottomless pit is a concept in the New Testament that refers to a place where **demons** are imprisoned:

- **Description**

The bottomless pit is a realm of confinement for demons, located at the center of the earth and considered the lowest compartment of Hades. The word for pit, *abussos*, is Greek for "without a base".

- **Bible references**

The bottomless pit is mentioned in Genesis 3:15, Luke 8:31, and Revelation 9:1-12. In Luke 8:31, demons beg Jesus not to send them to the bottomless pit.

- **Relationship to Tartarus**

The bottomless pit may also be associated with Tartarus, a Greek word translated as "hell". In 2 Peter 2:4, some evil spirits are said to be "in chains of darkness to be held for judgment" in Tartarus.

- **Punishment**

The bottomless pit is a place where demons are held captive until they receive their judgment and punishment, which will take place in the Lake of Fire.

- In Mark, the demons “**began to implore Him earnestly not to send them out of the country**” (Verse 10).
- In Luke it says, “**They were imploring Him not to command them to go away into the abyss**” (Verse 31).
- Is the country and the abyss the same thing?
- Maybe. Remember that there was a legion (probably up to 6000 unclean spirits)
- The region or territory of the Gerasenes may have been a preferred environment for them over Galilee across the lake from where Jesus came. The abyss is where they would have no access to “host” bodies of any kind and evidently that would be the worst.
- We can deduct a couple of things from this information. First, demons are here on earth in specific locations **by God’s permission**. Jesus had the authority (which they recognized) to cast them anywhere He chose. For whatever reason, He allowed them to stay in Gerasene instead of making them leave entirely.

- We don't have any idea where the demons cast out of the man in this incident went, but we can look at another story of Jesus for more information about the way these unclean spirits operate.
- In both Matthew and Luke our Lord talks about how demons travel. **“When the unclean spirit goes out of a man, it passes through waterless places seeking rest, and not finding any, it says, “I will return to my house from which I came.” ‘And when it comes, it finds it swept and put in order. Then it goes and takes along seven other spirits more evil than itself, and they go in and live there; and the last state of that man becomes worse than the first’”** (Luke 11:24-26).

- When demons don't have a host body, they wander about seeking something to leech off of.
- Waterless places indicate places without life.
- If they don't find a new and willing host, they may wish to return and try again with the last one.
- Maybe they can get back in? Probably so if the person who they left has not replaced the demons with new life, new patterns or any protection, the unclean spirits can come right back.
- There's even room now for more of them.

- So with this all said the demons in the bottomless pit would be those whom have been cast there.
- Can a believer bind them to the pit?
- In the biblical context, "binding" refers to declaring something forbidden or prohibited, usually in relation to church discipline and authoritative pronouncements, not directly battling demonic forces; most scholars agree that there is no scriptural basis for actively "binding" demons in the sense of restraining them through prayer or ritual.
- Matt 18:18-20 The context is CHURCH

- **Meaning of "binding":**
- In the Bible, "binding" is typically used for declaring something off-limits or forbidden, like a Jewish rabbi might "bind" a certain action by prohibiting it. Therefore, the statement reads it will also be off limits in heaven.

- Casting out:
- Exorcism (commanding demons to leave other people) was practiced by various people in the Gospels and the Book of Acts—the disciples as part of Christ’s instructions (Matthew 10); others using Christ’s name (Mark 9:38); the children of the Pharisees (Luke 11:18-19); Paul (Acts 16); and certain exorcists (Acts 19:11-16).
- Interestingly, there seems to be a shift in the latter part of the New Testament regarding demonic warfare. The teaching portions of the New Testament (Romans through Jude) refer to demonic activity, yet do not discuss the actions of casting them out, nor are believers exhorted to do so. We are told to put on the armor to stand against them (Ephesians 6:10-18). We are told to resist the devil (James 4:7), be careful of him (1 Peter 5:8), and not give him room in our lives (Ephesians 4:27). However, we are not told how to cast him or his demons out of others, or that we should even consider doing so.



- So what do we do if someone is demon possessed?
- The simple answer is share the gospel. Once they receive Jesus the demons have to leave!
- But what if they don't receive the gospel?
- But this kind goes out only by prayer" (Mark 9:29). Prayer is our resource in every instance.

# Okay now back to chapter 9

- Locusts
  - They are not real locusts as they avoid plants and go for people.
  - BUT not those who are sealed by God.
  - The 144,000
- They could NOT kill them but only torment them.
  - For 5 months

When you are stung by a scorpion, you may experience a variety of symptoms, including:

- **Pain:** A burning pain at the sting site that can be intense for the first two hours
  - **Tingling and numbness:** These symptoms may last 2–3 days
  - **Swelling:** Slight swelling may occur around the sting site
  - **Warmth:** The area around the sting may feel warm
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- Difficulty breathing
  - Muscle twitching
  - Rapid eye movements
  - Trouble swallowing
  - Slurred speech
  - Nausea and vomiting
  - High blood pressure
  - Fast heart rate

- They will seek death!
  - Death is NOT an escape. That is a lie!
  - Once you're dead it is over! There is no chance for repentance.
  - God is NOT granting them death, not to punish them more, but that they would repeat before it is too late.
- Why would God call them **locusts** if they are not literal locusts, but demonic spirits who swarm and destroy like locusts? Among other reasons, because locusts are agents of God's judgment. This is a consistent Old Testament
  - Exodus 10:4-14, Deuteronomy 28:38, 1 Kings 8:37, 2 Chronicles 7:13, Joel 1:4, and Amos 4:9.

## Vs 7-10

- “There seems to be no alternative to concluding that God, satisfying the age-long desire of those wicked spirits to possess bodies of their own, has created bodies for them, bodies appropriate in demonic appearance to the character of the demonic inhabitants.” (H. Morris)
- Their king is given a name. **Abaddon** and **Apollyon** both have the same thought of *destruction* or *torment* (perdition).
- c. **The angel of the bottomless pit**: Since this is the king of these locusts, and since he has the name **Abaddon** or **Apollyon**, this is obviously Satan himself or another high-ranking leader of demons.

# Interesting...

- **Amo 7:1** ουτως<sup>G3778 ADV</sup> εδειξεν<sup>G1166 V-AAI-3S</sup> μοι<sup>G1473 P-DS</sup> κυριος<sup>G2962</sup>  
N-NSM και<sup>G2532 CONJ</sup> ιδου<sup>G2400 INJ</sup> επιγονη<sup>N-NSF</sup> ακριδων<sup>G200 N-GPF</sup>  
ερχομενη<sup>G2064 V-PMPNS</sup> εωθινη<sup>A-NSF</sup> και<sup>G2532 CONJ</sup> ιδου<sup>G2400 INJ</sup> βρουχος<sup>N-</sup>  
NSM εις<sup>G1519 A-NSM</sup> **γαγ**<sup>G1136 N-PRI</sup> ο<sup>G3588 T-NSM</sup> βασιλευς<sup>G935 N-NSM</sup>
- **Amo 7:1** Thus<sup>H3541</sup> hath the Lord<sup>H136</sup> GOD<sup>H3069</sup> shewed<sup>H7200</sup> unto me; and,  
behold,<sup>H2009</sup> he formed<sup>H3335</sup> grasshoppers<sup>H1462</sup> in the beginning<sup>H8462</sup> of the  
shooting up<sup>H5927</sup> of the latter growth;<sup>H3954</sup> and, lo,<sup>H2009</sup> *it was* the latter  
growth<sup>H3954</sup> after<sup>H310</sup> the king's<sup>H4428</sup> mowings.<sup>H1488</sup>

Gōg

*gogue*

Of Hebrew origin [[H1463](#)]; *Gog*, a symbolic name for some future Antichrist: - Gog.

- One woe is past, the fifth trumpet and the others are coming.