

# The Revelation of Jesus Christ

## Chapter 9

### Outline of the Trumpets

#### I. THE TRUMPETS (CHAPTERS 8:2—11:19)

- A. The prayers of the saints symbolized in a burning censor thrown to the earth
- B. 1<sup>st</sup> Trumpet — hail, fire, blood destroying trees and grass
- C. 2<sup>nd</sup> Trumpet — burning mountain thrown into the sea, killing sea life
- D. 3<sup>rd</sup> Trumpet — star falls from heaven on fresh waters, poisoning them
- E. 4<sup>th</sup> Trumpet — sun and stars are darkened
- F. An angels announcing the three woes of the remaining trumpets (“Woe, woe, woe!”)
  1. 5<sup>th</sup> Trumpet (also 1<sup>st</sup> woe) — bottomless pit opened, freeing (probably) demons to torment men, overseen by the angel of the Abyss, Abaddon or Apollyon (destruction) — (chapter 9)
  2. 6<sup>th</sup> Trumpet (also the 2<sup>nd</sup> woe) — a vast army kills much of mankind by the fire, smoke, and brimstone from their mouths to prompt repentance
    - a) Strong angel with the little book, (chapter 10)
      - (1) Cries out with a loud voice, answered by 7 thunders (to be sealed)
      - (2) Swears that at the voice of the 7<sup>th</sup> angel the mystery of God is finished
      - (3) John commanded to eat the book, which is sweet to the taste but bitter to the stomach
    - b) Measuring the “Temple of God”,
      - (1) leaving out the court (of gentiles?);
      - (2) the nations tread underfoot the holy city for 3 ½ years
    - c) The two witnesses (chapter 11)
      - (1) prophesy for 3 ½ years (1260 days)
      - (2) The Beast kills them, bodies unburied for 3 ½ days
      - (3) Raised to life, the world fears
      - (4) The 2<sup>nd</sup> woe is past
  3. 7<sup>th</sup> trumpet (angel) sounds (the third woe)
    - a) Loud voices say, “The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ and He will reign forever and ever.”
    - b) time for the dead to be judged and reward Your servants
    - c) the Temple in Heaven is opened

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<sup>1</sup> Then the fifth angel sounded, and I saw a star from heaven which had fallen to the earth; and the key of the bottomless pit was given to him. <sup>2</sup> He opened the

### THE FIFTH TRUMPET SOUNDS

- What would a star represent? (Dan.8:10 / Rev. 1:10 / Rev. 12:4)
- What would a fallen star represent? (Rev. 12:4)
- What is this bottomless pit? (abyss)
- Rev. 11:7

bottomless pit, and smoke went up out of the pit, like the smoke of a great furnace; and the sun and the air were darkened by the smoke of the pit. <sup>3</sup> Then out of the smoke came locusts upon the earth, and power was given them, as the scorpions of the earth have power. <sup>4</sup> They were told not to hurt the grass of the earth, nor any green thing, nor any tree, but only the men who do not have the seal of God on their foreheads. <sup>5</sup> And they were not permitted to kill anyone, but to torment for five months; and their torment was like the torment of a scorpion when it stings a man. <sup>6</sup> And in those days men will seek death and will not find it; they will long to die, and death flees from them. <sup>7</sup> The appearance of the locusts was like horses prepared for battle; and on their heads appeared to be crowns like gold, and their faces were like the faces of men. <sup>8</sup> They had hair like the hair of women, and their teeth were like the teeth of lions. <sup>9</sup> They had breastplates like breastplates of iron; and the sound of their wings was like the sound of chariots, of many horses rushing to battle. <sup>10</sup> They have tails like scorpions, and

- Rev. 17:8
- Rev. 20:1
- Rev. 20:3
- What would you expect to come out of the abyss?
- What does darkness often represent? (Rom. 1:21 / Rom. 11:10 / Eph. 4:18)
- What do these locusts remind us of?
- Who does it effect?
- Are they literal locusts? (How do you know?)
- Who / what are they given to harm?
  - What is the harm?
    - Ever been stung by a scorpion?
  - What does 5 months mean?
  - What kind of pain is this?
- What is a simile? (What is one of the key words to look for in a simile?)
- What do these symbols mean?
  - horses prepared for battle
  - crowns like gold
  - faces like men
  - hair like women

stings; and in their tails is their power to hurt men for five months.

<sup>11</sup> They have as king over them, the angel of the abyss; his name in Hebrew is Abaddon, and in the Greek he has the name Apollyon.

<sup>12</sup> The first woe is past; behold, two woes are still coming after these things.

<sup>13</sup> Then the sixth angel sounded, and I heard a voice from the four horns of the golden altar which is before God, <sup>14</sup> one saying to the sixth angel who had the trumpet, "Release the four angels who are bound at the great river Euphrates."

<sup>15</sup> And the four angels, who had been prepared for the hour and day and month and year, were released, so that they would kill a third of mankind. <sup>16</sup> The number of the armies of the horsemen was two hundred million; I heard the number of them. <sup>17</sup> And this is how I saw in the vision the horses and those who sat on them: the riders had breastplates the color of fire and of hyacinth and of brimstone; and the heads of the horses are like the heads of lions; and out of their

- teeth like lions
- breastplates of iron
- sound like chariots and horses rushing in battle
- Who is their king?
- What do these names mean?

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### THE SIXTH TRUMPET SOUNDS

- What is the golden altar reference about?
- Who is speaking?
- Where have we seen four angels bound before?
- Where were they bound?
- What is the significance of the Euphrates?
- What are they going to do?
- How large an army is this?
- Again, are these literal descriptions? (key word?)
- What things do we associate with mouths?
- What is coming out of the mouths of the horses?
- What happens as these horses breathe out fire and brimstone?

mouths proceed fire and smoke and brimstone. <sup>18</sup> A third of mankind was killed by these three plagues, by the fire and the smoke and the brimstone which proceeded out of their mouths. <sup>19</sup> For the power of the horses is in their mouths and in their tails; for their tails are like serpents and have heads, and with them they do harm.

<sup>20</sup> The rest of mankind, who were not killed by these plagues, did not repent of the works of their hands, so as not to worship demons, and the idols of gold and of silver and of brass and of stone and of wood, which can neither see nor hear nor walk; <sup>21</sup> and they did not repent of their murders nor of their sorceries nor of their immorality nor of their thefts.

- Is this physical death or spiritual death?
  - Could it be both?
- What more literal thing could come out of the horses' mouths that would cause this kind of death?
- What are the horses tails made of?
  - What is the frequent biblical association of serpents?
    - What did the first serpent do to Adam and Eve?
    - What would such a bite from this serpent do to people it bites today?
- Was all of the sinful world effected by these trumpets?
  - What was the effect of these things upon the rest of sinful mankind?
- Summarize the trumpets...
  - Trumpet 1
  - Trumpet 2
  - Trumpet 3
  - Trumpet 4
  - Trumpet 5
  - Trumpet 6