**THE GREAT TRIBULATION**

**God’s Trumpets, No. 7**

**8:1 - 9:21**

**The Text:** Rev. 9:1 – 21, Part Two

Review:

**The Sequence of the Progressively Increasing Destruction.**

 **S**EALS: Destructive

 Rev. 6:8. Death & Hades given authority over ¼ of the Earth.

 **T**RUMPETS: More Destructive

 Rev. 8:7-12. 1/3 of all affected

 **B**OWLS: Most Destructive

 Rev. 16:3. Every living creature [in the sea] (ESVSB chart, p. 2472).

**The Exposition:**

**Verses 1 -2**

 A Star fallen from Heaven (1)

 SATAN, Himself

 ESVSBftn. 9:1-12

 ESVSBftn. 9:1

 Rev. 12:7-12. See also 20:1-3. Collaboration of the Enemy’s Names.

 Seven of the Enemy’s names / descriptions include *dragon, great*

 *dragon, ancient serpent, devil, Satan, the deceiver, & the accuser.*

 **ILL**: Names of Satan

 *Ryrie Study Bible*, p. 1935

Know Your Enemy! Fight Your Enemy, you who are Soldiers of the Cross. We must resist his heinous influence & draw near to our All-Powerful & Protecting God.

 Bottomless Pit (1). Greek- *the abyss*

 The Revelation punctuates this literal Place seven times, including:

 9:1-2

 9:11

 11:7

 17:8

 20:1, 3

**Verses 3 – 11**

 Locusts (3)

 Exodus 10:14-15. *Middle East*: Egypt

 Joel 2:30-31. The great and awesome Day of the LORD foretold.

 **ILL:** *In one year, 12 trillion locusts devastated the Great Plains- and then they went extinct.* [https://timeline.com/in-the-1870s-12-trillion-locusts-devastated-the-great-plains- and-then-they-went-extinct-6f7c51a15d90](https://timeline.com/in-the-1870s-12-trillion-locusts-devastated-the-great-plains-%09%09%09and-then-they-went-extinct-6f7c51a15d90)

 Scorpions (3)

 **ILL:** *A Complete Timeline of Texas Scorpion Season*

 <https://www.accuratepest.net/blog/a-complete-timeline-of-texas-scorpion-season/>

 “20 species of scorpions found in Texas.”

 Men who do not have the seal of God (4)

 Question: Who are these people?

 Answer: Everyone, except the 144,000 Jewish Evangelists & those people saved

 through their evangelistic ministry, Rev. 7:3-14.

 Five Months (5)

 Seek Death and will not find it (6)

 Faces of Men (7)

 ESVSBftn. 9:7-11

 Women’s hair (8)

 Jer. 51:27

 Lion’s teeth (8)

 Breastplates of Iron (9)

 Abaddon . . . Apollyon (11)

 **FALLEN, WICKED ANGEL: Satan**

 Genesis 3:14-15; See ESVSBftn. Gen. 3:15

 Isaiah 14: 12-15; See ESVSBftn. Isa. 14:12-15

 Ezekiel 28:11-19; See ESVSB Ezek. 28:11-19

 2 Corinthians 11:14 The Counterfeit “angel of light.”

 **FALLEN, WICKED ANGELS: Satan’s Enormous, Demonic Army**

 **M**att. 25:41

 **S**econd Peter 2:4

 **J**ude 6; See ESVSBftn. Jude 6

 **R**ev. 12:4: **1/3** of all Angels followed Satan

 **R**ev. 12:9

**Verses 12 – 15**

 One Woe (12)

 Horns of the Golden Altar (13)

 Rev. 6:9-11

 ESVSBftn. 6:9-11

 Four Angels (14)

 Fallen angels loyal to Satan, their wicked Commander-in-Chief

 Euphrates (14)

 ESVSBftn. On 9:13-14

 The Hour and Day and Month and Year (15)

 “Fullness of Time”

 Gal. 4:4

 Eph. 1:10

**Verses 16 – 17**

 The Army (16) of 200 million

 Two Views:

 Human Army (China / India, the world’s highest populations)

 China: “. . . is reported to have over 314,000,000 men ages 16 – 49 who are ‘fit for military service,’ along with 298,000,000 women in this

 category,” **CIA World Factbook** dated May 27, 2010, cited in John F. Walvoord,

 *Revelation* (Chicago: Moody, 2011), 165.

 China’s military population is calculated to be increasing at ten million per

 year. Therefore. This could mean that today’s numbers are 424,000,000

 (314 + 10 million x 11 years, 2010 - 2021)

 Demonic Army

 **ILL:** “I take it that this is another demonic army, headed by four fallen

 angels, that that all of them are today bound by the Lord, unable to act

 until God gives them permission,” Warren W. Wiersbe, *BE VICTORIOUS*

 (Colorado Springs: David C. Cook, 1985), 101.

 Scholars are not unanimous & there are godly men and women holding both views. Avoid assumptions and baseless speculations. Study further & pray for spiritual

 discernment.

 Brimstone (17)

 Compare Rev. 14:10; 19:20; 20:10, and 21:8.

**Verses 18 – 21**

 Tails like Serpents, having heads (19)

 Demons (20)

 Sorceries (21)

 Malachi 3:5

 “Then I will draw near to you for judgment. I will be a swift witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who

 oppress the hired worker in his wages, the widow and the fatherless, against those who

 thrust aside the sojourner, and do not fear me, says the Lord of hosts,” (ESV).

 Acts 8:9-24

 Gal. 5:20

 Rev. 21:8

 Rev. 22:15

 **N**O **R**epentance (20 -21)

 ESVSBftn. 9:20-21.

Thank God for His gracious Grace and abundant Mercy.

Your Reflections & Responses?