

## **The Book Of Revelation**

### Chapter 9

## **“The Plagues of the 5th and 6th Trumpets”**

The following chart shows where we are at in the continuing of the 21 Judgments of the Lord detailed in the Book of Revelation

### **Revelation 9:1-21**

1 Then the fifth angel sounded: And I saw a star fallen from heaven to the earth. **To him** was given the key to the bottomless pit.

**“Star” is a code word in the Bible, many times, for “Angels”.**

### **Job 38:4-7**

4 “Where were you when I laid the foundations of the earth? Tell Me, if you have understanding.

5 Who determined its measurements? Surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it?

6 To what were its foundations fastened? Or who laid its cornerstone,

7 When **the morning stars** sang together, And **all the sons of God** shouted for joy?

### **Daniel 8:9-10**

9 And out of one of them came a little horn which grew exceedingly great toward the south, toward the east, and toward the Glorious Land.

10 And it grew up to the host of heaven; and it **cast down some of the host and some of the stars to the ground**, and trampled them.

### **Revelation 12:3-4**

3 And another sign appeared in heaven: behold, a great, fiery red dragon having seven heads and ten horns, and seven diadems on his heads.

4 **His tail drew a third of the stars of heaven** and threw them to the earth.

A star fallen from heaven. **This star is a person (to him)**; the Greek verb tense here, for you original language students of the Bible, indicates that the “he” already had fallen. (a star fallen)

**The key to the pit is given to this being; but all is under God's control.**

### **Revelation 13:7**

**It was granted to him** to make war with the saints and to overcome them. And **authority was given him** over every tribe, tongue, and nation

☞ **Where is the bottomless pit?** The most straightforward answer is that it is in the center of the earth,

☞ **The Abussos** is a prison for certain demons (Luke 8:31; 2 Peter 2:4; Jude 6). Or more generally, it is considered the realm of the dead (the same as Hades; Romans 10:7).

**Revelation 9:11**

And they had **as king over them the angel of the bottomless pit**, whose name in Hebrew is **Abaddon**, but in Greek he has the name Apollyon.

**There is an island called “Abadan Island” located at the mouth of the Persian Gulf between Iran and Iraq, and there is a city on the island called Abadan.**

This island belongs to Iran currently, and it was a huge part of the Iran/Iraq wars of the 1970's and early 1980's. It was a major center of oil refining, and **before the wars, it was the largest oil refining city on earth.**

**Revelation 9:14**

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

**Revelation 16:12**

And the sixth angel poured out his vial **upon the great river Euphrates**; and the water thereof was dried up, that the way of the kings of the east might be prepared.

The Euphrates River is located in the country of Iraq, and is mentioned in the Bible, just after creation.

**Genesis 2:14**

The name of the third river is Hiddekel; it is the one which goes toward the east of Assyria. The fourth river is the Euphrates

**The events in Revelation 9 and 16 take place in the middle eastern territory of Iraq, because that is where the Euphrates River is located.**

- ☞ **In the first instance**, four angels bound in that river are released and unleash a deadly attack on humans that take on 1/4 of mankind.
- ☞ **In the second instance**, this river is dried up for a period in order to allow the "kings of the east" to cross over and enter the battle of Armageddon.

In The Book of Isaiah, Satan is called “The king of Babylon”

**Isaiah 14:4**

That you shall take up this proverb against the king of Babylon, and say, How has the oppressor ceased! the golden city ceased!

**Isaiah 14:12**

How you are fallen from heaven, **O Lucifer, son of the morning!** how you are cut down to the ground, who did weaken the nations!

**So, we see that Satan was called the king of Babylon in Isaiah's day, a city which was located in modern day Iraq.**

Isaiah 14:15 says that Lucifer will be “**brought down to the pit**”, which is the **bottomless pit**. We will see this fulfilled when Revelation 20:2-3 is fulfilled, where Satan is cast into the bottomless pit.

**Isaiah 14:1**

Yet you shall be brought down to Sheol, To the lowest depths of the Pit

**Satan is called the king of Babylon, and Babylon was in modern day Iraq.**

- ☞ **Saddam Hussein** has rebuilt ancient Babylon with instructions left behind by ancient king Nebuchadnezzar.
- ☞ **Consider this statement by Qusai Hussein**, the son of Saddam Hussein:

*"The Iraqi people are ready to fight Israel alongside the Palestinians, but its geographical location makes it hard to join the struggle. ... Still, the Jews know that their doom will come from Babylon."*

**So, is the entrance to this "Bottomless Pit", located here at the modern day "Abadan"? We don't know for sure, but it is all just a little to "Coincidental to be just Coincidental.**

It is interesting that in Israel, there is a large opening in the earth that they have called "The Gate of Hell"

**Wherever the entrance to Hell is at, it is through a long shaft that goes through the mantle of the earth's crust, in the "Bottomless Pit"**

- ☞ **The "Bottomless Pit"** spoken of here in verse 1, is the Greek word.: "**Abusso**"
- ☞ **It is called the "Bottomless pit"** because it is in the center of the earth.
- ☞ **Because the earth is constantly rotating** at 1,000 miles per hour, you would be in a constant state of free fall.
- ☞ **Hades is the compartment** in the center of the earth, the place where The Lord holds **demonic spirits**, it is where **the antichrist is held**, it is where **satan will be held** for the 1,000 year millennium.

**Jesus had a conversation with the demonic spirits in Gadara.**

**Mark 5:1-9**

1 Then they came to the other side of the sea, to the country of the Gadarenes.

2 And when He had come out of the boat, immediately there met Him out of the tombs a man with an unclean spirit,

7 And he cried out with a loud voice and said, "What have I to do with You, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? **I implore You by God that You do not torment me.**"

8 For He said to him, "Come out of the man, unclean spirit!"

9 Then He asked him, "What is your name?" And he answered, saying, "**My name is Legion; for we are many.**"

**Matthew 8:29**

And suddenly they cried out, saying, "What have we to do with You, Jesus, You Son of God? **Have You come here to torment us before the time?**"

- ☞ *“Jesus, are you going to send us into the Abusso, before the time appointed by God?”*
- ☞ **There were so many** of these demons in this man that they called themselves **“Legion”**.
- ☞ **They knew** there was coming a time when they would be held.
- ☞ **One of the compartments** in Hades is **“Tartaris”**.

Peter wrote that these demonic sprits are held here in Tartaris because they did not obey God by keeping their proper place.

- ☞ **There seems to be** a strong indication in the Bible that these angels came to earth and inbred with female humans before the flood and the result were the giants that are described throughout the Old Testament.
- ☞ **They are called** the Nephalim: *“The Fallen Ones”*

There have been numerous archeological discoveries around the world where Enormous Skeletons of human-like being have been discovered:

- ☞ **A 19'6" human skeleton** found in 1577 A.D. under an overturned oak tree in the Canton of Lucerne, France.
- ☞ **23-foot tall skeleton** found in 1456 A.D. beside a river in Valence, France.
- ☞ **A 25' 6 " skeleton** found in 1613 A.D. near the castle of Chaumont in France. This was claimed to be a nearly complete find.
- ☞ **A 9' 8" skeleton** was excavated from a mound near Brewersville, Indiana (Indianapolis News, Nov 10, 1975).
- ☞ **In 1833** soldiers digging at a pit for a powder magazine in Lompock Rancho, California, discovered a male skeleton **12 feet tall**.
- ☞ **The skeleton** was surrounded by carved shells, stone axes, and blocks of porphyry covered with **unintelligible symbols**.
- ☞ **The skeleton** had double rows of upper and lower teeth. These bones substantiated legends by the local Piute Indians regarding giants which they called **Si-Te-Cahs**

Here are two amazing discoveries of these giant skeletons, the second picture shows a 47 inch long Human Femur that would have come from a man standing 14-16 feet tall.

**He would have had feet 20-22 inches long. His outstretched arms would have been 6 feet above the ground.**

### **Deuteronomy 3:11**

King Og of Bashan was the last of the giant Rephaites. His iron bed was more than thirteen feet long and six feet wide. It can still be seen in the Ammonite city of Rabbah.)

### **2 Peter 2:4**

For if God did not spare the angels who sinned, but cast them down to hell and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved for judgment;

**In the Old Testament, the term The sons of God”:** in Hebrew are the **B’nai Elohim**

☞ **There are only 2 places** in the old Testament where the term “*Sons of God*” is found: Genesis 6 and Job 1, both are clearly referring to “**Angels**”.

### **Genesis 6:1-4**

1 Now it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born to them,

2 that **the sons of God** saw the daughters of men, that they were beautiful; and they took wives for themselves of all whom they chose.

3 And the LORD said, “My Spirit shall not strive with man forever, for he is indeed flesh; yet his days shall be one hundred and twenty years.”

4 **There were giants on the earth in those days, and also afterward, when the sons of God came in to the daughters of men and they bore children to them.** Those were the mighty men who were of old, men of renown.

### **Job 1:6**

Now there was a day when **the sons of God** came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan also came among them.

In both of these cases, the scripture are clearly referring to “Fallen Angels”

**Jude refers to these Fallen angels that did not keep their proper domain, their proper place, and committed sexual immorality**

### **Jude 1:6-7**

6 And **the angels** who did not keep their proper domain, but left their own abode, He has reserved in everlasting chains under darkness for the judgment of the great day;

7 **as Sodom and Gomorrah**, and the cities around them **in a similar manner to these, having given themselves over to sexual immorality** and gone after strange flesh, are set forth as an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire.

A “**Son of God**” is one who is created by Direct Creation of God.

☞ **God Created the Angels**, therefore, they are “**Sons of God**.”

☞ **In the new testament**, men that are “**Born Again**” by Direct Creation of the Holy spirit are called “**Sons of God**”.

### **Revelation 9:1-21**

1 Then the fifth angel sounded: And I saw a star fallen from heaven to the earth. **To him** was given the key to the bottomless pit.

**So, this “Star that fell from heaven” is Lucifer, he has the key to the bottomless pit.**

### **Isaiah 14:9-17**

12 "**How you are fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning!** How you are cut down to the ground, you who weakened the nations!

13 For you have said in your heart: **1)** I will ascend into heaven, **2)** I will exalt my throne above the stars of God; **3)** I will also sit on the mount of the congregation on the farthest sides of the north;

14 **4)** I will ascend above the heights of the clouds, **5)** I will be like the Most High.'

15 Yet you shall be brought down to Sheol, to the lowest depths of the Pit.

16 "Those who see you will gaze at you, and consider you, saying: 'Is this the man who made the earth tremble, who shook kingdoms,

17 Who made the world as a wilderness **and destroyed its cities**, who did not open the house of his prisoners?' (NKJ)

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2 **And he opened the bottomless pit, and smoke arose out of the pit like the smoke of a great furnace. So the sun and the air were darkened because of the smoke of the pit.**

### **The Gates of Hell**

☞ **Some place on the earth** there is an opening into this bottomless pit, a crack or cave that leads into Hades, perhaps it is there in Iraq, near the Euphrates river.

☞ **The results** of satan opening this pit is:

1. Smoke coming out, darkening the earth.
2. Locusts coming out of the earth.'

☞ **These demonic spirits** are like locusts.

☞ **They swarm** in a great cloud, they darken the skies.

☞ **If you have ever** seen a great swarm of locusts you know they do this very thing.

☞ **Notice they do not** do the normal thing that locusts do, eat the vegetation.

**Locusts: were the** 8th plague of Egypt (Ex 10:14,15); those locusts were after the plants. This is their normal pursuit.

☞ **In the Book of Proverbs**, it says that "*Locusts have no king*".

### **Proverbs 30:27**

The locusts have no king, Yet they all advance in ranks;

☞ **These locusts** here in Revelation chapter 9, are not normal locusts: they have a king, the one who lets them out of the "Bottomless Pit".

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3 Then out of the smoke locusts came upon the earth. And to them was given power, as the scorpions of the earth have power.

4 They were commanded not to harm the grass of the earth, or any green thing, or any tree, but only those men who do not have the seal of God on their foreheads.

☞ **Notice they do not do** the usual things that locusts do, eat the vegetation.

☞ **They hurt the people** that do not have the seal of God on them.

I do not believe that what we are reading here are natural locusts.

**Throughout the Bible, Locusts are agents of God's judgment:**

### **Exodus 10:4**

Or else, if you refuse to let My people go, behold, tomorrow I will bring locusts into your territory.

☞ **Also in:** Deuteronomy 28:38; 1 Kings 8:37; 2 Chronicles 7:13; Joel 1:4; Amos 4:9)

Those who do not have the “*Seal of God*” on their foreheads, will be subjected to a time of unprecedented demonic torment.

☞ **Those that do have the Lord’s seal on them**, the Locusts will not touch.

☞ **Throughout the Bible**, the Lord has always made a distinction between those that belong to Himself, and those that do not belong to Him.

**In The book of Exodus, The Lord made a separation between the Egyptians and the children of Israel.**

☞ **There** was darkness in Egypt, but not in Israel’s camp.

☞ **Frogs in Egypt**, but none in the Israel camp.

### **Exodus 9:1-4**

Then the LORD said to Moses, “Go in to Pharaoh and tell him, “Thus says the LORD God of the Hebrews: ‘Let My people go, that they may serve Me.

2 For if you refuse to let them go, and still hold them,

3 behold, the hand of the LORD will be on your cattle in the field, on the horses, on the donkeys, on the camels, on the oxen, and on the sheep—a very severe pestilence.

4 **And the LORD will make a difference between the livestock of Israel and the livestock of Egypt.** So nothing shall die of all that belongs to the children of Israel.”’

☞ **Here the Lord, during the Tribulation period**, will make a distinction again between His people and the people who do not know Him

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5 And they (Demon Locusts) were not given authority to kill them, but **to torment them for five months**. And their torment was like the torment of a scorpion when it strikes a man.

☞ **In the middle east** they have the most deadly of scorpions, the “Black Scorpion”.

☞ **The sting from this scorpion** is the most painful of all scorpions.

☞ **These locust** have this same power to hurt men with a very painful sting in their tails.

6 **In those days men will seek death and will not find it; they will desire to die, and death will flee from them.**

☞ **This is very interesting:** men will not be able to die during this time.

☞ **Death** is something that science still does not understand.

☞ **When** does a person really die?

☞ **Actually** it is when our spirit leaves our body.

☞ **The doctors watch the eeg machine** and monitor the brain waves until they stop.

☞ **When the line goes flat** they disconnect all life support..

## **When The spirit is gone, the consciousness is gone, the person is dead.**

- ☞ **What is it** that actually releases the consciousness?
- ☞ **What releases the spirit** of the person from their body?
- ☞ **People can live for decades** in a comatose condition, but the spirit does not leave.
- ☞ **What is it** that keeps the spirit there?
- ☞ **On the cross**, Jesus dismissed his spirit.

### **Matthew 27:50**

And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice, and dismissed His spirit.

### **John 10:18**

No one takes it from Me, but I lay it down of Myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This command I have received from My Father.”

- ☞ **Then Jesus bowed his head** and dismissed his spirit.

## **Here we see a time when your spirit will refuse to leave your body.**

- ☞ **This could be a disaster**, a person who cannot die, his spirit will not leave his body!!!
- ☞ **The real part of you** is the spirit living within your body.
- ☞ **The body** is just the method by which we can express who we are, our feeling, love and emotions.
- ☞ **It is the way** we express ourselves to other people.
- ☞ **When the body can no longer function** the way that god designed it, when it cannot it can no longer express who I am, because of accident or disease, then God releases my spirit from my body.

For the person who has given their life to Jesus as their Lord and Savior, the instant that their body dies, their spirit is in the presence of the Lord.

### **2 Corinthians 5:8**

We are confident, yes, well pleased rather to be absent from the body and to be present with the Lord.

- ☞ **Here we see that the Lord**, during this time on the earth, will not release the human spirit from the body for 5 months.
- ☞ **People will want to die** to be relieved from the pain but they will not be able to die.
- ☞ **Death is actually a blessing** to us who know Jesus.

### **Psalm 116:15**

“precious in the sight of the lord is the death of his saints”

- ☞ **It is a blessing to die**, to leave this world of death after our bodies can no longer function the way they were designed.

- ☞ **This will probably be one of the most terrible times** in history, when people cannot die.
- ☞ **If you don't know the lord**, it would be a curse.

Now, beginning at verse 7, John sees a battle that happened 2,000 years after his time, and he seeks to describe it for us.

- ☞ **How would john describe a bomb** being dropped on Hiroshima or Nagasaki?
- ☞ **How would John describe** an F-17-a Stealth Fighter,
- ☞ **or a Cobra** helicopter?
- ☞ **John is describing for us** the things he saw in the best way he knows how.
- ☞ **He relates them to us** based upon what he knows of his time.
- ☞ **There are some that believe** that John is describing a Cobra Helicopter here:

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- 7 The shape of the locusts was like horses prepared for battle. On their heads were crowns of something like gold, and their faces were like the faces of men.
- 8 They had hair like women's hair, and their teeth were like lions' teeth.
- 9 And they had breastplates like breastplates of iron, and the sound of their wings was like the sound of chariots with many horses running into battle.

- ☞ **Even natural locusts** have the appearance of horses equipped with armor:
- ☞ **The German term is** *Heupferd*, “**Hay-horse**”; the Italian, *cavaletta*, “**Little horse**.”

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- 10 They had tails like scorpions, and there were stings in their tails. Their power was to hurt men five months.
- 11 And **they had as king over them the angel of the bottomless pit**, whose name in Hebrew is **Abandon**, but in Greek he has the name **Apollyon**.

- ☞ **Both of these words** means “destroyer”
- ☞ **This is another name** for satan
- ☞ **Just look at the world**, what a destroyer he is!

- 12 **One woe is past. Behold, still two more woes are coming after these things.**
- 13 **Then the sixth angel sounded: And I heard a voice from the four horns of the golden altar which is before God,**

The worst is yet to come.

- ☞ **The sixth trumpet**: An army of destruction.
- ☞ **In the Book of 2 Kings** Horses and a chariot of fire separated Elijah from Elisha when Elijah was taken up into heaven (2 Kgs 2:11);

### **2 Kings 2:11**

Then it happened, as they continued on and talked, that suddenly **a chariot of fire appeared with horses of fire**, and separated the two of them; and Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven

**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 (2Kgs 6:13-17).**

### **2 Kings 6:15-17**

15 And when the servant of the man of God arose early and went out, there was **an army, surrounding the city with horses and chariots.** And his servant said to him, "Alas, my master! What shall we do?"

16 So he answered, "Do not fear, for those who are with us are more than those who are with them."

17 And Elisha prayed, and said, "LORD, I pray, open his eyes that he may see." Then the LORD opened the eyes of the young man, and he saw. And behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha.

**When Jesus returns to the earth with all of us, He will also be attended by the armies of heaven riding on white horses.**

- ☞ **Verse 13**, the voice that is heard, comes from the mercy seat that is in heaven.
- ☞ **This is the place** that the Lord wants to meet you, at His Mercy

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14 saying to the sixth angel who had the trumpet, "Release the four angels who are bound at the great river Euphrates."

15 So **the four angels, who had been prepared for the hour and day and month and year, were released** to kill a third of mankind.

- ☞ **India is said to have 33 million gods.** All the gods of the heathen are demons (Ps 96:5)
- ☞ **Here in chapter 9**, These demons are so fierce that they have been held for 6,000 years awaiting this day when they are released upon the earth.
- ☞ **Notice another 1/3 third** of mankind is killed by just these 4 Demons.
- ☞ **In the first four horsemen**, 1/4 of the people were killed, now another 1/3 are killed.

"Most of Satan's angels are yet free - being the principalities against which we wrestle, but some terrible offenders of high rank have been bound."

**The sphere of activity of the locusts was limited to torment (verse 5); these are given the express authority to kill on a massive scale.**

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16 **Now the number of the army of the horsemen was two hundred million; I heard the number of them.**

- ☞ **The scholars used to wonder** where the world could get 200 million standing soldiers.
- ☞ **The late Chinese dictator, Mao TseTung.** He boasted in his diary that China could field an army of 200 million, the exact number stated in the prophecy

To give you an idea how huge this number is: The total size of all armies at the height of the Second World War was only 70 million.

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17 And thus I saw the horses in the vision: those who sat on them had breastplates of fiery red, hyacinth blue, and sulfur yellow; and the heads of the horses were like the heads of lions; and out of their mouths came fire, smoke, and brimstone.

18 By these three plagues a third of mankind was killed-- by the fire and the smoke and the brimstone which came out of their mouths.

☞ **Notice** another 1/3 of mankind is killed in this plague.

19 For **their power is in their mouth and in their tails**; for their tails are like serpents, having heads; and with them they do harm.

20 But the rest of mankind, who were not killed by these plagues, **did not repent** of the works of their hands, that they should not worship demons, and idols of gold, silver, brass, stone, and wood, which can neither see nor hear nor walk.

21 And they did not repent of their murders or their sorceries or their sexual immorality or their thefts. (NKJ)

☞ **The judgments of God** really do not bring repentance to man.

☞ **This is why we seek to speak** of the goodness of god when we speak to people.

☞ **It is the kindness of God** that leads us to repentance.

☞ **The judgments of God** only harden the heart of man.

## **Romans 2:4**

Or do you despise the riches of His goodness, forbearance, and longsuffering, no knowing that **the goodness of God leads you to repentance?**

Isn't it amazing, that despite all of these judgments and wonders in the heavens, even the warnings that god has given, they still will not repent and turn to God.