Behold the Lamb of God

The Trumpets of the 5th and 6th Angels Revelation 9
Lesson 9

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The Great Tribulation

- ▶ Psalm 18
- ► Isaiah 1:21-31; 2:1-5
- ► Isaiah 24-25
- ► Daniel 9:24

Resources for study

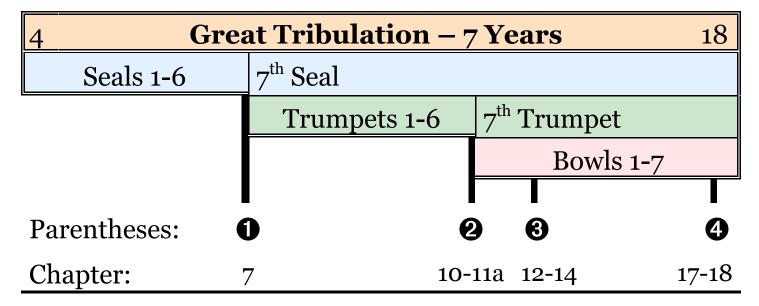
- J.F. Walvoord
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- ► W.B. Custis

Revelation – overview

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C H R I S T	Letters to Seven Churches	Prophecy of Things to Come	

III Prophecy of Things to Come				
4 18	19	20	21-22	
Great Tribulation – 7 Years	Return of Christ	1000 Year Reign	Eternal State	



- **1** − the elect of God preserved
- **2** John and the 2 witnesses
- **3** − Spiritual realities
- **4** − Babylon the Great

7 Seals

- ► Seals 1-5 Overview
 - The triumph of righteousness
 - The character of the Great Tribulation
 - The cause of the saints Day of Vengeance
- ► Seal 6
 - The wrath of the Lamb on the wicked

7 Trumpets & 7 Bowls

- ▶ 7 Trumpets 7th Seal
 - General destruction by Divine intervention
 - Demonic judgment by Divine intervention
- ► 7 Bowls 7th Trumpet
 - Revelation 15-16
 - Intensification of Divine wrath

4 Parenthetical sections

- ► The 144,000 Jews and innumerable Gentiles (7)
- ► The little scroll and 2 witnesses (10-11a)
- ► The anti-Christ and 2 beasts (12-14)
- ► Babylon the great, mother of prostitutes (17-18)

5th and 6th Trumpets – Revelation 9

- ▶ 1 Corinthians 15:24-25 subjugating every rule and authority and power
- Saints are protected
- ► A spiritual battle with the powers of darkness

The 5th trumpet judgment (9:1-12)

A star fallen from heaven (9:1)

- ► An angel
- ► A fallen angel?
- ► An elect angel Revelation 20:1
- ► Under authority Given the key

The bottomless pit – abyss

- ▶ 2 Peter 2:4 (tartarus) Genesis 6:1-4
- ► Luke 8:31 Demons sent into the pigs
- ► Revelation 11:7; 17:8 beast from the abyss
- ► Revelation 20:1-3 Satan confined to the abyss for 1000 years
- Preliminary place of confinement of demons

The opened abyss

- Smoke of a furnace
 - Holiness of God (Rev. 8:4; Ex. 19:18)
 - Wrath of God (Gen. 19:28; Rev. 9:17-20; 14:9-11; 18:9; 19:1-3)
- Sun darkened
 - Joel 2:10, 31; 3:15
 - Isaiah 13:9-11
- Locusts out of the smoke

Locusts - their mission

- ▶ Great power like scorpions
- Limited power
 - No harm to the earth or vegetation
 - No harm to the elect Seal of God on forehead
 - Harm for the non-elect of God torment but not kill
- ► The terror of the locusts' torment
 - Seek death but not find death
- ► A "taste" of Divine wrath (Hebrews 9:27)

Locusts - their description

- Not locusts!
- Like horse prepared for battle
- Like crowns of gold
- Like human faces
- Like women's hair
- Like lions' teeth
- Like breastplates of iron
- Like noise of many chariots with horses rushing into battle
- Like scorpions' tails and stings power in tails

Locusts - their description

- ▶ Power limited to 5 months
- ► King: Destroyer
 - Hebrew: Abaddon
 - Greek: Apollyon
 - Probably not Satan

The 5th Trumpet Judgment

- A demonic army led by Apollyon
- Judgment of God
- ► The uncommon grace of God
- ▶ 1 Thessalonians 1:10 Jesus delivers from the wrath to come.
- ► Two more woes to come (9:12)

The 6th trumpet judgment (9:13-19)

- Voice from the four horns of the golden altar
- Four angels bound at the Euphrates
- ► Released to kill 1/3 of mankind

A great army

- Myriads of myriads:
 - $-10,000 \times 10,000 200,000,000$
 - Innumerable
- Appearance
 - Breastplates the color of fire and sapphire and sulfur
 - Horses' heads like lions' heads
 - Fire, smoke and sulfur came from their mouths
- Power of horses in their mouths and tails
 - Death by 3 plagues: fire, smoke, sulfur
 - Wound by tails serpent heads

A visible or invisible army?

- ► A visible demonic host?
- ► Preparation for bowl #6?
- ► An exposé of the devil and his demons
- No peace for the wicked
- A warning for believers

The response to these trumpets

- No repentance
- Continued self-reliance
 - worship demons, idols
 - murder, sorcery (drugs), fornications, thefts
- ► The fruit of depravity

The blessing of the trumpets

- ► A major test of faith
 - Endurance
 - Hope
- Worship God
 - Holiness
 - Mercy
 - Faithfulness