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
- R.L. Thomas
- S.L. Johnson
- W.B. Custis
Revelation – overview

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Parentheses:

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

Chapter:

7 10-11a 12-14 17-18
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 x 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