

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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1	2-3	4	22
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

4	Great Tribulation – 7 Years			18
Seals 1-6		7 th Seal		
		Trumpets 1-6	7 th Trumpet	
		Bowls 1-7		
Parentheses:	①	②	③	④
Chapter:	7	10-11a	12-14	17-18

- 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 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