

## Covenant Bible Study

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Revelation 9

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### Revelation 4 and 5 Review

- In this second vision, Christ escorts John into heaven.
- We enter into some sort of court in heaven, with the thrones representing God's majesty.
- We meet 12 elders with God in the throne room, but we really do not know who they are.
- God is holding a scroll that must contain an account of the end times.
- The scroll is sealed with seven seals – John weeps that seemingly no one is there who can open the scroll.
- Only Christ (the lamb) is worthy to open the scroll.
- The throne room and all the earth erupt in to praise once Christ is revealed as the worthy Lamb.

### Revelation 6 Review (Seal Judgments)

- As each seal on the scroll is broken, a **judgment** is poured out on earth.
- The first seal judgment is **False Peace**.
- The second seal judgment is **War**.
- The third seal judgment is **Famine**.
- The fourth seal judgment is widespread **Death**.
- The fifth seal judgment is **Persecution** and **Martyrdom**.
- The sixth seal judgment is **Fear** and **Destruction**.
- The seventh seal judgment (Chapter 8) is the introduction of the seven **Trumpet** Judgments.

### Revelation 7 Review

- Revelation Chapter 7 is a **break** for the reader that reminds us of God's **grace**.
- God seals (protects) 144,000 Jews and countless Gentile believers.
- Revelation Chapter 7 answers the **question** presented in Revelation 6:17.

### Chapter 8 Review (First 4 Trumpet Judgments)

- Fire and Hail into a third of the **earth**.
- Fire into a third of the **sea** (Contaminated).
- Fire into a third of **fresh water** bodies (Contaminated).
- An effect on the **stars** and **moon**.
- Plague** of Locust Demons (Ch 9)
- A Third of **Humans** Killed (Ch 9)
- Introduction of the **Bowl** Judgments

## Revelation 9: Three Horrible Woes

### *First Woe: Locust Demons*

#### Revelation 9:1-12

1 And the fifth angel sounded, and I saw a star from heaven which had fallen to the earth; and the key of the bottomless pit was given to him. 2 And he opened the bottomless pit; and smoke went up out of the pit, like the smoke of a great furnace; and the sun and the air were darkened by the smoke of the pit. 3 And out of the smoke came forth locusts upon the earth; and power was given them, as the scorpions of the earth have power. 4 And they were told that they should not hurt the grass of the earth, nor any green thing, nor any tree, but only the men who do not have the seal of God on their foreheads. 5 And they were not permitted to kill anyone, but to torment for five months; and their torment was like the torment of a scorpion when it stings a man. 6 And in those days **men will seek death and will not find it**; and they will long to die and death flees from them. 7 And the appearance of the locusts was like horses prepared for battle; and on their heads, as it were, crowns like gold, and their faces were like the faces of men. 8 And they had hair like the hair of women, and their teeth were like the teeth of lions. 9 And they had breastplates like breastplates of iron; and the sound of their wings was like the sound of chariots, of many horses rushing to battle. 10 And they have tails like scorpions, and stings; and in their tails is their power to hurt men for five months. 11 They have as king over them, the angel of the abyss; his name in Hebrew is Abaddon, and in the Greek he has the name Apollyon.

12 The first **woe** is past; behold, two woes are still coming after these things.

The “Key” Angel: Star falling - maybe satan, but likely a high ranking demon

(In 20:1 – an angel w/ key will lock up satan)

Key – Was given (he only has the authority given him)

The seal of God – we don’t really understand it, but they receive some sort of protection

The Abyss – Luke 8

#### Limitation of the Locusts

1. Cannot hurt the **grass**.
2. Could not hurt those **sealed**. (Rev 7:3)
3. Could not **kill**.
4. Limited to **5 months**.

#### Demons

1. Demons might be invisible, but they are **real** and aggressive.
2. Demons are innumerable, but also well **organized**.
3. Demons are intimidating, but have **limitations** and restraints.
4. Demons are dangerous, but they **bow** before the name of Christ.

## **Revelation 9: Three Horrible Woes**

*Second Woe: A Third of Mankind Killed*

### **Revelation 9:13-21**

13 And the sixth angel sounded, and I heard a voice from the four horns of the golden altar which is before God, 14 one saying to the sixth angel who had the trumpet, "Release the four angels who are bound (these are not good angels – first thought) at the great river Euphrates." 15 And the four angels, who had been prepared for the hour and day and month and year (only time all four are mentioned together), were released, so that they might kill a third of mankind. 16 And the number of the armies of the horsemen was **two hundred million**; I heard the number of them. 17 And this is how I saw in the vision the horses and those who sat on them: the riders had breastplates the color of fire and of hyacinth and of brimstone; and the heads of the horses are like the heads of lions; and out of their mouths proceed fire and smoke and brimstone. 18 A third of mankind was killed by these three plagues, by the fire and the smoke and the brimstone, which proceeded out of their mouths. 19 For the power of the horses is in their mouths and in their tails; for their tails are like serpents and have heads; and with them they do harm. 20 And the rest of mankind, who were not killed by these plagues, did not repent of the works of their hands, so as not to worship demons, and the idols of gold and of silver and of brass and of stone and of wood, which can neither see nor hear nor walk; 21 and they did not repent of their murders nor of their sorceries nor of their immorality nor of their thefts.

The **Euphrates** river flows back into the garden of eden

It also serves as the border of Israel – enemies are behind it...

### **Genesis 2:8-15**

8 And the LORD God planted a garden toward the east, in Eden; and there He placed the man whom He had formed. 9 And out of the ground the LORD God caused to grow every tree that is pleasing to the sight and good for food; the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

10 Now a river flowed out of Eden to water the garden; and from there it divided and became four rivers. 11 The name of the first is Pishon; it flows around the whole land of Havilah, where there is gold. 12 And the gold of that land is good; the bdellium and the onyx stone are there. 13 And the name of the second river is Gihon; it flows around the whole land of Cush. 14 And the name of the third river is Tigris; it flows east of Assyria. And the fourth river is the Euphrates. 15 Then the LORD God took the man and put him into the garden of Eden to cultivate it and keep it.

### **200,000,000 is the largest number mentioned in scripture...**

In Rev 6:8, a fourth of mankind has already been killed

Now – another third killed – meaning ONE HALF of the earth's population has been killed

### **Repentance**

20 And the rest of mankind, who were not killed by these plagues, did not repent of the works of their hands, so as not to worship demons, and the idols of gold and of silver and of brass and of stone and of wood, which can neither see nor hear nor walk; 21 and they did not repent of their murders nor of their sorceries nor of their immorality nor of their thefts.

### **Ecclesiastes 8:11**

11 Because the sentence against an evil deed is not executed quickly, therefore the hearts of the sons of men among them are given fully to do evil.

*Because the evil is not punished, the heart becomes determined to keep doing wrong...*

## An Outline of Revelation

### Revelation 1:19

19 "Write therefore the things which you have seen, and the things which are, and the things which shall take place after these things.

Chapter One:	The Things You Have Seen
Chapters Two and Three:	The Things That Are (Seven Churches)
Chapters Four - Twenty Two:	The Things That Will Take Place

### Prologue

- Promises of Blessing for Reading, Hearing, and Keeping the Words of the Book (*Revelation 1:1-8*)

### Things You Have Seen

- Vision of the Glorified Christ (*Revelation 1:9-20*)

### Things Which Are

- Christ's Messages to the Seven Churches (*Revelation 2:1 – 3:22*)
  - Ephesus (2:1-7)
  - Smyrna (2:8-11)
  - Pergamum (2:12-17)
  - Thyatira (2:18-29)
  - Sardis (3:1-6)
  - Philadelphia (3:7-13)
  - Laodicea (3:14-22)

### Things That Will Take Place

- Vision of Heavenly Throne Room, Where John Witnesses the Worship of God the Father & Jesus Christ (*Revelation 4:1 – 5:14*)
- Vision of Judgments Upon the Earth that Increase in Magnitude While God in His Mercy Continues to Call Humankind to Repentance (*Revelation 6:1 – 18:24*)
  - Judgment of the Seven Seals (6:1 – 8:1)
  - Judgment of the Seven Trumpets (8:2 – 11:19)
  - Vision of the Dragon, Woman, and Beasts (12:1 – 14:20)
  - Judgment of the Seven Bowls (15:1 – 16:21)
  - Judgment of Babylon (17:1 – 18:24)
- Return of Christ and the Battle of Armageddon (*Revelation 19:1-21*)
- Reign of Christ and His Resurrected Saints Over the Earth (*Revelation 20:1-6*)
- Final Destruction of Satan, Evil, and Death (*Revelation 20:7-15*)
- Ultimate Eternal Peace and Perfection (*Revelation 21:1 – 22:5*)

### Epilogue

- Final Promises of Blessing for Reading, Hearing, and Keeping the Words of the Book (*Revelation 22:6-21*)