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# The END

A STUDY IN THE  
BOOK of REVELATION

## WEEK 9: No Deliverance. No Repentance. – Revelation 9:1-21

- **Last week**

- First four of the seven trumpet judgments:
  - Hail and fire mixed with blood
    - 1/3 of the earth and trees destroyed, all of the grass burned
  - Something like a great mountain, burning with fire
    - 1/3 of the sea turned to blood, 1/3 of sea creatures die, and 1/3 of the ships destroyed
  - A great star fell from heaven, blazing like a torch
    - -1/3 of the fresh water poisoned
  - Sun, moon and stars struck
    - Extended darkness falls on the earth

- **The three woes**

- Chapter eight had ended with the call of the eagle in the sky  
*Then I looked, and I heard an eagle crying with a loud voice as it flew directly overhead, "Woe, woe, woe to those who dwell on the earth, at the blasts of the other trumpets that the three angels are about to blow!"* – Revelation 8:13 ESV

- The fifth trumpet

- John sees a star **fallen** from heaven to earth  
*piptō* – to be cast down from a state of prosperity
  - Perfect tense – signifying completed action
  - It is a past action that has already taken place
  - This "star" had already fallen from heaven to earth
  - This star is referred to in human terms
  - But it is probably a reference to a heavenly being
  - Who is it and what is he doing?

*The seventy-two returned with joy, saying, "Lord, even the demons are subject to us in your name!" And he said to them, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven."* – Luke 10:17-18 ESV

- This is the key to his identity
- But to what event is it referring?

*“How you are fallen from heaven, O Day Star, son of Dawn! How you are cut down to the ground, you who laid the nations low! You said in your heart, ‘I will ascend to heaven; above the stars of God I will set my throne on high; I will sit on the mount of assembly in the far reaches of the north; I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will make myself like the Most High.’ But you are brought down to Sheol, to the far reaches of the pit.” – Isaiah 14:12-15 ESV*

- This recounts the original rebellion of Satan
- He and his co-conspirators were cast out of heaven
- But his casting into Sheol has not yet happened
- Revelation 9:1 is talking about a future event
- At this point, Satan still has access to heaven

*Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the Lord, and Satan also came among them. The Lord said to Satan, “From where have you come?” Satan answered the Lord and said, “From going to and fro on the earth, and from walking up and down on it.” – Job 1-7 ESV*

- But there is a day coming when he will lose his access
- There is a battle to take place

*Now war arose in heaven, Michael and his angels fighting against the dragon. And the dragon and his angels fought back, but he was defeated, and **there was no longer any place for them in heaven**. And the great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world—**he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him**. – Revelation 12:7-9 ESV*

- He is given the key to the bottomless pit
  - Literally: “pit of the abyss”
  - This is the holding place for demons
  - Luke records the story of Jesus casting demons out of a man
  - When Jesus commanded them to come out, they cried:

*And they begged him not to command them to depart into **the abyss**. – Luke 8:31 ESV*

- So, He cast them into a herd of swine

*For if God did not spare angels when they sinned, but **cast them into hell** and committed them to chains of gloomy darkness to be kept until the judgment. – 2 Peter 2:4 ESV*

- **hell** – *Tartarus* - “the deepest pit”

- This is the key to understanding this passage
  - What John is about to see is **otherworldly**
  - It is not human or made by human hands
- Smoke and locusts
    - These creatures are given great power
    - But they can't harm the grass, plants or trees
    - But they **can** torment all those who are unredeemed
    - The 144,000 and the saints will be protected by God
    - Reminiscent of the Exodus

*So Moses lifted his staff toward the sky, and the Lord sent thunder and hail, and lightning flashed toward the earth. The Lord sent a tremendous hailstorm against all the land of Egypt. Never in all the history of Egypt had there been a storm like that, with such devastating hail and continuous lightning. It left all of Egypt in ruins. The hail struck down everything in the open field—people, animals, and plants alike. Even the trees were destroyed. **The only place without hail was the region of Goshen, where the people of Israel lived.** – Exodus 9:23-26 ESV*

- They will torment, but not kill  
**basanismos** – torture
- People will face God's judgment for rejecting Christ
- They will long for death, but will suffer instead
- It is a taste of their future fate
- These "locusts" are demons
- Not a naturally occurring creature or man-made object
- And yet, people keep conjecturing and guessing

Let me explain what I see! Looking at a Military Helicopter from a distance and even up close, it looks like a locust. Two or more helicopters such organized, are always in a strait line as the same as relating to (Horses prepared unto battle 9:7). Now if you were at a distance, up on higher ground looking down at an angle at a helicopter ready for take off with the sun at the same angle on the other side, the sun's light reflecting off the top of the whirling propeller will look Gold in color (Relating to crowns like Gold 9:7 and this is a fact. – [www.21stcenturyrevelations.com](http://www.21stcenturyrevelations.com))

- They have a "king"  
**Abaddōn** – (Hebrew) "destruction"

*And although you were dead in your offenses and sins, in which you formerly lived according to this world's present path, according to **the ruler of the***

***domain of the air, the ruler of the spirit that is now energizing the sons of disobedience.*** – Ephesians 2:1-2 NET Bible

***Apollyōn*** – (Greek) “destroyer”

*The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.* – John 10:10 ESV

- These demonic creatures will be evil incarnate”
  - ...like horses prepared for battle
  - ...wearing victor’s crowns
  - ...with faces like those of men
  - ...long hair like a woman’s
  - ...and teeth like a lion’s and breastplates of iron
- What does all this represent?
  - Those things mankind puts its trust in
  - Man’s intelligence (face like a man)
  - Sexual satisfaction (long hair like a woman)
  - Military might (battle horse)
  - Survival of the fittest (teeth like a lion)
  - Success and achievement (victor’s crown)
  - Self-preservation (breastplate of iron)

*Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but we trust in the name of the LORD our God.* – Psalm 20:7 ESV

*Stop regarding man in whose nostrils is breath, for of what account is he?*  
– Isaiah 2:22 ESV

- The sixth trumpet
  - The release of the four bound angels
    - deō*** – “bound with chains”
    - These are *aggelos* (messengers of God)
    - But they are most likely fallen angels
    - They have been prepared for this moment
    - They will be used by God to kill 1/3 of the earth’s population
    - They are accompanied by 200 million troops
    - We are not told if they are human or demonic
    - But their description sounds demonic
      - The sheer number suggests it
      - They are riding horses whose heads are like those of lions
      - They are breathing fire, smoke, and sulfur
      - Their tails are like serpent’s heads

- The reaction of mankind:
  - o They did not repent!

**In spite of...**

...five months of demonic torment

...the escape of death being prevented

...and the presence of catastrophic plagues that kill 1/3 of the earth's population

**They will stubbornly continue to pursue...**

...idolatry, murder, witchcraft, sexual immorality and theft

**DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:**

- Take some time to discuss your personal reactions to all that has been described in this chapter. What is your honest response to all that John has described?
- Read Jeremiah 18:11-12. What does this passage reveal about the stubbornness of mankind?
- How does it make you feel to hear that God is going to use demonic forces to bring judgment upon the earth? Why should we not consider this to be unrighteous on God's part?





**Week 10 Homework: No More Delay. – Revelation 10:1-11**

- Read Revelation chapter 10, as well as pages 89-96 of the Devotional™ blog.
- Look at verses 1-3. Write down everything you see that makes this particular angel different from all the others John has seen thus far.

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What do you think all this unique imagery suggests about this angel and his role?

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- Based on what you see in verse 4, why do you think John is instructed to refrain from writing down what he saw?

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- In Scripture, a mystery refers to a truth God has hidden and will reveal in His time. Read Romans 16:35-36. What “mystery” is Paul referring to?

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- Read Ephesians 1:7-10. What “mystery” is Paul referring to here/

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- Read Habakkuk 2:14. What does this verse reveal that might have been hidden from those who first read it in the day Habakkuk wrote it?

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- Look at verses 8-11. What do you think is the significance of the command that John eat the little scroll?

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Read the following Old Testament passages and write down any similarities you find;  
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Ezekiel 2;9-10; 3:1-4, 14; \_\_\_\_\_

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Why do you think the scroll was bitter to John’s stomach, but sweet to his tongue.

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