

The Book of REVELATION

Chapters 8 & 9

“Six Trumpet Judgments”

Chapter 8- “The Seventh Seal”

(v1-6) **The “Seventh Seal” is opened then:** Silence—Angels—Prayers— A golden censor cast to the earth! **Results:** “Noises, thundering, lightning and an earthquake!”

> **Seven Angels with seven trumpets ready to sound: Is it reveille, charge or taps? *All three!***

(v7) **First Trumpet Judgment**- Hail & fire mingled with blood!

Results: One third of the trees burned up and all green grass!

(v8-9) **Second Trumpet Judgment**- A great mountain burning with fire (asteroid/meteor) was thrown into the sea! **Results:** One third turned to blood; one third of the living creatures in the sea died & one third of the ships were destroyed!

(v10-11) **Third Trumpet Judgment**- A star named *wormwood* (“undrinkable”) falls to earth!

Results: One third of the rivers and springs are contaminated and many men die because the water became bitter (poisonous).

(v12-13) **Fourth Trumpet Judgment**- One third of the sun, moon and stars are struck with darkness. **Results:** One third of the day & night became complete darkness (8 hours of complete darkness- 4 hours taken from the daytime and 4 hours without stars and moon shining)! An angel telling the world that greater judgments are coming!

Chapter 9- “The Fifth & Sixth Trumpet Judgments”

(v1-12) **The Fifth Trumpet Judgment**- Demons like locusts released from the bottomless pit to sting mankind like a scorpion and men will not die, but will be in excruciating pain and torment for five months, (the 144,000 will not be harmed). **Who is this “star” that opens the bottomless pit (lit. *the abyss*)?** This star is not celestial, it’s possibly Satan or a high ranking demon (Eph. 6:12). In regards to Satan we read in Isaiah 14:12-15 we read- *How you have fallen from heaven, O star of the morning, son of the dawn! You have been cut down to the earth, you who have weakened the nations! "But you said in your heart, 'I will ascend to heaven; I will raise my throne above the stars of God, and I will sit on the mount of assembly in the recesses of the north. 'I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will make myself like the Most High.' "Nevertheless you will be thrust down to Sheol, to the recesses of the pit.* Satan will seek to gather all of his demonic friends from the abyss in an effort to bring forth his diabolical plan against planet earth. (Satan himself will be locked away in the abyss for a thousand years after the 2nd coming of Christ, then let loose one last time at the end of the Millennial Kingdom.)

(v11) Abaddon means Destruction and Apollyon is Destroyer!

(v13-19) **Sixth Trumpet Judgment**- Four angels released at the Euphrates River and kill one third of the earth’s population- The Euphrates River flows more than seventeen-hundred miles from Mt. Ararat in Turkey to the Persian Gulf. It is the longest and most important river in the Middle East, and figures prominently in the Old Testament. It was one of the four rivers into which the river that flowed out of the Garden of Eden divided (Gen. 2:14). It was near the Euphrates that sin began, the first lie was told, the first murder was committed, and the tower of Babel (the origin of an entire complex of false religions that spread across the world) was built.

The Euphrates was the eastern boundary of the Promised Land (Gen. 15:18; Ex. 23:31; Deut. 11:24), and (1Chron. 18:3) and Solomon (2 Chron. 9:26). The region near the Euphrates was the central location of three world powers that oppressed Israel: Assyria, Babylon, and Medo-Persia. It was on the banks of the Euphrates that Israel endured seventy long, bitter, wearisome years of captivity (cf. Ps. 137:1-4). It is the river over which the enemies of God will cross to engage in the battle of Armageddon (Rev. 16:12-16).¹

(v14) Releasing the four Angels from the Euphrates River- These fallen Angels were incarcerated in the Euphrates River. Some commentators believe that these four fallen angels may have been in charge of the four great earthly empires, Babylon, Medo-Persia, Greece & Rome (Daniel gives insight to angels being princes over empires).

(v16-19) An army of 200 million is gathered to kill fellow humanity! - Maybe China, United Nations, European Union, Antichrist Army.

(v20-21) After these plagues mankind will still not repent of their idolatry, murders, sorceries (illegal drugs), sexual immorality & thefts.

Get SAVED before it's too _____! – John 3:16-21

¹ John MacArthur Commentary- *Revelation*, pg. 269