

Journey Through the Bible: Revelation

Session 22: The 5th and 6th Trumpet Judgements (Ch. 9)

Remember Acts 17:11

Revelation Outline (1:19):

- Write what you have seen,
- What is,
- **What will take place after this**

Why Trumpets?

In the Bible, Trumpets are Used:

- Open Religious Festivals or Worship Times
- Military Commands
- Warning Calls to Civilians
- Heralding Calls to News
 - o Proclamations of Law
 - o Civil Actions or Organizing Events
 - o The Arrival of a Royal Official

The Warning Cry of the Eagle (8:13)

Woe, Woe, Woe to the inhabitants (Citizens) of the Earth.

- **κατοικέω** (Katokeo): to house permanently, i.e. reside (literally or figuratively):—dwell(-er), inhabitant(-ter).
 - o By Implication: Citizen
- **οὐαί** (Ouai): a primary exclamation of grief.
 - o Identifies Calamity. Not a Call for Mercy.

The Fifth Trumpet (v.1-3):

- “Star” Fell (or “flew down to”)
 - o “Given to him...” (Person/Created Being)
 - o Angelic Worker Sent on a Mission
 - o Or Satan Cast Out Permanently (Ref. Job)
 - (Other Occurrences of Falling Stars)
- Was Given the Key to the “Abusso” (Pit)
 - o Was Given Authority Over (Imprison/Release)
 - o Opened the Pit (Smoke Released)
 - Sun (Sky) Further Darkened
 - o Locust-like Creatures (Demonic by Association)
 - Ordered to Torment the “Citizens of Earth” (Unsealed by God)
 - But Not to Harm any Remaining Other Form of Life

The Sixth Trumpet (Contd.):

Fig: “Release from an immediate obligation to assume another task.”

John’s Gospel and Demons:

- Demons are Not Confronted in John’s Gospel
- Δαιμόνιον: (Daimonion): a demonic being; by extension a deity: -devil, god.
 - o John 7:20; 8:48-49, 52; 10:20-21
 - o Rev. 16:14; 18:2
- ἀγγέλους: (Angelos) 9:14-15

Angels Bound (Assigned) to the River:

- Daniel 12:5-7 (3 Angels, 1 Identified in v. 1 as Michael)
 - o Ref. Zech. 1:8-17 (Patrol but Quartered/Bound)
 - Writing During the Close of Babylonian Exile
 - Valley of Myrtle Trees
 - o Zechariah 1:8-11 pictures a man standing in a ravine among myrtle trees apparently enjoying their humble beauty and fragrance. This is a good example of Bible ecology as a ravine or other watercourse is the habitat of the myrtle. -Old Dominion Univ. “Bible Plants”
<https://ww2.odu.edu/~lmusselm/plant/bible/myrtle.php>
- Prepared Especially for This Task
 - o Kill 1/3 Remaining Human Populous
 - o Implied Power Over of 200,000,000 (Human/Angelic/Demonic?)

Description of Soldiers:

- Armored (Breastplates)
 - o Fire Red (War),
 - o Hyacinth: Deep Blue/Dark Red/Purple
 - Blue: Reminder of God’s Authority
 - Red Bordering on Black: (?)
 - Purple: Royalty
- Sulfur Yellow: (Brimstone) Burning Sulfur/ Divine Punishment in Unquenchable Fire

Description of the Horses (Mounts):

- Heads Like Lions (Strength and Danger)
- Living Weapons: Fire, Smoke, Sulfur (Continuous Burning)
- Tails Resembling Snakes (Inflicting Injury)
 - o Sin Being Punished (Ref. Num. 21)

Description of the Citizens of Earth:

- Survivors: Unrepentant/Willful Disbelief
 - o Still Witnessing the Judgements
 - o Still Denying God’s Authority
 - o Made “Stiff-necked”
 - Ref. Gen. 6-9

Personal (Individual) and Institutionalized Sin:

- Worshipping Demons (Antichrist)
 - o Idolaters (Return to Object-Monument Worship)
- Murders
 - o Product of Human Life Losing Its Sacred Value
 - o People Become Valued as Functions/Objects
 - o Some Become Inconvenient and Disposable
 - o Others Become Obstacles to be Overcome
- Sorceries (φαρμακεία) Pharmakeia
 - o Sorcery, Magical arts, often found in connection with idolatry and fostered by it
 - (Outline of Biblical Usage)
 - o Potion Craft with the Intention of Altering Mental States for Worship/Existential Experience
 - o Incantation (Ref. Mat. 6:7) to a Demonic Presence to Curry Favor/Paganistic Sacrifice
- Sexual Immorality
 - o Reducing Sexuality to Recreation
 - (Removing the Sacred Value)
 - o Devaluing the Marital Covenant
 - (Husband, Wife, God)
 - o Seeking Pleasure at the Expense of Potential Life
 - o Objectification of Human Beings (God’s Image)
- Thefts
 - o Outcome of Jealousy (Personal)
 - o Institutionalized in Corrupt Governments
