



The
Revelation
of **Jesus Christ**

15. The seven trumpets - continued



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The revelation of Jesus Christ,
which God gave Him
to show His servants
what must happen very soon.

(Revelation 1:1)

Revelation so far...

1:1-8

Prologue

Section 1...

1:9 – 3:22

The vision of Christ, then His messages to the seven churches

Section 2...

4:1 – 8:1

The vision of God's throne and the Lamb and the opening of **the seven seals**

Section 3...

8:2 – 11:19

The seven trumpets, seven thunders, the little book and the two witnesses...



Prelude to the third section...

Revelation 8:2-5

Then I saw **the seven angels who stand before God**, and **seven trumpets** were given to them.

And **another angel** came and stood at the altar with a golden censer, and he was given much incense to offer with the prayers of all the saints...

Then the angel took the censer and filled it with fire from the altar and **threw it on the earth**...



The vision of the first four trumpets...



A third of the earth was burned up, and a third of the trees and all green grass was burned up.

(Revelation 8:7)



A third of the living creatures in the sea died, and a third of the ships were destroyed.

(Revelation 8:9)

A third of the waters became wormwood, and many people died from the water...

(Revelation 8:11)



A third of the sun was struck, and a third of the moon, and a third of the stars...

(Revelation 8:12)



The remaining three trumpets...

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)



The fifth angel blew his trumpet...

Revelation 9:1-21

I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven.
(Luke 10:18)

...and I saw a star **fallen** from heaven to earth,
and he was given the key to the shaft of the bottomless pit.

(Revelation 9:1)

abyssos = depthless,
the abyss

“What is your name?”

“Legion.”

And they begged Him that He would not command them to go out into **the abyss**.

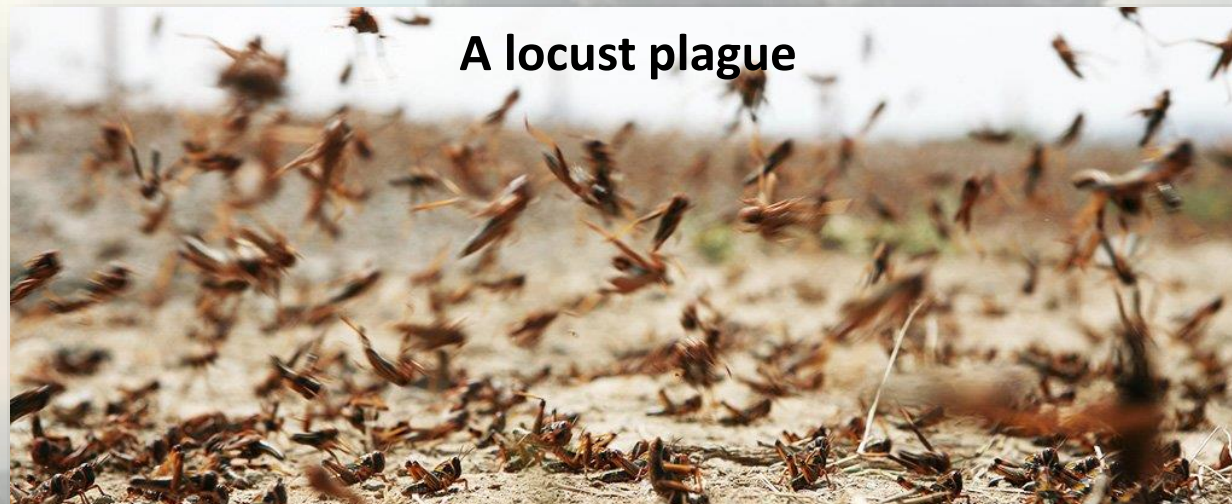
(See Luke 8:30-31 and Matthew 8:29)

The fifth angel blew his trumpet...

He opened the shaft of the bottomless pit,
and from the shaft rose **smoke like the smoke of a great furnace...**

Then **from the smoke came locusts** on the earth,
and they were given power like the power of scorpions of the earth.

(Revelation 9:2-3)



The fifth angel blew his trumpet...

Do not harm the earth...
till we have **sealed**
the servants of our God...
(Revelation 7:3)

They were told not to harm the grass of the earth or any green plant or any tree, but only those people who do not have **the seal of God** on their foreheads.

They were allowed to torment them for **five months**, but not to kill them...

And in those days people will seek death and will not find it.

They will long to die, but death will flee from them.

(Revelation 9:4-6)

The fifth angel blew his trumpet...

The appearance of the locusts...

- They were **like** horses prepared for battle
- On their heads were **what looked like** crowns of gold
- Their faces were **like** human faces
- Their hair was **like** women's hair
- Their teeth were **like** lions' teeth
- They had breastplates **like** breastplates of iron
- The noise of their wings was **like** many chariots rushing into battle.
- They have tails and stings **like** scorpions in their tails

(See Revelation 9:7-10)

The fifth angel blew his trumpet...

They have as king over them
the angel of the bottomless pit.

His name in Hebrew is **Abaddon**,
and in Greek he is called **Apollyon**.

(Revelation 9:11)

Destruction

Destroyer

**The first woe has passed;
behold, two woes are still to come.**

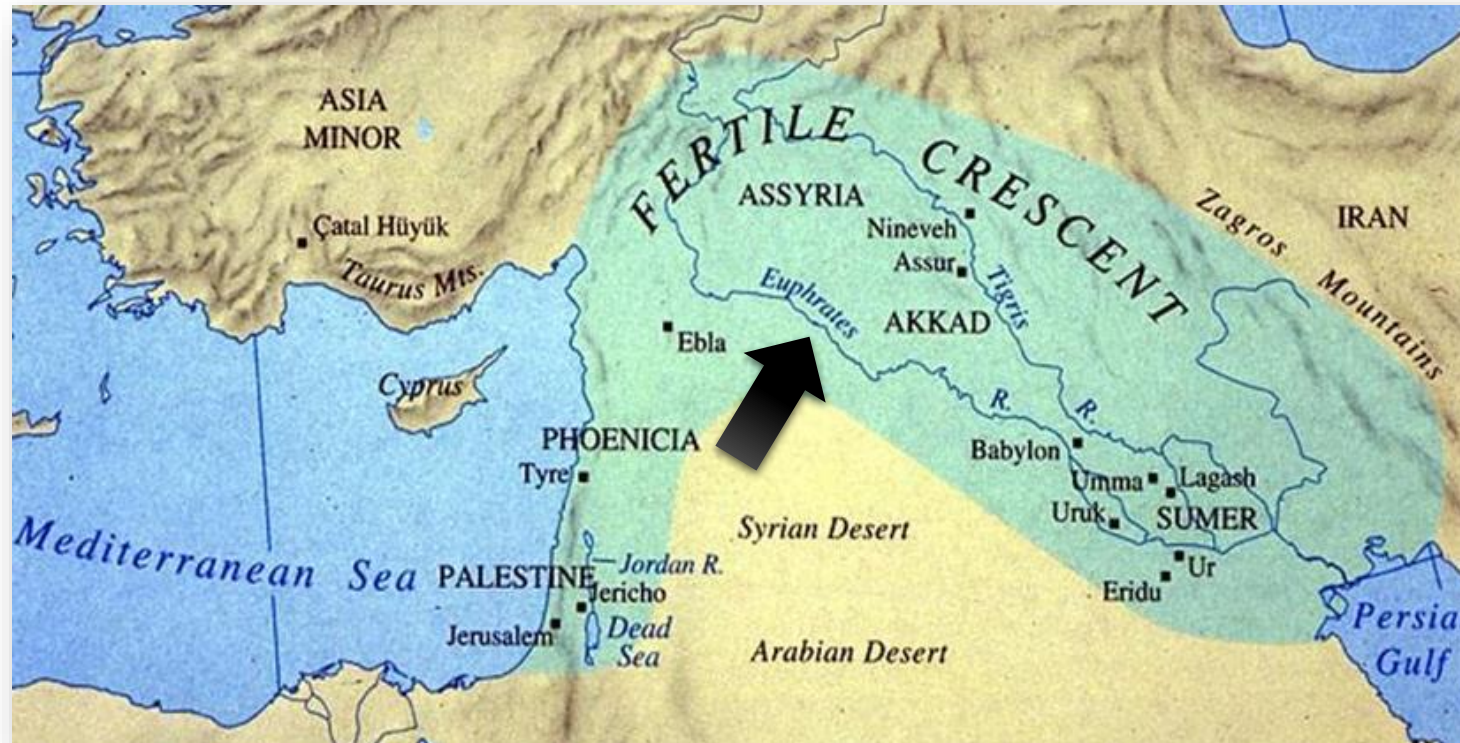
(Revelation 9:12)

Then the sixth angel blew his trumpet...

...and I heard a voice from the four horns of the golden altar before God...

*“Release the four angels **who are bound** at the great river Euphrates.”*

(Revelation 9:13-14)



Then the sixth angel blew his trumpet...

$$2 \times 10,000 \times 10,000 \\ = 200,000,000$$

So the four angels, who had been prepared for the hour, the day, the month, and the year, were released **to kill a third of mankind.**

The number of **mounted troops** was twice ten thousand times ten thousand; I heard their number.

(Revelation 9:15-16)



Then the sixth angel blew his trumpet...

The appearance of the horses and riders:

- they wore breastplates the color of fire and of sapphire and of sulfur,
- the heads of the horses were like lions' heads,
- fire and smoke and sulfur came out of their mouths.

By these three plagues **a third of mankind was killed...**

For the power of the horses is in their mouths and in their tails,
for their tails are like serpents with heads,
and by means of them they wound.

(See Revelation 9:17-19)



Then the sixth angel blew his trumpet...

The rest of mankind...

- did not repent of the works of their hands that they should not **worship demons** and idols of gold, silver, bronze, stone and wood...
- nor did they repent of their murders, or their sorceries, or their sexual immorality or their thefts.

(Revelation 9:20-21)

- 1 Corinthians 10:20
- Colossians 3:5

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“Cursed is the ground
because of you...”
(Genesis 3:17)

Against
humanity

The **mystery of lawlessness**
is already at work.
Only he who now **restrains** it
will do so until he is out of the way.
(2 Thessalonians 2:7)

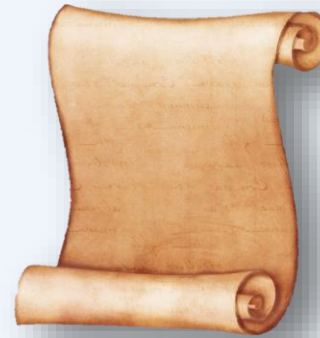
Another mighty angel...

Revelation 10:1-7

Then I saw another mighty angel **coming down from heaven**, wrapped in a cloud, with a rainbow over his head, and **his face was like the sun**, and **his legs like pillars of fire**.

He had a little scroll **open** in his hand.

And he set his right foot on the sea, and his left foot on the land, and called out with a loud voice, **like a lion roaring**.



(Revelation 10:1-3)

Another mighty angel...

When he called out,
the seven thunders sounded.

*Seal up
what the seven thunders
have said,
and do not write it down.*

(Revelation 10:4)

The secret things belong to the LORD our God,
but those things which are revealed
belong to us and to our children forever,
that we may do all the words of this law.

(Deuteronomy 29:29)

Another mighty angel...

And the angel...
raised his right hand to heaven
and swore by Him who lives forever and ever...

The creator of
heaven and earth

Daniel 9:24

that there would be **no more delay**,
but that in the days of the trumpet call
to be sounded by **the seventh angel**,
the mystery of God would be fulfilled,
just as He announced to His servants the prophets.

or completed
or finished

(Revelation 10:5-7)

euaggelizō =
to proclaim good news

Another mighty angel...

Revelation 10:8-11

Take and eat it;
it will make your stomach **bitter**,
but in your mouth
it will be **sweet** as honey.

- Jeremiah 15:16
- Ezekiel 3:1-3

*Go, take the scroll that is open
in the hand of the angel
who is standing on the sea
and on the land.*

And they said to me,

*“You must again prophesy
about many peoples and nations
and languages and kings.”*

Shaping our worldview...

- Does the world and all that is in it belong to God?
- Is God's judgement righteous and necessary?
- Do we take His mercies for granted?

Who can save us from from the wrath to come?

Jesus Christ of Nazareth...

There is **no other name** under heaven
given among men by which we must be saved.

(Acts 4:10,12)