

## CHAPTER XIX

### THE THREE WOES

We begin with Revelation 9:1-4; we read: ***“AND THE FIFTH ANGEL SOUNDED, AND I SAW A STAR FALL FROM HEAVEN UNTO THE EARTH: AND TO HIM WAS GIVEN THE KEY OF THE BOTTOMLESS PIT. (v2) AND HE OPENED THE BOTTOMLESS PIT; AND THERE AROSE A SMOKE OUT OF THE PIT, AS THE SMOKE OF A GREAT FURNACE; AND THE SUN AND THE AIR WERE DARKENED BY REASON OF THE SMOKE OF THE PIT. (v3) AND THERE CAME OUT OF THE SMOKE LOCUSTS UPON THE EARTH: AND UNTO THEM WAS GIVEN POWER, AS THE SCORPIONS OF THE EARTH HAVE POWER. (v4) AND IT WAS COMMANDED THEM THAT THEY SHOULD NOT HURT THE GRASS OF THE EARTH, NEITHER ANY GREEN THING; NEITHER ANY TREE; BUT ONLY THOSE MEN WHICH HAVE NOT THE SEAL OF GOD IN THEIR FOREHEADS.”***

Before we deal with this scripture, let us notice the history of Egypt when God brought living creatures as a plague against Egypt (***Exodus 10:12-15 [see appendix]***). The Lord also brought lice, flies, and frogs as a plague against Egypt; but the locust will be different altogether under the sound of the fifth trumpet. An angel will leave heaven in swift speed to the earth as a falling star, having the key of authority and power to administer this judgment upon the earth. And as he approaches the earth, a pit is made into the ground and great smoke will rise from the pit and the locust are created by the smoke having stings in their tails with venom like the scorpion. None will die from the sting of the locust, but the locust will painfully torment Man for five months (***Revelation 9:5 [see appendix]***). Nothing will be killed by them: vegetation, or man, or beast. Because of the torment of them men will desire death, but death shall flee from them. Verses six through eight, gives you the shape of the locust, showing their intelligence and striking power. They shall work under orders of the angel...trained like horses of a battle. Verse nine also shows that there will be no defense against them, neither can they be killed; for they are protected from Man like iron and brass armors would protect in the battle of old.

Now let us notice the commander of the locust; we read in verse 11 of Revelation 9: ***“AND THEY HAD A KING OVER THEM, WHICH IS THE ANGEL OF THE BOTTOMLESS PIT, WHOSE NAME IN THE HEBREW TONGUE IS ABADDON, BUT IN THE GREEK TONGUE HATH HIS NAME APOLLYON.”*** Let us compare this with Ezekiel 9:1-7 and Revelation 7:1-2 ***[see appendix]***. So now we see that “Abaddon” or “Apollyon” are one of the destroying angels whom will have charge of the “*plagues of locusts*”.

In Revelation 9:13-15, we read: ***“AND THE SIXTH ANGEL SOUNDED, AND I HEARD A VOICE FROM THE FOUR HORNS OF THE GOLDEN ALTAR WHICH IS BEFORE GOD, (v14) SAYING TO THE SIXTH ANGEL WHICH HAD THE TRUMPET, LOOSE THE FOUR ANGELS WHICH ARE BOUND IN THE GREAT RIVER EUPHRATES. (v15) AND THE FOUR ANGELS WERE LOOSED, WHICH WERE PREPARED FOR AN HOUR, AND A DAY, AND A MONTH, AND A YEAR, FOR TO SLAY THE THIRD PART OF MEN.”*** The angel of the waters are destroying angels under divine orders to halt their destruction; for it is given them to hurt the earth, sea and vegetations. Notice Revelation 7:2 ***[see appendix]***. Here the “halt” order was given to them during the sealing of the saints and now under the sixth trumpet, we see orders are given to them to let go of the “winds of war”.

The sixth trumpet will call the nations to battle. Now let us notice the number of men in the battle on both side seen in verse 16 of Revelation 9; and we read: ***“TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND, THOUSAND”***. 200 million men on the battlefield. Let us see the prophecy of the Prophet Ezekiel on this subject found in chapter 38 ***[see appendix]***. Please use your bible and notice the whole chapter. However, we see in verse eight of this chapter that it tells us that this battle would be in the “latter days” and the Revelator (John) has set this under the seventh seal, under the sixth trumpet. The names given from verses 1 through 8 are all the nations of the Gentiles under the head name of their earliest people from Noah to the present that are ruling the world.

Having noticed the entire chapter from your bibles let us again return to Revelation 9:17 *[see appendix]*. Here are the weapons of war brought to battle by the nations given under bible code. The horses here, issuing forth fire, smoke and brimstone, are the weapons of war as they were fired. These are all kinds of armor or weapons of war (***Ezekiel 38:4 [see appendix]***). Now we have seen from the prophecy of Ezekiel that the Lord will put “hooks” in their jaws and bring the nations to this battlefield near Jerusalem in the East. The “hooks” means, “to be lead there by the powers of God”.

Now I will show you a remarkable thing. While the great armies are facing each other, the Lord will turn every man against his fellow-soldier, and everyone shall kill the other soldier next to him. Notice Ezekiel 38:21 as we read: ***“AND I WILL CALL FOR A SWORD AGAINST HIM THROUGHOUT ALL MY MOUNTAINS, SAITH THE LORD GOD: EVERY MAN’S SWORD SHALL BE AGAINST HIS BROTHER.”*** And at the same time the Lord will rain fire, smoke and brimstone upon them, and kill the third part of them. Notice verse 22 of Ezekiel 38 and then compare it with Revelation 9:18 *[see appendix]*. Therefore, while they fight amongst themselves in great confusion, the Lord will bring such great plagues against them and the third part of them shall be killed; but the rest of them will not repent...for their hearts are hardened like unto Pharaoh.