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First time I heard this was the other day from JD Farag. He said that the Angel trumpets or Revelation 8/9 are for Israel and the “Last Trumpet” is for the Church. The last Trumpet reference is to Rapture.

1 Corinthians 15: [52](#)In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

It is also said that the reason for Tribulation is for the Salvation of the Jewish Nation. As we continue through the trumpet judgements consider that these judgements are directed at mankind as God pours out His Wrath, the further into Tribulation the more devastating the Wrath becomes. God loves Israel, she was His bride like the Church is the Bride of Christ. What lengths will God go to, to save His Bride Israel?

Revelation 9

The Fifth Trumpet

1 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.

The purpose of this trumpet and associated “star” is the opening of the abyss or pit of hell to release specific demons.

This “star” is not a heavenly body IE: asteroid, but a Spiritual entity (angel) who is given permission by God to open the bottomless pit. It is a bit strange that this angel is identified by the male pronouns “him and he” if it is not a specific angel.

This pit is called by a variety of names in different languages.

Greek	the Abyss, Tartarus
Roman mythology	Orcus
English	Hell, bottomless pit, abyss,
Hebrew	Sheol

In this bottomless pit are held a special kind of demon or fallen angel, these are referred to in Jude.

Jude 1:6 And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains **under darkness** unto the judgment of the great day.

2 Peter 2:4 For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to **hell**, and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment;

Revelation 11:7 And when they shall have finished their testimony, the beast that ascendeth out of the **bottomless pit** shall make war against them, and shall overcome them, and kill them.

Revelation 20:3 And he threw him into the **Abyss**, shut it, and sealed it over him, so that he could not deceive the nations until the thousand years were complete. After that, he must be released for a brief period of time.

As you can see even the Bible uses a variety of words to describe this place we know as Hell. There are occupants currently there made up of fallen angels and demons. There are many humans waiting for that as their final destination that have died rejecting Christ and many more to join them. Satan is called the King of the Abyss, but it is doubtful that there is any pomp and circumstance awaiting his return. He along with his followers will eventually be cast into the lake of fire wherever God has determined that to be.

***2* **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.**

The obvious is that heat and smoke rise so as the pit is opened the trapped heat and smoke are allowed out. There is so much of

it that it darkens the sun, even the air was darkened it was so thick.

3And there came out of the smoke locusts upon the earth: and unto them was given power, as the scorpions of the earth have power.

As this lid on the shaft of the abyss is opened, smoke and heat rise from the pit as well as “locusts”. Not a common locust that we would be familiar with but locust that have a power that scorpions have on earth. The only power I am aware of that scorpions have, is that they can sting with their tails and bite with their pinchers. Locusts have the ability to fly and jump so combining the scorpion attributes to the locust flying ability seems to broaden the distances they can cover.

4And 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.

A prohibition that seems to go against the locust natural instinct is the eating of any vegetation, grass, green thing or tree. They could not hurt those 144,000 sealed by God.

Q. What were the 144,000 preserved to do?

Quoted from Got Questions:

“These 144,000 Jews are “sealed,” which means they have the special protection of God. They are kept safe from the divine judgments and from the wrath of the Antichrist. They can freely perform their mission during the [tribulation](#). It had been previously prophesied that Israel would repent and turn back to God ([Zechariah 12:10](#); [Romans 11:25–27](#)), and the 144,000 Jews seem to be a sort of “first fruits” ([Revelation 14:4](#)) of that redeemed Israel. Their mission seems to be to evangelize the post-rapture world and proclaim the gospel during the tribulation period. As a result of their ministry, millions—“a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language” ([Revelation 7:9](#))—will come to faith in Christ.”

Romans 11: [25](#)For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in.

Israel was blinded by God due to their unbelief in the Messiah. We are cautioned not to think too highly of ourselves as Believers as it is part of God’s plan to save His Chosen people Israel.

[26](#)And so all Israel shall be saved: as it is written, There shall come out of Sion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob:

[27](#)For this is my covenant unto them, when I shall take away their sins.

Who is them? Israel

[28](#)As concerning the gospel, they are enemies for your sakes: but as touching the election, they are beloved for the fathers' sakes.

Israel became the enemy of God for our sakes. If they had not rejected Jesus, we would not have had Salvation. We and any Jew who has accepted Christ is part of the “election” the chosen.

29For the gifts and calling of God are without repentance.

God called us and loved us before we were saved.

30For as ye in times past have not believed God, yet have now obtained mercy through their unbelief:

We believers in times past before we were saved did not believe, yet now we have obtained mercy and it came about due to the unbelief in the Messiah by Israel.

31Even so have these also now not believed, that through your mercy they also may obtain mercy. 32For God hath concluded them all in unbelief, that he might have mercy upon all.

Just as Mercy from God was extended to us, we now need to extend Mercy to Israel and pray for them that they would be saved by the Power of God and the testimony of these 144,000 witnesses.

5And to them it was given that they should not kill them, but that they should be tormented five months: and their torment was as the torment of a scorpion, when he striketh a man.

There are over a thousand different types of scorpions on the earth today. Only about 25 of these earthly ones can cause death.

The scorpions identified here though are demonic in their natural state of existence. They come from the abyss where they have been confined for a great amount of time. They are single minded and must have the ability to follow instructions. They are forbidden to eat as their earthly kind do and are designated to only harm humans with their stings, but are not allowed to kill them.

6And in those days shall men seek death, and shall not find it; and shall desire to die, and death shall flee from them.

The sting and as other events of these days happens must be so intense that mankind wants to die rather than live through the pain. In some manner God does not allow them to die though, so they must endure the Wrath of God.

Now we get it to a more complicated description that John is going to give. We all know what locusts look like and we know what scorpions look like but it is doubtful that any of us have ever seen a combination of scorpion and locust. Be that as it may, we are now given another description by John that complicates the appearance even more of these demons.

We are tempted to use some speculation here, but we need to remember it is purely speculation. John now brings in as part of

the description something quite larger than what we know of scorpions and locusts, that is the image of a horse or something that looks like a horse arrayed for battle. John will use one of those words that is a simile, using a word that we understand to describe something that we don't understand. The word John will use is "like". Synonyms for the word "like" are, similar, comparable, alike, corresponding, identical, approximating, resembling, same, as, similar to for just a few examples.

7And the shapes of the locusts were like unto horses prepared unto battle; and on their heads were as it were crowns like gold, and their faces were as the faces of men. 8And they had hair as the hair of women, and their teeth were as *the teeth* of lions. 9And they had breastplates, as it were breastplates of iron; and the sound of their wings was as the sound of chariots of many horses running to battle. 10And they had tails like unto scorpions, and there were stings in their tails: and their power was to hurt men five months.

If I am going to speculate on what John was describing I will remove any restraints on imagination. If you were John and shown the exact thing that is going to attack the earth, something you have never seen before and had to describe it what would you say?

Here is a picture of a thing that if you had to describe and had absolutely no idea what it or any of its parts were how would you

describe it? I am going to show you four images, can you see John's description in any of them?

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And below is a more precise drawing of what John describes.



That ends my attempt at speculation for the moment.

11And 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.

The obvious conclusion based on the name of this “king” of the underworld is that it is Satan. As was said earlier it is doubtful that he has a throne and servants attending to his every need. Quite likely he will be the focus of much anger as their leader that lied and brought them to this path of eternal damnation and the lake of fire.

From Strong's concordance:

*"Definition: "a destroyer", Apollyon, the angel of the abyss
Usage: Apollyon, The Destroying One, a Greek translation of the
Hebrew: Abaddon.
HELPS Word-studies*

Cognate: 623 *Apollyōn (from [622](#) /apóllymi, "cause to perish, be ruined") – properly, "the destroyer" (from the Abyss), i.e. Satan (used only in Rev 9:11)."*

[12](#)One woe is past; and, behold, there come two woes more hereafter.

As we saw earlier an angel had said "woe, woe, woe." That was important in that it identified three specific judgements that were to come upon the earth. Each woe was a separate judgement.

The Sixth Trumpet

[13](#)And the sixth angel sounded, and I heard a voice from the four horns of the golden altar which is before God,

Horns represent power and authority. Why there is a voice heard from the four corners. This is the original golden altar that was later at God's direction built and place in the Earthly Temple. In the Jerusalem Temple this Golden Alter is called the Alter of Incense and sits just outside the veil which partitioned the Holy of Holies. The High Priest once a year by law would take some of the coals and burning incense and enter the Holy of Holies. The

sweet aroma was a pleasing aroma before God. We just read that the burning incense was mixed with the prayer of those on earth and rose up to God's presence.

Revelation 8: [3](#)And another angel came and stood at the altar, having a golden censer; and there was given unto him much incense, that he should offer it with the prayers of all saints upon the golden altar which was before the throne.

Many commentators believe this voice coming from the four horns on the altar is a representation of the unified call from the four gospels pointing to Jesus the Messiah and the coming woe.

[14](#)Saying to the sixth angel which had the trumpet, Loose the four angels which are bound in the great river Euphrates.

The Euphrates River has always been symbolic of the eastern boundary of Israel. Israel has always looked at this river as the point where their enemies come from. This verse may be pointing to that ideal and these angels that have been restrained from carrying out a devastating blow to those who have rejected the King of Israel.

Whether these are good angels or bad angels is not clarified here but rest assured God is in control and they are limited in the amount of death they can bring. It is interesting to note that the

term “bound **in** the great river” as opposed to bound by the great river?

15And 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.

In the case of some angels their entire existence is to carry out a single mission as it is with these specific angels. Their mission is to kill 1/3 of mankind. It is curious why God would limit them to 1/3 and not totally wipe out mankind? One possibility based on our understanding of the Millennial Reign of Christ is that the world is repopulated by those who survive the tribulation without taking the mark of the beast or being slain. If God wiped out the entire race, then there would be no remnant to carry on procreation. Rest assured there is much more death to come to those who reject Christ this is only one volley of such death.

John now is introduced to another type of beast that makes up this army that has been restrained in the Euphrates River. I will allude to another possibility other than bound creatures that will make up this army but again to be clear it is PURELY SPECULATION. It will be based solely up our familiarity with current day military hardware and associated smells from battle.

16And the number of the army of the horsemen were two hundred thousand thousand: and I heard the

number of them. [17](#)And thus I saw the horses in the vision, and them that sat on them, having breastplates of fire, and of jacinth, and brimstone: and the heads of the horses were as the heads of lions; and out of their mouths issued fire and smoke and brimstone.



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There are examples, however few, of lion or tiger faces painted on the front of tanks but that may not suffice to fulfill the description of a human made machine as what John was describing.

Additionally, to literally amass a 200-million-man army would be impossible today even if they were able to combine the top 45 militaries of the world including the United States, China, Russia, North Korea, Pakistan, India, Egypt, Turkey, Syria. The top 45

world militaries only assembles 15 million troops well short of the 200 million that John states he heard.

Based on those numbers alone it is highly unlikely that this army is man-made. It is more likely demons described as they are by John, in the service of Satan and ultimately controlled by God's Omniscience.

18By these three was the third part of men killed, by the fire, and by the smoke, and by the brimstone, which issued out of their mouths.

Not to be confused but there are three woes but that is not what is referenced here. The three reference here is the "fire, smoke and brimstone. It was that combination of violent attacks carried out by the 200 million demons that 1/3 of mankind is killed.

The three woes are:

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| 1. Locust | 5 th Trumpet | Revelation 9:3 |
| 2. 200 million man army | 6 th Trumpet | Revelation 9:14 |
| 3. 7 final vial judgements | 7 th Trumpet | Revelation 11:15 |

When we get to the 7th Trumpet we will see that it signals the transfer of the title deed in fact to Jesus Christ the rightful owner of creation.

19For their power is in their mouth, and in their tails: for their tails were like unto serpents, and had heads, and with them they do hurt.

This additional information seems to just enhance the idea that these are demons equipped to carry mass destruction.

20And the rest of the men which were not killed by these plagues yet repented not of the works of their hands, that they should not worship devils, and idols of gold, and silver, and brass, and stone, and of wood: which neither can see, nor hear, nor walk:

2/3's of mankind with some exceptions excluding have sided with Satan. Their devious nature is only growing in their hatred of God, and they refuse to repent. The exception, and we do not know the exact number but, they will hide and avoid the mark of the beast that arrives later.

21Neither repented they of their murders, nor of their sorceries, nor of their fornication, nor of their thefts.

Four things are listed here that magnifies man's evil nature.

“**Murders**” which is the taking of innocent blood but also includes hatred of others.

1 John 3:15 Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer: and ye know that no murderer hath eternal life abiding in him.

My sense is that we are so far beyond just hatred that the act of murder is going to be common and open during this time of Tribulation. The only ones who would care about the idea of eternal life would be Believers.

Sorceries can include witchcraft, but we get our word Pharmacy from the Greek word for Sorceries, Pharmacia. In other words, drugs and it does not stipulate whether they be legal drugs or illegal drugs.

Fornication from Strong's Concordance Word help

4202 *porneía* (the root of the English terms "pornography, pornographic"; cf. [4205](#) /*pórnos*) which is derived from *pernaō*, "to sell off" – properly, a *selling off* (surrendering) of sexual purity; *promiscuity* of any (every) type.

If you pursue this word it covers everything from idol worship to sexual promiscuity.

From Got Questions:

“Fornication is a term used in the Bible for any sexual misconduct or impure sexual activity that occurs outside of the bounds of a marriage covenant. Fornication is also applied symbolically in the Bible to the sins of idolatry and apostasy, or the abandoning of God.”

Theft is from the original word Klepto in the Greek

Cognate: **2813** *kléptō* – to take, steal *secretively* (by stealth). [See 2812](#) (*kleptēs*).

It is where we get our word kleptomaniac.

While looking up the English definition of kleptomaniac on Websters dictionary-on-line was this quote:

“Mr. Hormel, a philanthropist and the grandson of the founder of Hormel Foods, served as ambassador to Luxembourg under President Bill Clinton. But his nomination process was met with public opposition, spearheaded by conservative Republicans who portrayed Mr. Hormel as a sinner and equated being gay to having an addiction or being a kleptomaniac.” New York Times Aug 13, 2021

<https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/kleptomaniac>

Why would Websters find it necessary under a definition of Kleptomaniac to include this quote from perhaps the most liberal paper in all of America? Even Websters now has taken to editorializing word definitions. I did write to Websters to see how they chose that example of a definition. They have on their web site a statement that says, “selections or examples are automatically selected.” They may want to dial AI back or reorient their AI automated system to politically neutral. Like that is going to happen.

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