

Day of the demons

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Sister Shelbia opened our session with prayer:

Heavenly Father,

Thank you for being with us. I so appreciate that we can get together this way (zoom). We know you are in charge of the whole world. Here we are - we want to be prepared, honoring to you. We want to worship you and honor you as we watch this DVD and we pray that we can apply this to our daily lives. Please anoint us and Dr. Jeffress. In Jesus Holy name, Amen.

Robert Jeffress - Day of the Demons:

Before the advent of modern map making or satellite technology, ancient mariners didn't know much about the earth. They thought it was flat. They didn't know what was beneath the ocean. Perhaps the myth of the Kraken, that large squid like beast that according to mythology was able to wrap its tentacles around the mast of a ship and drag it below the sea and cause the death of all the sailors aboard was frightening to them. So fearful were ancient mariners of the Kraken that they refused to mention the name of the Kraken, thinking that the mere mention of it would summon that huge beast from the deep, who would destroy them and send them to their watery graves.

When we get to Revelation 9 you might be relieved to know there are no krakens. We're not gonna see any creatures like the kraken beneath the sea. But more terrifying are the creatures we are going to discover today. Perhaps the most terrifying thing about the creatures we are going to look at today is "THEY ARE REAL". And God says one day he's going to release them to do their destructive work on the earth.

If you have your Bibles I want you to turn to a very sobering passage in **Revelation 9:1-21** as we discover what happens on the day of the demons.

We are at the final 7 years of earth's history, a period of time we commonly call the great tribulation. The tribulation is a series of God's judgment against the earth that will culminate in the battle of Armageddon and the visible return of Jesus Christ.

But God's fierce judgment against the earth comes in a series of three judgments:

-The Seal judgments in Revelation 6

-The Trumpet judgments in Revelation 8 & 9

-The Bowl judgments in Revelation 16

Last time you may remember that we looked at the Trumpet judgments, that second series of judgment. And they are really split into 4 and 3. **The first 4 judgments of the Trumpet judgments are against the earth itself.** A third of the earth will be burned up. A third of the trees will be destroyed. A third of the marine life will be destroyed as well. It's a destruction like the world has never seen against the ecological system of the earth.

But after that fourth trumpet there is a pause in Revelation 8:13.

THREE WOES TO THE DWELLERS OF THE EARTH

Revelation 8:13 And I beheld, and heard an angel flying through the midst of heaven, saying with a loud voice, Woe, woe, woe, to the inhabitants of the earth by reason of the other voices of the trumpet of the three angels, which are yet to sound!

There was a pause - a change of repentance from the people on the earth because as terrific as these first four judgments are, they are nothing compared to **the final three because the final 3 judgments are not against the natural earth, they are against the humans on the earth.**

Beginning in Revelation 9:1, we see the first of those woes which corresponds to demonic tormentors.

THE FIFTH TRUMPET (FIRST WOE: DEMONIC TORMENTORS)

Revelation 9:1-

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.

Unlike previous stars, this is not a collection of minerals. This is an angel that has fallen from heaven and the key to the bottomless pit was given to him. Which angel was it? A heavenly angel or was it a demonic angel? You'll remember that Lucifer (satan) was originally chief of the angels and he led a rebellion against God according to Isaiah 14 and Ezekiel 28 and because of that, God cast him and the angels who joined in the rebellion to earth and those angels are called demons today. **Which is it? A heavenly angel or a demonic angel.** The key is the word "**fallen**". If he was saying the angel was sent from heaven, he would have used the word sent. But **fallen has a special connotation**. Remember in Isaiah, he writes about Lucifer.

Isaiah 14:12

12 How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations! (How you have fallen from heaven oh star of the morning). This fallen angel was still given a key by God; and it was a key to a bottomless pit. Look at verse 2.

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.

Where is this **bottomless pit**? The word is abysses in Greek. **We call it the abyss**. And as we will see in just a moment, **the abyss is a place where a group of demons who have already been judged and are being held captive until their final judgment and dispatch into the final lake of fire.**

When you look at ***II 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;***

Peter indicates that there is a group of demons who committed such a heinous sin on earth that God judged them immediately and has them in this holding place, this bottomless pit, awaiting the time when they, along with satan, the antichrist, the false prophet and all the unsaved in Revelation 20 says they will be cast into fire forever and ever. **But the abyss is the holding place for a group of demonic angels.** What's the sin they could have committed that would have commended such a judgment? Most likely its described in Genesis 6 where a group of demonic angels cohabited with men and women on earth to produce some type of demon race that would challenge God; and God immediately judged those angels who cohabited with women in order to produce children.

You find this described in the book of Jude as well. ***Jude 1:***

1 Jude, the servant of Jesus Christ, and brother of James, to them that are sanctified by God the Father, and preserved in Jesus Christ, and called:

2 Mercy unto you, and peace, and love, be multiplied.

3 Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints.

4 For there are certain men crept in unawares, who were before of old ordained to this condemnation, ungodly men, turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness, and denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ.

5 I will therefore put you in remembrance, though ye once knew this, how that the Lord, having saved the people out of the land of Egypt, afterward destroyed them that believed not.

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.

7 Even as Sodom and Gomorrha, and the cities about them in like manner, giving themselves over to fornication, and going after strange flesh, are set forth for an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire.

8 Likewise also these filthy dreamers defile the flesh, despise dominion, and speak evil of dignities.

9 Yet Michael the archangel, when contending with the devil he disputed about the body of Moses, durst not bring against him a railing accusation, but said, The Lord rebuke thee.

10 But these speak evil of those things which they know not: but what they know naturally, as brute beasts, in those things they corrupt themselves.

11 Woe unto them! for they have gone in the way of Cain, and ran greedily after the error of Balaam for reward, and perished in the gainsaying of Core.

12 These are spots in your feasts of charity, when they feast with you, feeding themselves without fear: clouds they are without water, carried about of winds; trees whose fruit withereth, without fruit, twice dead, plucked up by the roots;

13 Raging waves of the sea, foaming out their own shame; wandering stars, to whom is reserved the blackness of darkness for ever.

14 And Enoch also, the seventh from Adam, prophesied of these, saying, Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousands of his saints,

15 To execute judgment upon all, and to convince all that are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have

And so these demons have been sent to the pit. Its a place of smoke, fire and suffering.

Let me remind you today when an unbeliever dies, he goes to a place called hades. It is the temporary place of the unsaved dead.

Jesus talked about it in *Luke 16*.

1 And he said also unto his disciples, There was a certain rich man, which had a steward; and the same was accused unto him that he had wasted his goods.

2 And he called him, and said unto him, How is it that I hear this of thee? give an account of thy stewardship; for thou mayest be no longer steward.

3 Then the steward said within himself, What shall I do? for my lord taketh away from me the stewardship: I cannot dig; to beg I am ashamed.

4 I am resolved what to do, that, when I am put out of the stewardship, they may receive me into their houses.

5 So he called every one of his lord's debtors unto him, and said unto the first, How much owest thou unto my lord?

6 And he said, An hundred measures of oil. And he said unto him, Take thy bill, and sit down quickly, and write fifty.

7 Then said he to another, And how much owest thou? And he said, An hundred measures of wheat. And he said unto him, Take thy bill, and write fourscore.

8 And the lord commended the unjust steward, because he had done wisely: for the children of this world are in their generation wiser than the children of light.

9 And I say unto you, Make to yourselves friends of the mammon of unrighteousness; that, when ye fail, they may receive you into everlasting habitations.

10 He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much: and he that is unjust in the least is unjust also in much.

11 If therefore ye have not been faithful in the unrighteous mammon, who will commit to your trust the true riches?

12 And if ye have not been faithful in that which is another man's, who shall give you that which is your own?

13 No servant can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.

14 And the Pharisees also, who were covetous, heard all these things: and they derided him.

15 And he said unto them, Ye are they which justify yourselves before men; but God knoweth your hearts: for that which is highly esteemed among men is abomination in the sight of God.

16 The law and the prophets were until John: since that time the kingdom of God is preached, and every man presseth into it.

17 And it is easier for heaven and earth to pass, than one tittle of the law to fail.

18 Whosoever putteth away his wife, and marrieth another, committeth adultery: and whosoever marrieth her that is put away from her husband committeth adultery.

19 There was a certain rich man, which was clothed in purple and fine linen, and fared sumptuously every day:

20 And there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, which was laid at his gate, full of sores,

21 And desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man's table: moreover the dogs came and licked his sores.

22 And it came to pass, that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom: the rich man also died, and was buried;

23 And in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom.

24 And he cried and said, Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame.

25 But Abraham said, Son, remember that thou in thy lifetime receivedst thy good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things: but now he is comforted, and thou art tormented.

26 And beside all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed: so that they which would pass from hence to you cannot; neither can they pass to us, that would come from thence.

27 Then he said, I pray thee therefore, father, that thou wouldest send him to my father's house:

28 For I have five brethren; that he may testify unto them, lest they also come into this place of torment.

29 Abraham saith unto him, They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them.

30 And he said, Nay, father Abraham: but if one went unto them from the dead, they will repent.

31 And he said unto him, If they hear not Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded, though one rose from the dead.

It is a place of flame, agony and suffering, but its not the final place for the unsaved. At the great white throne judgment, every unbeliever will be cast into the lake of fire forever and ever and ever.

And so just as demons are awaiting their final judgement to be sent to the lake of fire, and are in this temporary place called the abyss; unbelievers who are human are also in hades when they die and they are awaiting the lake of fire as well. **And so whether we are talking about the abyss for demons or hades for unbelievers or the ultimate destination of the lake of fire, all three of them have in common this - every occupant will immediately begin suffering the horrors of hell.** And thats why the idea of hell is no laughing manner.

You know Mark Twain who was nothing but an unbeliever, joked about a man who couldn't decide if he wanted to go to heaven or hell. He said, I like heaven for the climate, but I like hell for the company. Have you ever heard people say 'I want to go to hell?'

You know people say some of the dandiest things on my twitter account. They say if you're gonna be in heaven, I want to be in hell cause I can't imagine spending eternity with you. I wanna be in hell where my friends are.

Well its true, your friends may be in hell but you won't know it cause hell is an indescribable place of suffering and loneliness.

The Irish novelist, James Joyce, perhaps gave one of the best (outside of the Bible) descriptions of hell I've ever read. He said, in hell, all laws are overturned. There is no thought of family, country, ties, relationships. The damned, howl and scream and yell at one another; and their torture is intensified by the presence of others who are tortured and raging like themselves. All sense of humanity is forgotten. The yells of the suffering sinners and screaming mourners fill the halls of hell; the mouths of damned are full of blasphemy's against God and of hatred for their fellow sufferers and of curses against souls which were their accomplices on earth in sin. They turn upon those accomplices and regrate and curse them. But they are helpless and hopeless. It is too late now for repentance.

There is coming a day when it will be too late for repentance. That's the awful truth about hades, the abyss or the eternal lake of fire.

This ancient demon was given a key to open the bottomless pit, but notice what else that he saw beside the smoke and the fire. He saw demonic tormentors from the abyss.

Look at verse Revelation 9:3

3 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.

4 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. The seal of God is on the 144,000 Jews who have been sealed and saved by God!

5 And 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. And these locust were not permitted to kill anyone, but to torment for 5 months.

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

In the Bible, locusts are a sign of God's judgment against the earth because of the destruction they perform on food sources and vegetation.

You remember in the contest between Moses and Pharaoh, which really was a contest between God and Pharaoh; God sent the swarming locusts to destroy the vegetation in Egypt.

Joel 1:4 That which the palmerworm hath left hath the locust eaten; and that which the locust hath left hath the cankerworm eaten; and that which the cankerworm hath left hath the caterpillar

eaten. This describes 4 kinds of locusts: Locusts gnaw, strip, and creep on vegetation. Locusts, if you know anything about them, they travel in large hordes. Sometimes history records as large as 100 feet deep and 2 miles in length. They come in groups so large that they literally block out the sunlight and their ability to destroy is incalculable. In 1866, one of the worst cases of locust in Algiers (capitol of Algeria) resulted in such devastation that 200,000 people died of starvation. But in this judgment, the locust don't go after the vegetation or green grass. They go after the human population. Apparently these demon locusts have the ability to sting like a scorpion. Now for children, a scorpion sting can be fatal. For most adults, its not fatal, but can be accompanied by continual feelings of nausea and vomiting and convulsions that make you wish you were dead. And that's exactly what happens here.

Have you ever been in such agony that you wish you could die? I've had it happen twice with food poisoning and I wished I could die rather than continue to go thru this.

Its gonna be much more severe. The sting will cause men, women and children to cry out for death but God won't let them die. It will last for a period of 5 months. There's no reason to take this figuratively. This is a literal time frame. For 5 months they will inflict this horrific pain upon human beings. Why would God do this? This judgment is not an act of wonton cruelty but a stark indication that wickedness cannot continue indefinitely without Devine retribution. Sin demands punishment and the refusal of people to repent makes this a just judgment. Their mission is to inflict pain on human beings. Notice their appearance in Revelation 9:7-

7 And 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.

If you look under a microscope at locusts, they do look like a horse, but this will be like a horse prepared for battle. Their faces are probably a face indicating intelligence.

8 And they had hair as the hair of women, and their teeth were as the teeth of lions.

Ladies, this is no slam against women. What he's saying here is that the Bible says a Womens hair is her glory. These creatures will have long hair like a women. What does that mean? Remember the Romans were constantly fighting barbarians who had long hair; and this signifies they are barbarian like as well.

9 And 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.

Sometimes swarms of natural locusts are so large that the beating of their wings is like standing at the base of a great waterfall, its so loud.

10 And they had tails like unto scorpions, and there were stings in their tails: and their power was to hurt men five months. (Not kill men)

11 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. Both of these names means destroyer.

12 One woe is past; and, behold, there come two woes more hereafter.

As terrible as this judgment is, unimaginable pain for five months, its nothing compared to the second woe. The 6th judgment that is yet to come. Its the woe of a demonic army.

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

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

15 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.

They were released to kill one/third of mankind. What is happening Here, the 6th angel with the 6th trumpet is not only sounding the trumpet, but he is participating in the execution of this judgment. He is commanded to release demonic angels. These are 4 judged angels who have even chained at the River Euphrates. Why the River Euphrates? Its going to play a key role in the last 7 years of the tribulation. This river is a boundary between Israel and Assyria and Babylon; and The river Euphrates will dry up and will serve as a passage way for great armies of the east to come to Israel for the great battle of **Armageddon**. Its a key point that these angels are there at the River Euphrates.

These angels were released to kill 1/3 of man. Notice they are prepared for the hour, the day, the month and the year this was to happen. Do you ever have a feeling that things in the world are out of control? Closer to home maybe you feel like things are out of control in your life. You are the victim of adverse circumstances? God has a year, a month, a day, an hour on his calendar for everything that happens in your life. God has a plan that he is working out in your life for you. Nothing that happens in your life is a surprise to God. When the year, month, day, hour come, the alarm will sound and God will released these angels. How is it they are going to kill 1/3 of the human race? The army is described in verse **Revelation 9:16-**

16 And the number of the army of the horsemen were two hundred thousand thousand: and I heard the number of them. In Greek it says twice 10,000 x 10,000.

There's no reason to take this symbolically. That's pretty precise. The CIA says China has 200,000 million in their army. People want to know if this is a real army or a demonic one? Jeffress thinks its a real human army empowered by demons. Look at the description you see in **Revelation 9:17** - This is what John saw in his vision:

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

Perhaps the breast plate represents different countries or different areas of service in the army, but they were distinguished by the colors of their breastplates. They had heads of horses were like lions. Out of their mouths came fire, smoke and brimstone. 1/3 of mankind was killed by fire, smoke and brimstone.

18 By 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.

19 For 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.

So many times John uses the terms 'its like'. This is conector on my part, but If you were John on the Island of Patmos and God transported you to the 21st century, how do you as John from the first century describe the weapons of war in the 21st century? What words would you use to describe a rocket

launcher, a helicopter? You'd use language like this to describe the real war with real forces. John describes a real war with real forces. What was the result of this? By the end of this plague over 1/2 the worlds population (3.5 Billion) have died. There's no way to even bury that many corpses. They are lying in the street, decomposing. Imagine the diseases that will be there.

You would think if the world had witnessed the 5th and 6th judgment, that certainly people would be on their knees in repentance. But NOT SO! Beginning in **Revelation 9:20** it clearly states that man did NOT REPENT!

20 And 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:

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

They not only didn't repent, they continued to sin and sinned more frequently and intensely.

Don't you see that happening today? Worshipping demons? Its at an all time high.

I just read this week of a group involved in satanic worship where a pregnant woman and her six children were recently killed in demon worship.

Today materialism is an idol to so many people - they worship money, possessions, and power.

They do not repent of their murders. How can that be? How could people murder and not repent of their murders.

Today is sanctity of life Sunday in which we as Christians acknowledge the horrible sin of abortion and the government legalization of abortion. 1973 Roe vs Wade which came out of the city of Texas. 70 million babies have been murdered in the womb. What do we do? Do we repent of that? NO, a large section of our population celebrates it today!

Planned Parenthood is nothing but a slaughter house. They talk about protecting women's reproductive rights. If 1.4 million babies are aborted every year, that means 700,000 of those having abortions are young girls. How does that work out for their lives?

Planned Parenthood was created by a woman who wanted to control the black population by aborting their babies, so this company was racist and bigoted from the beginning.

52 million dollars will be spent by Planned Parenthood to help elect their liberal politicians. The executive director (spokesman) for Planned Parenthood said never in history have we had such a group of bold democrats who were willing to offer such a barbaric view of abortion as the democratic party is right now. Never in history has there been politicians so barbaric and willing to kill babies. Every one of the democrats declared on the debate stage they believe in unrestricted abortion - abortion for any reason - you don't like the sex of your child, if it's inconvenient to you, get rid of it. Get rid of it anytime - during pregnancy, in the birth canal as its being born, just kill it. That is evil and barbaric and its time America repent of this barbaric position!

Now, I'm gonna say something very clearly. GOD HATES A LOT OF THINGS - not just abortion. He hates lying, immorality, the oppression of the poor. So why do I single out abortion?

Here's a very simple reason. You remember in **Jeremiah 1**, when God looked down and saw His own people sacrificing their children to Molach?

Jeremiah 1,

1 The words of Jeremiah the son of Hilkiah, of the priests that were in Anathoth in the land of Benjamin:

2 To whom the word of the LORD came in the days of Josiah the son of Amon king of Judah, in the thirteenth year of his reign.

3 It came also in the days of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah king of Judah, unto the end of the eleventh year of Zedekiah the son of Josiah king of Judah, unto the carrying away of Jerusalem captive in the fifth month.

4 Then the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

5 Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee; and before thou camest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee, and I ordained thee a prophet unto the nations.

6 Then said I, Ah, Lord GOD! behold, I cannot speak: for I am a child.

7 But the LORD said unto me, Say not, I am a child: for thou shalt go to all that I shall send thee, and whatsoever I command thee thou shalt speak.

8 Be not afraid of their faces: for I am with thee to deliver thee, saith the LORD.

9 Then the LORD put forth his hand, and touched my mouth. And the LORD said unto me, Behold, I have put my words in thy mouth.

10 See, I have this day set thee over the nations and over the kingdoms, to root out, and to pull down, and to destroy, and to throw down, to build, and to plant.

When God looked down at His own people and saw them sacrificing their own children to Molach. It wasn't violence, immorality, greed, it was the killing of children on the altar of convenience that caused God to send the Babylonians to capture the Israelites. When God saw his own people do this, he said, because you have done this detestable thing, I'm going to send the Babylonians to take you captive and rule over you.

There is something about the murder of children, and the sexual abuse of children that insights God.

God is no respecter of people, political parties or nations. He's impartial in His judgment; and any nation that honors God will be blessed by God, but any nation that dishonors God and murders its own children, will be judged by God and that includes the U.S. of America.

11 Moreover the word of the LORD came unto me, saying, Jeremiah, what seest thou? And I said, I see a rod of an almond tree.

12 Then said the LORD unto me, Thou hast well seen: for I will hasten my word to perform it.

13 And the word of the LORD came unto me the second time, saying, What seest thou? And I said, I see a seething pot; and the face thereof is toward the north.

14 Then the LORD said unto me, Out of the north an evil shall break forth upon all the inhabitants of the land.

15 For, lo, I will call all the families of the kingdoms of the north, saith the LORD; and they shall come, and they shall set every one his throne at the entering of the gates of Jerusalem, and against all the walls thereof round about, and against all the cities of Judah.

16 And I will utter my judgments against them touching all their wickedness, who have forsaken me, and have burned incense unto other gods, and worshipped the works of their own hands.

17 Thou therefore gird up thy loins, and arise, and speak unto them all that I command thee: be not dismayed at their faces, lest I confound thee before them.

18 For, behold, I have made thee this day a defenced city, and an iron pillar, and brasen walls against the whole land, against kings of Judah, against the princes thereof, against the priests thereof, and against the people of the land.

19 And they shall fight against thee; but they shall not prevail against thee; for I am with thee, saith the LORD, to deliver thee.

At the end of our first service, a young woman came and accepted Christ. She shared that she had an abortion, but that she now understands God can forgive her of that sin. She said she is going to spend the rest of her life sharing about Gods forgiveness.

God can and will forgive you - but you have to repent. You have to repent! And in these final days we studied about today people will not repent. Its unbelievable that people won't repent after these judgments.

One would think the terror of Gods wrath would bring sinners to their knees. Not so. They are passed the point of no return and they will respond to greater judgment with greater rebellion.

Once a heart is set in its hostility toward God, not even the scourge of death will lead people to repent and turn to God.

Supernatural signs will not cause people to repent and turn to Christ. During the tribulation they'll see sign after sign, but they won't believe. If a supernatural sign, the threat of eternity in hell won't cause people to turn, **only one thing - a work of God in a persons heart, will cause them to turn to Christ. The ability to turn to Christ is a gift that comes from God! The ability to repent is a gift of God.**

II Timothy 2:25 &26

25 In meekness instructing those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth;

26 And that they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil, who are taken captive by him at his will.

If you are held captive by Satan right now, the only chance for eternal salvation is if God gives you the gift of repentance. Right now if you realize you are sinner and you need a savior, Go has granted to you the ability to repent. Its a gift, but its a gift that will not last forever. Today, before it is too late, is the day of salvation!

Sister Shelbia stated that this is a very, very sobering message we just heard. It is our desire that people will really hear and repent while there is still time because it is a gift. We really need to be serious about that matter.

Shelbia reported that John Hagee said in June, 2020 that nine nations now have enough nukes to kill every person on planet earth 10 times over!

Shelbia then reviewed a little from David Reagan's book Wrath and Glory (page 75). The trumpet judgments continue in Revelation 9 with a plague of demonic locusts. They inflict a sting that cause people to suffer so terribly that they long for death, but the cannot die (9:5).

Their torment continues for five months (9:10).

The Locusts are empowered to inflict their suffering upon all people except the 144,000 Jews who have been sealed by God (9:4).

Hal Lindsey believes this might well be a first century man's description of attack helicopter's. It certainly could be that for the text says the locusts have faces like men (9:7), breastplates of iron (9:9), and 'the sound of their wings was like the sound ofmany horses rushing to battle' (9:9). But John says they are commanded by Apollyon "the angel of the abyss" (which means destroyer), and I think that bit of information is an indication that this is a supernatural, demonic plague (9:11)

Another Demonic Attack?

When the sixth trumpet is blown (9:13), an army of 200 million is let loose. This terrible scourge proceeds to kill 1/3 of those left alive after the seal judgments. Combined with the one-fourth of humanity that died in the war of the earl Judgments, this means 1/2 the worlds population will be killed in the first half to the Tribulation. That's (3 billion) people in today's terms!

Is this army also demonic in nature? It is hard to tell from the text. It certainly sounds supernatural in nature when it says 'the heads of the horses are like the heads of lions': and out of their mouths proceed fire and smoke and brimstone" (9:17)

But it could very well be the same one mentioned in Revelation 16:2 that is commanded by the 'kings of the east'.

The book of Daniel states that an army will march against the antichrist from the east (Daniel 11:44). Daniel says when the antichrist hears of this army, the news will greatly disturb the him, and he will retreat to a place 'between the seas' where he will prepare to confront the army (Daniel 11:44-45) That place, between of Sea of Galilee and the Mediterranean Sea, would be the valley of Jerrell, or the "Valley of Macedonia" (Armageddon), as it is called in Revelation 16:16.

I believe this passage in Daniel indicates the nations of Asia will revolt against the antichrist. (Daniel 11:40-45

And (Revelation 16:12,16).

With 200 million Asian troops, together with the massive army of the antichrist, all assembled for battle in the Valley of Armageddon when Jesus returns, it is no wonder that His supernatural destruction of

them, described in Zechariah 14:12, will result in blood running as deep as a horse's bridle for a distance of 200 miles (Zechariah 14:20).

Despite the unparalleled judgments, the rest of mankind did not repent of the works of their hands, murders, immorality, thefts, **Rev9:20-21**

20 And 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:

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

At this point it's as if mankind is shaking his fist at God which reminds Dr. Reagan of the saying "the same sun that melts the butter, hardens the clay". The gospel sometimes melts hearts and hardens hearts depending on whether the person is willing to receive the message.

Brother Jack Davis wrote this in 2009 and his study had been going on a few years before then. He said, "we notice even in our culture, especially in America, that restraining influence is being removed". "Not in a raptured sense but in a functional sense and that should concern us. But now get the picture: by now here in Revelation, the Holy Spirit, in the sense that He indwell the Church, has been removed back in the beginning of Chapter 4; and with that movement we will see all kinds of strange and weird phenomenon begin to take place; and it will build to a large gigantic crescendo.

Trumpet 5, 6, and 7 are called woes. This word translated Woe is (on-ah'-ee); a primary exclamation of grief, or pain: "WOE". Woe means "terror, terror, terror!"

Joel 1:15 says, speaking of that day, says: **"ALAS FOR THE DAY! FOR THE DAY OF THE LORD IS AT HAND, AND AS A DESTRUCTION FROM THE ALMIGHTY SHALL IT COME."**

Brother Jack commanded that if we want to do homework, read Joel 2 and 3 as the background.

Joel 2

1 Blow ye the trumpet in Zion, and sound an alarm in my holy mountain: let all the inhabitants of the land tremble: for the day of the LORD cometh, for it is nigh at hand;

2 A day of darkness and of gloominess, a day of clouds and of thick darkness, as the morning spread upon the mountains: a great people and a strong; there hath not been ever the like, neither shall be any more after it, even to the years of many generations.

3 A fire devoureth before them; and behind them a flame burneth: the land is as the garden of Eden before them, and behind them a desolate wilderness; yea, and nothing shall escape them.

4 The appearance of them is as the appearance of horses; and as horsemen, so shall they run.

5 Like the noise of chariots on the tops of mountains shall they leap, like the noise of a flame of fire that devoureth the stubble, as a strong people set in battle array.

6 Before their face the people shall be much pained: all faces shall gather blackness.

7 They shall run like mighty men; they shall climb the wall like men of war; and they shall march every one on his ways, and they shall not break their ranks:

8 Neither shall one thrust another; they shall walk every one in his path: and when they fall upon the sword, they shall not be wounded.

9 They shall run to and fro in the city; they shall run upon the wall, they shall climb up upon the houses; they shall enter in at the windows like a thief.

10 The earth shall quake before them; the heavens shall tremble: the sun and the moon shall be dark, and the stars shall withdraw their shining:

11 And the LORD shall utter his voice before his army: for his camp is very great: for he is strong that executeth his word: for the day of the LORD is great and very terrible; and who can abide it?

12 Therefore also now, saith the LORD, turn ye even to me with all your heart, and with fasting, and with weeping, and with mourning:

13 And rend your heart, and not your garments, and turn unto the LORD your God: for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and repenteth him of the evil.

14 Who knoweth if he will return and repent, and leave a blessing behind him; even a meat offering and a drink offering unto the LORD your God?

15 Blow the trumpet in Zion, sanctify a fast, call a solemn assembly:

16 Gather the people, sanctify the congregation, assemble the elders, gather the children, and those that suck the breasts: let the bridegroom go forth of his chamber, and the bride out of her closet.

17 Let the priests, the ministers of the LORD, weep between the porch and the altar, and let them say, Spare thy people, O LORD, and give not thine heritage to reproach, that the heathen should rule over them: wherefore should they say among the people, Where is their God?

18 Then will the LORD be jealous for his land, and pity his people.

19 Yea, the LORD will answer and say unto his people, Behold, I will send you corn, and wine, and oil, and ye shall be satisfied therewith: and I will no more make you a reproach among the heathen:

20 But I will remove far off from you the northern army, and will drive him into a land barren and desolate, with his face toward the east sea, and his hinder part toward the utmost sea, and his stink shall come up, and his ill savour shall come up, because he hath done great things.

21 Fear not, O land; be glad and rejoice: for the LORD will do great things.

22 Be not afraid, ye beasts of the field: for the pastures of the wilderness do spring, for the tree beareth her fruit, the fig tree and the vine do yield their strength.

23 Be glad then, ye children of Zion, and rejoice in the LORD your God: for he hath given you the former rain moderately, and he will cause to come down for you the rain, the former rain, and the latter rain in the first month.

24 And the floors shall be full of wheat, and the vats shall overflow with wine and oil.

25 And I will restore to you the years that the locust hath eaten, the cankerworm, and the caterpillar, and the palmerworm, my great army which I sent among you.

26 And ye shall eat in plenty, and be satisfied, and praise the name of the LORD your God, that hath dealt wondrously with you: and my people shall never be ashamed.

27 And ye shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I am the LORD your God, and none else: and my people shall never be ashamed.

28 And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions:

29 And also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out my spirit.

30 And I will shew wonders in the heavens and in the earth, blood, and fire, and pillars of smoke.

31 The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the great and the terrible day of the LORD come.

32 And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the LORD shall be delivered: for in mount Zion and in Jerusalem shall be deliverance, as the LORD hath said, and in the remnant whom the LORD shall call.

Joel 3

1 For, behold, in those days, and in that time, when I shall bring again the captivity of Judah and Jerusalem,

2 I will also gather all nations, and will bring them down into the valley of Jehoshaphat, and will plead with them there for my people and for my heritage Israel, whom they have scattered among the nations, and parted my land.

3 And they have cast lots for my people; and have given a boy for an harlot, and sold a girl for wine, that they might drink.

4 Yea, and what have ye to do with me, O Tyre, and Zidon, and all the coasts of Palestine? will ye render me a recompence? and if ye recompense me, swiftly and speedily will I return your recompence upon your own head;

5 Because ye have taken my silver and my gold, and have carried into your temples my goodly pleasant things:

6 The children also of Judah and the children of Jerusalem have ye sold unto the Grecians, that ye might remove them far from their border.

7 Behold, I will raise them out of the place whither ye have sold them, and will return your recompence upon your own head:

8 And I will sell your sons and your daughters into the hand of the children of Judah, and they shall sell them to the Sabeans, to a people far off: for the LORD hath spoken it.

9 Proclaim ye this among the Gentiles; Prepare war, wake up the mighty men, let all the men of war draw near; let them come up:

10 Beat your plowshares into swords, and your pruninghooks into spears: let the weak say, I am strong.

11 Assemble yourselves, and come, all ye heathen, and gather yourselves together round about: thither cause thy mighty ones to come down, O LORD.

12 Let the heathen be wakened, and come up to the valley of Jehoshaphat: for there will I sit to judge all the heathen round about.

13 Put ye in the sickle, for the harvest is ripe: come, get you down; for the press is full, the fats overflow; for their wickedness is great.

14 Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision: for the day of the LORD is near in the valley of decision.

15 The sun and the moon shall be darkened, and the stars shall withdraw their shining.

16 The LORD also shall roar out of Zion, and utter his voice from Jerusalem; and the heavens and the earth shall shake: but the LORD will be the hope of his people, and the strength of the children of Israel.

17 So shall ye know that I am the LORD your God dwelling in Zion, my holy mountain: then shall Jerusalem be holy, and there shall no strangers pass through her any more.

18 And it shall come to pass in that day, that the mountains shall drop down new wine, and the hills shall flow with milk, and all the rivers of Judah shall flow with waters, and a fountain shall come forth of the house of the LORD, and shall water the valley of Shittim.

19 Egypt shall be a desolation, and Edom shall be a desolate wilderness, for the violence against the children of Judah, because they have shed innocent blood in their land.

20 But Judah shall dwell for ever, and Jerusalem from generation to generation.

21 For I will cleanse their blood that I have not cleansed: for the LORD dwelleth in Zion.

This is very sobering.

Joel 2:18 gives the better news, so chapters 2 and 3 of Joel are really good background for what happened in our lesson today. We are seeing the continuation of God's wrath here, which is what we have been looking at from **Revelation 6** onward. And now we come to the last 3 trumpet judgments. For whatever reason, the Holy Spirit has distinguished these last three Trumpet Judgments by giving them a special name: **WOE, WOE, WOE and TERROR, TERROR, TERROR!!!**

Next week, **Revelation chapter 10 - which is a reprieve from the judgments for a time.** John gives information about other things going on during the tribulation period.

Book written by Lisa Terkeurst, ITS NOT SUPPOSE TO BE THIS WAY. **God does some of his best work behind the scenes.** He is closer than we often realize. He sees and knows things we don't see and know. He has a perspective from where he is that allows him to see all things - the past, the present, and the future - from the day we were conceived to the day we breathe our last breath and even beyond that into eternity. He declares he is our rescuer. He is the one who will sustain us. And He is more than able to bring His plans to pass (Isaiah 46:3-11)

Isaiah 46:3-11

3 Hearken unto me, O house of Jacob, and all the remnant of the house of Israel, which are borne by me from the belly, which are carried from the womb:

4 And even to your old age I am he; and even to hoar hairs will I carry you: I have made, and I will bear; even I will carry, and will deliver you.

5 To whom will ye liken me, and make me equal, and compare me, that we may be like?

6 They lavish gold out of the bag, and weigh silver in the balance, and hire a goldsmith; and he maketh it a god: they fall down, yea, they worship.

7 They bear him upon the shoulder, they carry him, and set him in his place, and he standeth; from his place shall he not remove: yea, one shall cry unto him, yet can he not answer, nor save him out of his trouble.

8 Remember this, and shew yourselves men: bring it again to mind, O ye transgressors.

9 Remember the former things of old: for I am God, and there is none else; I am God, and there is none like me,

10 Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure:

11 Calling a ravenous bird from the east, the man that executeth my counsel from a far country: yea, I have spoken it, I will also bring it to pass; I have purposed it, I will also do it.

Gods promises for us are in process right now. Even in circumstances where we can't see any evidence of good yet. Just remember, 'not yet' doesn't mean 'not ever'. We can cry out to Him in the midst of our suffering; we can earnestly seek Him and ask Him to help us look at our circumstances through the Lens of certainty of who He is even when we are uncertain about how things will work out. We are not forgotten, sweet friend; and our long suffering won't seem as long or nearly as painful when we know God's perspective is to use every single second of our suffering for good.

I trust that is going to help somebody - all of us. **I read we are either going through something big or coming out of something bad or about to go through something big. So all of us are in the same boat - Gods servants and we want to honor and glorify him.**

SALVATION:

Romans 10:9 That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.

10 ways to love:

Listen without interrupting (Proverbs 18:13 He that answereth a matter before he heareth it, it is folly and shame unto him.)

Speak without accusing (James 1:19 Wherefore, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath:)

Give without sparing (Proverbs 21:26 He coveteth greedily all the day long: but the righteous giveth and spareth not.)

Pray without ceasing (Colossians 1:9 For this cause we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to desire that ye might be filled with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding;)

Answer without arguing (Proverbs 17:1 Better is a dry morsel, and quietness therewith, than an house full of sacrifices with strife.)

Share without pretending (Ephesians 4:15 But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ:)

Enjoy without complaint (Phillipians 2:14 Do all things without murmurings and disputings:)

Trust without wavering (I Corinthians 13:7 Beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things.)

Forgive without punishing (Colossians 3:13 Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye.)

Promise without forgetting (Proverbs 13:12 Hope deferred maketh the heart sick: but when the desire cometh, it is a tree of life.)

Please read our notes 2-3 times. They are wonderful for a spiritual refreshing.

One more short thing before our prayer list:

The Book from David Jeremiah, THE BOOK OF SIGNS, 'talks about Professor Donald Whitney of Southern Baptist Seminary offers excellent advice about prayer. I wanted to bring it to you because of the importance of our prayer life. I found this and thought it is really good to add to our collection.

If you've ever learned a foreign language, you know you learn it best when you actually have to speak it. The same is true with the 'foreign language' of prayer. There are many good sources to learn how to pray, **but the best way to learn how to pray is to pray!**

Pastor and author, Jack Taylor describes for us one practical way we can put Christ's armor through this prayer, which he prays each morning as he prepares for the day ahead:

I choose now to be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. I confess that I am in the Lord and thus, am located in the power of His might.

I choose to put on the whole armor that God has provided me, in order that I might stand against the methods of the enemy. I know that the Attlee is not with flesh and blood but against principalities, powers, rulers of darkness, and spiritual wickedness in high places.

Therefore I stand to accept the armor, which is mine in Jesus.

I put on the breastplate of righteousness, the Lord Jesus Christ. He is made unto me righteousness. I am made righteous in Him.

I put on the girdle of truth. I accept the fact that Jesus is Truth and that Truth has made me free. I refuse deception and I accept the truth.

I accept that Jesus is truth and the truth has made me free.

I slip into the footwear of preparation in the Gospel. I am now ready to walk with him.

I put on the helmet of salvation. The certainty of salvation covers and protects my mind and outlook. I stand in that certainly now!

I take up the shield of faith. I now trust in the trustworthiness of God! I am covered from head to toe so that so Satan's fiery darts cannot touch me.

I now take my offensive weapon, the Word of God...declaring it to be true without error, reliable, powerful, and alive - God's word to me! And now I am dressed from head to foot for battle."

Prayer requests:

Doris and Joe

Kay and Jerry

Melanie, Becky, Bernice, Dale

Ruth Ann

Steve and Carolyn

Lola and Jimmy

Robert

Janey

McKinney

Scott and Shelley

Kathy and dawn

Laura

Julie

Liah

Whitney

Jordon

Jace

Greggory

Jared

AC

Charles

Jennifer

Jeremiah

Doug

Carol

Let's pray that someone in the government will re-establish the money for Israel. God can take care of this! IT can be done.

Leaders of our country

Our country

Dear God in heaven how we love and praise you. We know you are in control. Sometimes we get concerned or afraid or fearful. We don't understand all that's going on but we know you, and you have it all in control. Nothing takes you by surprise. For each person on this list today, you know each one of them, their problems, their issues - you know it all. We give them to you. Some of them we don't even know what the problem is but we know that you do. Once again, how we praise you Father God. How thankful we are that you are our Almighty God and we know you and you know us. How we praise you. In Jesus Holy, Holy name, we praise. Amen.

I wish for you a blessed week!