1Thes 21

The power of Satan’s army is underestimated!

Our recent study has been a deeper dive into the elusive power and range of fallen angels. Satan’s army is vast and more powerful and manipulative then most Christians really can fathom.

We will open today in Revelation chapter nine.

This will not be a major focus on end time events, but more so a look at what power and depth Satan’s army has right now…under our noses!

We have to realize during the Tribulation the visibility and full power of Satan is opened up. It is all around us in the invisible realm and busting at the seams to fully open up.

/2Thes 2:7 For the mystery of **lawlessness is already at work**; only **He who now restrains** *will do so* until He is removed.

Satan’s the lawless one who is ALREADY at work. It is God the HS working through the remnant of positive Bels that restrains full satanic power!\

The removal points us to the Rapture of the church. At that point God the HS pivots into the role of only operating from HIS salvation ministry for the Tribulation.

The supernatural shift and end of the CA dispensation is what unleashes Satan’s power.

Powers as noted in [REV 9:11](http://www.bibleserver.com/text/NIV/Revelation9%3A11) consisting of soldiers under the authority of the military officers, with Satan as the top, commanding 4 star General.

In Revelation chapter nine we can see that the function of three great demon armies is very much like the concept of modern tactics on the battlefield.

The first demon assault army commanded by Abaddon is the army sent to torture and torment humanity.

The second demon assault army is a military group made up of four demon armies from under the Euphrates River.

The third demon assault army comes from heaven when Satan is cast out permanently from any realm of the heavens and that army makes a special attack against Israel.

 REPEAT

Each one of these demon armies is related to one of the three woes.

/Rev 9:11 They have as **king over them, the angel of the abyss;** his name in Hebrew is Abaddon, and in the Greek he has the name **Apollyon**.

Satan has military leaders, high ranking officers such as Apollyon and Baalzebub.\

Apollyon is currently on lock down and Baalzebub is one of the leaders currently moving freely about earth’s atmosphere.

Rev 9:12 The first woe has passed; behold, two woes are still coming after these things.

Now, as I mentioned this is not a study on the Tribulation but a look at the power and depth of Satan’s army.

This verse is related to what I mentioned last lesson - that GOD can and will use the wickedness of the cosmic system to bring HIS plan to fruition.

Psa 76:10 For the wrath of mankind shall praise You; You will encircle Yourself with a remnant of wrath.

This points to the unfolding judgement and discipline unleashed in a very orderly fashion by GOD at the midway point of the Tribulation.

The series of events in this portion of Revelation shows the bitter, arrogance and cruelty of Satan.

/ In the first two woes Satan launches two hard-core demon assault armies against his own servants. Once Satan is confined to this earth and no longer has access to heaven and the presence of God, which he has at the present time, he demonstrates with all of his genius and great ability the principle of no capacity to command, no capacity to rule, no executive ability. He is going to leave his kingdom, the earth, in shambles before Christ returns.

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The first demon assault army is commanded by Abaddon, the second is commanded by four angels.

In the third woe Satan leads his own imperial guard, the third demon assault army, his last reserve. It will be against Jews, and many of those Jews are his own servants, those who followed his lead for over 3 years.

All the followers of Satan – Jew and Gentile, will suffer in the Tribulation period.

Teaching us the principle that when you go along to get along and bow down to the authority of tyranny, in any form or fashion, eventually you will be the victim.

 REPEAT

Rev 9:13 Then the sixth angel sounded, and I heard a voice from the four horns of the golden altar which is before God,

/[Rev 9:14](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/rev/9/14/s_1176014) saying to the sixth angel who had the trumpet, “Release the **four angels who are bound** at the great river Euphrates.”

These four appear to be leaders as well, perhaps under the authority of Apollyon.\

Euphrates is one of the four rivers which flowed from the garden of Eden, meaning this is a river of great significance.

[Rev 9:15](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/rev/9/15/s_1176015) And the four angels, who had been prepared for the hour and day and month and year, were released, so that they would kill a third of mankind.

*WERE RELEASED* – is the Greek, indictive mood, meaning this is a matter-of-fact statement… it will happen!

/[Rev 9:16](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/rev/9/16/s_1176016) The number of the armies of the horsemen was **two hundred million**; I heard the number of them.

This is just the demonic army released from the Abyss. Which tells us there are more in the atmosphere as well! \

This is a reference to horsemen, which still makes us question the size of this one section of the demonic army being released. It does not account for foot soldiers or winged angels.

[Rev 9:17](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/rev/9/17/s_1176017) And this is how I saw in my vision the horses and those who sat on them: *the riders* had breastplates *the color* of fire, of hyacinth, and of brimstone; and the heads of the horses are like the heads of lions; and out of their mouths came fire and smoke and brimstone.

Now there is some debate as to the description any time the Bible uses the term – *like the heads of lions*, or *like the face of man.* LIKE - is used to relate a similar circumstance or appearance.

The Greek adverb – *hōs* (HOSE), LIKE, means something with a mannerism or appearance like something else.

Often used, when the writer had not seen this situation or appearance before, so, they use a close description for the historic context when it was written.

These quite possibly could be military tanks or aircrafts or even supernatural vehicles mankind has never seen.

Not our study for today.

[Rev 9:18](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/rev/9/18/s_1176018) A third of mankind was killed by these three plagues, by the fire, the smoke, and the brimstone which came out of their mouths.

[Rev 9:19](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/rev/9/19/s_1176019) For the power of the horses is in their mouths and in their tails; for their tails are like serpents and have heads, and with them they do harm.

Again, very similar to serpents when we see the word – **LIKE** used in this context with a Greek adverb – *homoios,* (HOM-OH-MUS) which is a strong term used for a double or a similar feature – a character almost the same as something else.

The ability and power are what you need to recognize, along with the intent and ferocity of these demonic soldiers.

/[Rev 9:20](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/rev/9/20/s_1176020) The rest of mankind, who were not killed by **these plagues** (*plēgē*), did not repent of the works of their hands so as not to **worship demons** and the **idols of gold**, silver, brass, stone, and wood, which can neither see nor hear nor walk;

These are physical wounds and intense beatings or marks left behind from a weapon or attack.\

PLAY-GAY, is where we get our word plague from which means physical illness or physical pain. Satan’s army is well equipped and very aggressive toward humanity.

Notice there is a worship of demons that becomes normal in the Tribulation.

We are currently in the build-up stage of that Tribulation. That means there are systems and ideologies becoming part of our daily lives that have demonic influence within them.

 REPEAT

Now we see the Apostle John lists some of the issue revolving around this demonic system;

/[Rev 9:21](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/rev/9/21/s_1176021) and they did not repent of their **murders**, nor of their **witchcraft**, nor of their **sexual immorality**, nor of their **thefts**.

These are the results of evil ideologies and satanic agendas.\

All of these officers are under the authority of Satan and are devoted to implementing the policy and strategy of Satan throughout the world.

Each of these demon officers has fifty million demons under his command. The whole number between the four officers’ amounts to 200 million demons.

There is a vast number of fallen angels and demonic forces within the earth and in its atmosphere roaming freely.

/The demonic forces who are free now control the atmosphere under the rulership of Satan;

Col 1:13 For He rescued us from **the domain of darkness**, and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son,

 (Eph 2:2, Eph 3:10)\ They are also in the atmosphere learning and observing us. These are the fallen angels who make up the kingdom of darkness in current activity all around us!

/Rev 9:21 – **murder**, *phonos,* meaning to slaughter, sacrifice or intentionally murder.

**Witchcraft,** *pharmakeia,* dark arts, sorcery with a heavy influence of intoxicants involved.

Both of these categories revolve around demonic possession or influence.\

FUN-US, means not only murder but to slaughter or sacrifice a human being.

FARM-OH-KEY-A, was a term for sorcery and the dark arts which was heavily reliant upon some form of intoxication.

Each of these, list a category of behaviors and lifestyles that are all rooted in and related to demonic forces.

/Rev 9:21 - **sexual immorality**, *porneia,* any sexual acts outside of Christian marriage, incest, bestiality, pedophilia, same sex, pornography, prostitution – Phallic Cult (Jezebel).

**Thefts**, *klemma,* taking and receiving stolen goods or the art of theft through deception.\

PORN-KNEE-A, is related to sexual perversions, demonic activity related to sex or anything outside the Christian marriage bed.

KLAY-ME-A, is the crime of theft or burglary, taking and receiving that which belongs to another.

We are going to close reading from Job chapter one.

/Rev 9:20-21 will become the majority and that demonic ideology will infiltrate on many levels of society across the world. America as the true nation of freedom and a superpower (Client Nation Unto God) is a leader. If the strongest and most free society succumbs to a beast system the majority of other nations or powers will either topple or follow the beast system.\

There is a reason that America is a target!

The deception of worship is never fully grasped because it falls under two categories;

/Worship can be voluntary and enthusiastic. Or worship can be subtle in the form of compliance or apathetic acceptance.

Isa 5:20 Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil; Who substitute
darkness for light and light for darkness; Who substitute bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter!\

Let us close today reading through JOB chapter one.

Satan and his fallen army were given permission to attack JOB, put Job on the witness stand in the angelic courtroom.

This is a display of what power Satan and his demons have;

Job 1:13 Now on the day when his sons and his daughters were eating and drinking wine in their oldest brother’s house,

[Job 1:14](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/job/1/14/s_437014) a messenger came to Job and said, “The oxen were plowing and the female donkeys feeding beside them,

/[Job 1:15](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/job/1/15/s_437015) and **the Sabeans attacked** and took them. They also killed the servants with the edge of the sword, and I alone have escaped to tell you.”

The ability to manipulate and possess human beings is one of their greatest weapons.\

The Sabeans were probably a gypsy tribe of mixed African and Arabian culture, living in the Southern regions of what we know today as Saudi Arabia.

Two of the attacks on Job were from demon influenced or demon possessed human beings.

/[Job 1:16](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/job/1/16/s_437016) While he was still speaking, another came and said, “**The fire of God fell from heaven and burned up** the sheep and the servants and consumed them, and I alone have escaped to tell you.”

This is a display of control over a meteor. A supernatural power to reign fire from above is most likely related to meteor showers.\

Satan’s power may reach toward the stars yet even his power and authority end somewhere in that realm of what we call outer space.

[Job 1:17](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/job/1/17/s_437017) While he was still speaking, another came and said, “The Chaldeans formed three units and made a raid on the camels and took them, and killed the servants with the edge of the sword, and I alone have escaped to tell you.”

This is the second attack from an aggressive tribe outside the gates of Job’s property.

Notice both attacks march right into Job’s land.

They slaughter and damage property and relatives as well as employees.

This points us to our livelihood, our land, our family and business.

[Job 1:18](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/job/1/18/s_437018) While he was still speaking, another also came and said, “Your sons and your daughters were eating and drinking wine in their oldest brother’s house,

/[Job 1:19](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/job/1/19/s_437019) and behold, **a great wind** came from across the wilderness and struck the four corners of the house, and it fell on the young people and they died, and I alone have escaped to tell you.”

Severe weather patterns are within Satan’s abilities.\

[Job 1:20](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/job/1/20/s_437020) Then Job got up, tore his robe, and shaved his head; then he fell to the ground and worshiped.

[Job 1:21](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/job/1/21/s_437021) He said, “Naked I came from my mother’s womb, And naked I shall return there. The LORD gave and the LORD has taken away. Blessed be the name of the LORD.”

Job shows the highest level of SM at this moment of time.

[Job 1:22](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/job/1/22/s_437022) Despite all this, Job did not sin, nor did he blame God.

Though Job is in complete despair and sorrow has gripped his heart he was not sinning, but grieving and crying out which is normal.

HE DID NOT BLAME GOD – a very strong statement meaning his MA was still in proper focus related to his relationship with God.

Finally in chapter two we see Satan has the ability to bring physical harm as well.

/Job 2:7 Then Satan went out from the presence of the LORD and **struck Job with severe boils** from the sole of his foot to the top of his head.

*Ra*’ *šiḥîn-* wicked or evil boils, inflammation and blisters. A cursed illness.\

RAH SHA-KEEN, means a misery or pain brought from evil, boils or leprosy.

/Most Christians have no idea the depth and width of Satan’s army and his power. We are called to be confident and bold which comes from a foundation of BD.

2Tim 1:7 For God has not given us a spirit of timidity, but of power and love and discipline. \