



REVELATION 9.12-21. THE FINAL TRUMPETS

Revelation 9:1–11

1 And the fifth angel blew the trumpet, and I saw a star that had fallen from heaven to the earth, and the key of the shaft of the abyss was given to him.

2 And he opened the shaft of the **abyss**, and smoke went up from the shaft like smoke from a great furnace, and the sun and the air were darkened by the smoke from the shaft.

3 And out of the smoke locusts came to the earth, and power was given to them like the scorpions of the earth have power.

4 And it was told to them that they should not damage the grass of the earth or any green plant or any tree, **except those people who do not have the seal of God on their foreheads.**

5 And it was granted to them that they should not kill them, but that they would be **tormented five months**, and their torment is like the torment of a scorpion when it stings a person.

6 And in those days people will seek death and will never find it, and they will long to die, and death will flee from them.

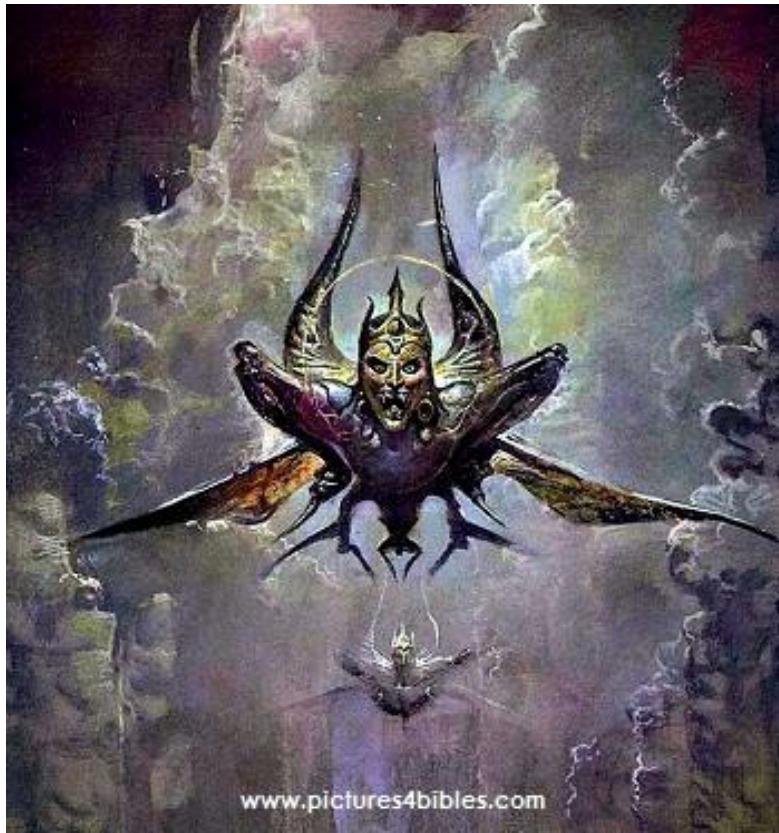
7 And the appearance of the locusts was like horses prepared for battle, and on their heads were something like crowns similar in appearance to gold, and their faces were like men's faces,

8 and they had hair like the hair of women, and their teeth were like the teeth of lions,

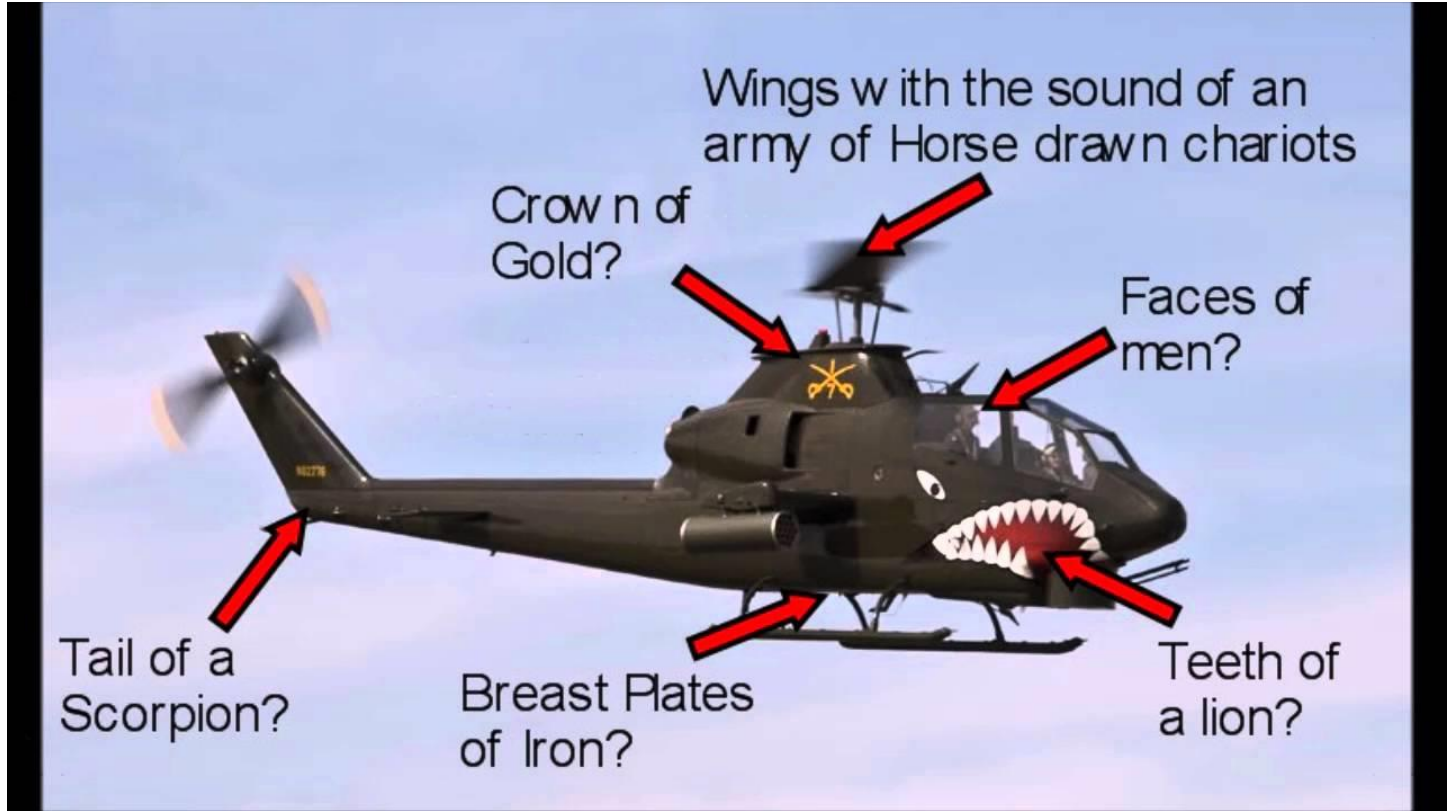
9 and they had breastplates like iron breastplates, and the sound of their wings was like the sound of many horse-drawn chariots running into battle.

10 And they have tails similar in appearance to scorpions, and stings, and their power to injure people for five months is in their tails.

11 They have as king over them the angel of the abyss, whose name in Hebrew is Abaddon, and in Greek he has the name Apollyon.



I resist the modern interpretation of what John saw as Helicopters or modern aircraft.



12 One woe is past.

Behold, still two more woes are coming after these things.

- The first woe (ἡ οὐαί ἡ μία [hē ouai hē mia]). Note feminine gender ascribed to the interjection οὐαί [ouai] as in 11:14, perhaps because θλίψις [thlipsis] is feminine, though we really do not know. ¹
- **TWO woes to come – even worse than the previous!**

13 Then the sixth angel sounded:

And I heard a voice **from the four horns of the golden altar** which is before God,

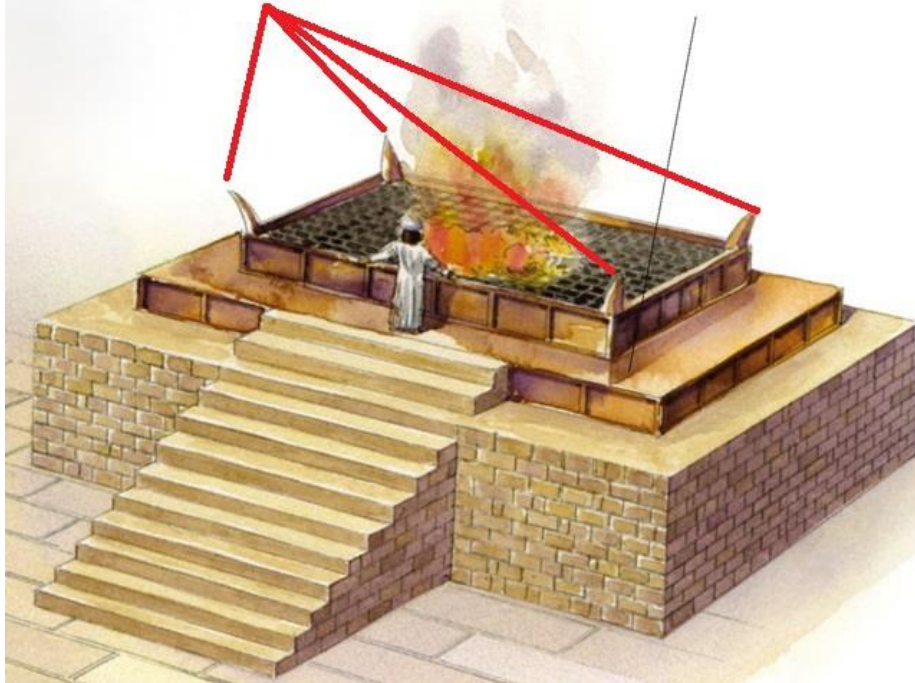
- From (ἐκ [ek]). **“Out of the horns.”** ²

¹ A.T. Robertson, *Word Pictures in the New Testament* (Nashville, TN: Broadman Press, 1933), Re 9:12.

² A.T. Robertson, *Word Pictures in the New Testament* (Nashville, TN: Broadman Press, 1933), Re 9:13.

Horns of the Altar

The bronze altar for burnt offerings was 15 feet (4.6 m) high and 30 feet (9.1 m) long and wide (cf. 2 Chron. 4:1).



14 saying to **the sixth angel who had the trumpet**,
“Let loose the four angels who are bound (in, at, or upon) the great river
Euphrates.”

Euphrates River



- The Euphrates rises in Armenia and joins the Tigris in lower Babylonia, a total length of nearly 1800 miles, the eastern boundary of the Roman Empire next to Parthia. ³
 - Apparently, the Roman legions were in great fear of the Euphrates and what property was beyond it. Never crossing this river.
 - Boundary of the land of Eden – the Garden of Eden

Genesis 2:8 The LORD God planted a garden **eastward in Eden**, and there He put the man whom He had formed.
 - Guarded now by multiple Cherubim – waring Angels, Angels of War!

Genesis 3:24 So He drove out the man; and He placed **cherubim** at the east of the garden of Eden, and **a flaming sword which turned every way**, to guard the way to the tree of life.

 - **Ezekiel** describes **FOUR Cherubim** of amazing size and design in **Ezekiel 1:1-14**
 - **JOHN** also describes **FOUR Cherubim** around the Father's throne at the Divine Council meeting of Rev 4-5, bringing heralds of God's GLORY.
 - Where was Ezekiel? – Babylon – on the Euphrates!
(actually on one of the tributary canals that ran through the city of Babylon. ⁴)
 - FOUR Rivers of TODAY have, as their source, the very land of EDEN.

Genesis 2:10 Now a river went out of Eden to water the garden, and from there it parted and became **four riverheads**.

 - **Pishon; Gihon; Tigris; Euphrates**
 - Sin came forth to infect and affect all mankind from here.
 - **FOUR Angels** wait there – waiting for **a specific time** to come and KILL a third of mankind!

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

- **Territorial divine beings** – bound in the Euphrates
 - Divine Beings assigned to the River Euphrates Area
 - Some Angels are assigned to specific areas:

³ A.T. Robertson, *Word Pictures in the New Testament* (Nashville, TN: Broadman Press, 1933), Re 9:14.

⁴ An opinion that has much to support it is that the "Chebar" was the royal canal of Nebuchadnezzar, the Nahr Malcha, the greatest in Mesopotamia, which connected the Tigris with the Euphrates, in the excavation of which the Jewish captives were probably employed. (M. G. Easton, *Easton's Bible Dictionary* (New York: Harper & Brothers, 1893).

- 7 Angels assigned to 7 churches. (Rev 2-3)
- Prince of the power of the air – Lucifer. (Eph 2:2)
- Prince of Persia. (Dan 10:13; 10:20;
- Prince of Greece. (Dan 10:20)
- Michael – Chief Angel of Israel
 - Prince of Israel. (Dan 12:1)
 - Archangel (Jude 9)
 - Waring Angel (Rev 12:7)
- Gabriel. (Dan 8:13; Dan 9:21; Luke 1:19; Luke 1:26)
 - Heralding Angel
 - Ministering Angel
- Guardian Angels:

Matthew 18:10

10 “See to it that you do not despise one of these little ones, for I tell you that their angels in heaven constantly see the face of my Father who is in heaven.

- We can only presume that these Guardian Angels – assigned to children – are assigned at the point of conception, not at birth.
- “**Despising**” these guarded children carries a GRAVE warning of immediate and eternal judgement.
 - **88.192 καταφρονέω**: to feel contempt for someone or something because it is thought to be bad or without value—‘to despise, to scorn, to look down on.’ ⁵

- **They are there NOW – waiting!**
 - **For a SPECIFIC – Hour, Day, Month, and Year**
 - **God has set aside a VERY specific hour for these Angels to be released.**
 - **4 Angels – to slay a third of mankind!**

⁵ Johannes P. Louw and Eugene Albert Nida, *Greek-English Lexicon of the New Testament: Based on Semantic Domains* (New York: United Bible Societies, 1996), 762.

- By the time these trumpets have finished – ½ of all mankind will be laying DEAD on the ground or in the oceans.

16 Now the number of the army of the horsemen was **two hundred million**; I heard the number of them.

- Xerxes is said to have fielded an army of 2 ½ million men against Greece.
 - How large is a 2 ½ million Man Calvary?
 - A Calvary of men on horses – 1 mile wide and 87 miles long!

17 And thus **I saw the horses in the vision**:

those who sat on them had breastplates of fiery red, hyacinth blue, and sulfur yellow;

and the heads of the horses were like the heads of lions;

and out of their mouths came **fire, smoke, and brimstone**.

18 **By these three (plagues – note italics, added for context) a third of mankind was killed**

—by the fire and the smoke and the brimstone which came out of their mouths.

19 For **their power is in their mouth and in their tails**;

for their tails are like serpents, having heads;

and with them they do harm.

- Not your normal backyard Horse
 - Heads of lions
 - Spitting fire, smoke and brimstone
 - Tails like serpents – having snake like heads
- **Henry Morris**: “Like the scorpion-locusts under the preceding trumpet, this will be a demonic legion of nightmarish animals indwelt by evil spirits, hitherto bound up in the Euphrates with their four evil overlords. It must be that these frightful “horses” and “horsemen” are demon-possessed creatures whose bodies are specially created by God for the awful judgment which they are thereby enabled to inflict upon mankind. Their bodies are real physical bodies, capable of generating physical fire and brimstone and causing the physical death of those men and women whom they attack.
Like a great storm, they spread forth from their pit, raging over the earth to take vengeance on mankind, whom they regard as responsible for their miserable circumstances. No longer constrained as they once were by

the need of some kind of physical body wherewith to enslave men, they now are able to use their newly-secured bodies to destroy men. And fearful bodies they are! **Appropriately designed for the malignant spirits who will use them for thirteen months.** Armored with breastplates of jacinth (a hard gemstone, probably zircon), they have the appearance of burning fire and brimstone (usually interpreted as sulphur; however, its Hebrew root is related to the resin from the gopher wood used in Noah's ark, and its Greek form seems to come from roots meaning "divine appearance"). Evidently sulphur is considered the natural substance whose burning most nearly fits such apocryphal specifications, but its exact composition is unknown. The lion-faces actually breathe out fire and smoke and nauseous brimstone, as though clothed in the very aura of hell itself.

With two hundred million creatures, all arrayed in fire and brimstone, sweeping over the earth, it will indeed appear that the fires of hell have enveloped the earth." ⁶

- THESE special equine attributes – KILL another 1/3 of mankind!
 - Over 30,000 people dead in the streets of Santa Maria!

20 But the rest of mankind, who were not killed by these plagues, did not repent of the works of their hands, that they should not worship demons, and idols of gold, silver, brass, stone, and wood, which can neither see nor hear nor walk. 21 And they did not repent of their murders or their sorceries or their sexual immorality or their thefts.

Hardened hearts

2 Thessalonians 2:11–12

11 And for this reason God will send them strong delusion, that they should believe the lie,

12 that they all may be condemned

who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

- No one repents
- They never give up with their sins – not just an addiction – a world view that had invaded the evil generation.

⁶ Henry M. Morris, *The Revelation Record: A Scientific and Devotional Commentary on the Prophetic Book of the End Times* (Carol Stream, IL: Tyndale, 1983), 169–170.



Murders:

- **5408. φόνος *phónos***; gen. *phónou*, masc. noun from *phénō* (n.f.), to murder. **Murder, particularly slaughter, slaying or killing by the sword** (Matt. 15:19; Mark 7:21; 15:7; Luke 23:19, 25; Acts 9:1; Rom. 1:29; Gal. 5:21; Heb. 11:37; Rev. 9:21; see also Ex. 17:13; 22:2; Num. 21:24; Deut. 13:15; 20:13; 22:8; Prov. 1:18). Also from *phénō* (n.f.): *prósphatos* (4372), newly killed, fresh meat.
Deriv.: *androphónos* (409), a murderer; *phoneúō* (5407), to murder.
Syn.: *sphagḗ* (4967), slaughter; *kopḗ* (2871), **butchery, a cutting to pieces.** ⁷

- **Abortion**

- Forbidden in almost all ancient pagan cultures – but not in Israel!
 - Allowed in Israel
 - Approx. 25,000 abortions per year in Israel today. ⁸
 - Over 50 million abortions in USA since 1970. ⁹
 - Jewish practice of pagan theology, by Solomon and many Kings after him.

1 Kings 11:4–10

4 For it was so, when Solomon was old, that his wives turned his heart after other gods; and his heart was not loyal to the LORD his God, as was the heart of his father David.

5 For Solomon went after Ashtoreth the goddess of the Sidonians, and after Milcom the abomination of the Ammonites.

6 Solomon did evil in the sight of the LORD, and did not fully follow the LORD, as did his father David.

7 Then Solomon built a high place for Chemosh the abomination of Moab, on the hill that is east of Jerusalem, and for Molech the abomination of the people of Ammon.

⁷ Spiros Zodhiates, *The Complete Word Study Dictionary: New Testament* (Chattanooga, TN: AMG Publishers, 2000).

⁸ <https://www.jewishvirtuallibrary.org/statistics-on-terminations-of-pregnancies-in-israel>

⁹ https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Abortion_statistics_in_the_United_States

8 And he did likewise for all his foreign wives, who burned incense and sacrificed to their gods.

9 So the LORD became angry with Solomon, because his heart had turned from the LORD God of Israel, who had appeared to him twice,

10 and had commanded him concerning this thing, that he should not go after other gods; but he did not keep what the LORD had commanded.

- o Guarded by almost every liberal politician, and their followers, as a "right", not just a choice.

Isaiah 5:20–21

20 **Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil;**

Who put darkness for light, and light for darkness;

Who put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!

21 Woe to those who are wise in their own eyes,
And prudent in their own sight!

Sorcery:

- **5331. φαρμακεία *pharmakeía***; gen. *pharmakeías*, fem. noun from *phármakon* (n.f.), a drug, which in the Gr. writers is used both for a curative or medicinal drug, and also as a poisonous one. ***Pharmakeía* means the occult, sorcery, witchcraft, illicit pharmaceuticals, trance, magical incantation with drugs** (Gal. 5:20; Rev. 9:21; 18:23; Sept.: Ex. 7:22; Is. 47:9, 12).

Syn.: *mageía* (3095), magic. ¹⁰

Romans 1:18–19

18 For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven **against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness,**

19 because what may be known of God is manifest in them, for God has shown it to them.

¹⁰ Spiros Zodhiates, *The Complete Word Study Dictionary: New Testament* (Chattanooga, TN: AMG Publishers, 2000).