

# **Sunday Bible Study Session 1 – November 30, 2014**

## **"First Woe, 5<sup>th</sup> Trumpet" – (Revelation 9:1-12)**

### Revelation Outline – Review:

- I. Celebrity-ship of The Lord Jesus Christ – [Revelation 1](#)
- II. Characteristics of Church Age – [Revelation 2, 3](#)
- III. Church in Heaven – [Revelation 4, 5](#)
- IV. Tribulation – [Revelation 6-19](#)
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### TRIBULATION – 3 VIEWS (Review)

REV. 6 – (SEALS) – SUMMARY OF THE TRIBULATION

REV. 8-11 – (TRUMPETS) – PRESENTS THE TRIBULATION FROM THE STANDPOINT OF THE GENTILES

REV. 12-19 – (VIALS) – PRESENTS THE TRIBULATION FROM THE STANDPOINT OF THE JEWS.

### REVELATION REVIEW

6 Seals (Revelation 6:1-12)

7<sup>th</sup> seal (Revelation 8)

Rev. 7 presents Tribulation evangelism, a parenthetical presentation between the 1<sup>st</sup> 6 seals and the 7<sup>th</sup> Seal (of chapter 8).

After the opening of the 7<sup>th</sup> seal (with an emphasis on judgment of the gentiles) in Revelation 8:1, 7 trumpets are introduced in verse 2. In Revelation 8:7-13 the 1<sup>st</sup> four trumpets are presented, then later, 51 verses in Chapters 9 and 10 present the last 3 trumpets (trumpets 5-7 presented Wednesday night (in Revelation 9 and 11):

- WOE One – 5th trumpet ([Rev. 9:1-12](#)) (Invasion of fallen angels from Tartarus of Genesis 6)
- WOE Two – 6th trumpet ([Rev. 9:13-21](#)) (Invasion of four special angels)
- WOE Three – 7th trumpet ([Rev. 11:15](#))

Revelation 11 contains an emphasis on the two evangelists Moses and Elijah (third wave of Tribulation evangelism).

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Revelation 9:1, 2 (NASB): *"<sup>1</sup>Then the fifth angel sounded, and I saw a star from heaven which had fallen to the earth; and the key of the bottomless pit was given to him. <sup>2</sup>He opened the bottomless pit, and smoke went up out of the pit, like the smoke of a great furnace; and the sun and the air were darkened by the smoke of the pit."*

German Translation: Rev. 9:1, 2

*<sup>1</sup>And the fifth angel trumpeted, and I saw a star fallen from heaven to earth; and the key of the abyss was given to him. <sup>2</sup>And he opened the pit of the abyss; and smoke went up out of the pit like the smoke of a great oven; and the sun and the air were darkened by the smoke of the pit.*

Read [Revelation 9:1-12](#).

### Revelation 9:1-12 – "FIRST WOE"

Angels are called spirits because they are invisible to mankind (Genesis 6). The fallen angels are in a jail (abyss) and will be until the middle of the tribulation – at which time Satan will be revealed in his true self; at that point the events of [Revelation 9](#) will take place.

- In this chapter we have the fifth and sixth trumpets – Two Woes!
- The 5<sup>th</sup> Trumpet is the invasion of these fallen angels from Tartarus (Study Tartarus – Nephilim – [Genesis 6](#)).
  - There is an emphasis on the word *Nephilim* in [Genesis 6:1-4](#) and in [Numbers 13:33](#). Before certain fallen angels were placed in the abyss they copulated with human women, resulting in the Nephilim (large super-men before the flood).
  - It might help us to know that, in the Greek, the temporary dungeon for fallen angels (until judgment day) is called *Tartarus*. The hiding place of the dead (until Judgment Day) is called *hades*. The final abode of the wicked (after Judgment Day) is called *Gehenna*. To avoid confusion, some translators reserved the word "*hell*" for the latter, leaving the other two words untranslated, or transliterated.
- The 6<sup>th</sup> Trumpet is the invasion of 4 special fallen angels – super angels under the command of Satan ([verse 14](#)).
- Between the 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Trumpets we have a parenthesis ([Revelation 10:1-11:14](#)). In [chapter 9](#), the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Trumpets are presented. In this passage we have two heralds announcing the 2<sup>nd</sup> Advent (Review again the [Timeline Diagram](#)); The Church Age interrupted the Age of Israel seven years before its end; this is the 7-year Tribulation) – Two categories: Angelic herald – Chapter 10, and the Two Witnesses – Revelation 11:1-14.

Two heralds are announcing the 2<sup>nd</sup> Advent: angelic and human. How do the Jews, in the second half of the Tribulation, find Christ as Savior? The answer is found in [Revelation 11:1-14](#). ([STUDY HERALDS](#))

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[Revelation 9:1](#) – "I saw a star [fall] from heaven" – The star here is *Satan* – Satan had three falls:

### THREE FALLS OF SATAN

1. Angelic History – [Isaiah 14:13; Ezekiel 28:15](#)
2. Middle of the Tribulation – [Isaiah 14:12; Ezekiel 28:16](#)
3. End of Time – Cast into the lake of fire – [Isaiah 14:15-17; Ezekiel 28:18](#)

NOTE THE BRIEF OVERVIEW OF THE [3 FALLS OF SATAN](#) FROM OUR TOPICAL STUDIES.

[Revelation 9:2](#) – Information relative to Satan being thrown out of Heaven

1. Up to this moment and until the middle of the Tribulation Satan has access to Heaven.
2. He often goes to Heaven to accuse believers.
3. He goes to attend angelic parties.
4. There are angelic parties – Satan goes.
5. It was at one of these parties that Satan accused Job.
6. Satan spends a lot of time in Heaven accusing!
7. This conclusion we get by the large number of believers who are not interested in the Word of God.
8. There is a time coming when Satan can no longer go to Heaven – and that is what this passage is all about.
9. Fall from Heaven – [Revelation 12:3, 4; Ezekiel 28:16; Luke 10:18; Isaiah 14:12](#). These verses reveal that this is a *creature* rather than a *literal star*. Personal pronoun – "*and to him*" Satan "*was given the key to the bottomless pit*". Ἀβυσσος βυσσος (Greek for *depth*) – also the "α" means *no bottom*. This is a *pit with no bottom*.
10. Now in [verse 2](#) we have the invasion from the bottomless pit. God permitted Satan to release these fallen angels – [Genesis 6](#) – During the Tribulation they will torture without killing.
11. The invasion is in [verse 3](#).
12. Restrictions specified relative to these invaders – [Verses 4-6](#).
13. Invaders described – [Verses 7-10](#) – super-creatures; mobility; hair of women, teeth as lions, breast plates
14. [Verse 11](#) – they are very well organized – this fallen angel later indwells the dictator of the Revived Roman Empire. Heb. Word Abaddon – Greek Apollyon = The DESTROYER [Revelation 11:7; 17:8](#).

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15. Second WOE – [Revelation 9:12](#); 6<sup>th</sup> Trumpet presented in [Revelation 9:13-21](#); 7<sup>th</sup> Trumpet presented in [Revelation 11:15-19](#). This judgment was designed to destroy those guilty of killing believers in the Tribulation.
  1. Verse 13 – "*golden altar*" means the altar where the Prayers of the Tribulation martyrs are received, and those guilty of killing Tribulation believers are destined to be destroyed.
  2. Verse 14 – Four special fallen angels will be involved in diabolical work under Satan's command – super army – an infernal military force.
  3. Verse 15 – These fallen angels are to be released for the purpose of slaying a third part of the human race. 1<sup>st</sup> Invasion – torture without death. 2<sup>nd</sup> Invasion – Death.
  4. Verse 16 – Notice: these fallen angels are in charge of an invading army made up of 200 million (body of horse; head of a lion; tail of a serpent).
  5. Verse 17 – People killed in 3 ways: *fire* means *burned to death*; *smoke* means *smothered*; *brimstone* means *sulfur or gun powder*.
  6. Verse 18 – 1/3 of human race destroyed.
  7. Verse 19 – Another description of the invading force. (Read [verses 13-19](#))
  8. [Verses 20, 21](#) – Reaction to this invasion – "*did not repent*" why? – "*Works of their hands*" – kept on worshipping idols. Their religion would involve: murder / sorceries – φαρμακεί and drugs / fornication – πορνείας / and *thefts*.

The idols of their worship neither see, nor hear, nor walk, yet *they will not repent*. This is how tragically ingrained religion can become in the lives of negative people.