

Bible Prophecy and the book of Revelation, Lesson 13

Revelation 8:1 – A fairly difficult passage of Scripture here.

- ✓ These two demonic armies that are released have been held in the bottomless pit.
- ✓ “Star” often used figuratively to refer to an angel – in this case a “fallen” angel who releases demonic armies.

I Peter 3:19-20 – These spirits are kept in prison in this place.

II Peter 2:4 – Tartarus (not Hell proper) geocentric.

Jude 6 – Again, there keeping place is this bottomless pit.

- ✓ Notice, they live there but not of their own accord – demons still around plead not to be sent there: **Mark 5:10-12.**
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Revelation 8:2-7 – Also called Judgment of 1/3's.

- ✓ Document of Judgment is now open what is on the inside is now revealed which is that God is going to cut everything including the daylight and the human pop. back by 1/3.
 - ✓ 100% of humanity deserves to die at this point, so the fact that He is only removing 33.3% is mercy.
 - ✓ There is nothing to indicate that we should take these first 4 trumpets as anything other than literal, real events (not symbolic or allegoric)
 - ✓ One of the reasons to take them this way, other than the fact they are just straight forward explanations, is the fact that these are very similar to the plagues of Egypt in Exodus.
 - ✓ For this reason, Exodus is yet another prototype of the end time events:
 - ✓ If we don't take the trumpet judgments plainly and actually then we can't take the plagues of Egypt that way either.
 - ✓ **How** is also a question – all this fire and poisoning of water and killing of sea life makes many think there is a nuclear exchange taking place here.
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Revelation 8:8-9 – This gives a little room for speculation – not a literal mountain, because the text says, “something like a mountain”.

- ✓ By the way, the Atlantic Ocean represents about 1/3 of all the seas.

Revelation 8:9 – Again, if this isn't literal then what are the sea creatures and the ships??

Revelation 8:10-11 – Another meteorite?? Notice these are all massive environmental devastations and not necessarily loss of life (although you should assume that there is).

- ❖ This one has a name “wormwood” which brings sort of weird twist to this because of recent events: You'll recall that a nuclear reactor exploded in Chernobyl, USSR. They had to evacuate the surrounding area immediately and eventually a larger region encompassing about 400K of people. Poisoned the water and ground for many square miles. If we are reading this text in Russian and we got to the name of this star, guess what the word for Wormwood is in Russian? Chernobyl.
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Revelation 8:12 – Jesus told us that this would be the case Lk. 21:25-28

Revelation 8:13 – Last 3 trumpets are called the “Woe” judgments.

- ✓ First 4 trumpets were against nature – next 2 will be demonic in nature and will be a judgment directly on people.
- ✓ We find the term “earth dweller” here again = not everybody but only those who have no home in Heaven (**Rev. 13:8**)

Revelation 8:12 – Some feel this is just a shortening of a 24-hour day to 16 hours; others feel it is something that keeps the sun, moon, and stars from shining for a portion of the 24 hour interval.

- ✓ Either way the effects would be the same and significant:
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Revelation 8:13 – Eagle and not angel as in the KJV

Revelation 9:1 – Yet another star but several things about this one are different: One, had already fallen prior to this (don’t know when), two, it has a gender (him); three, it has a name in **Verse 11** (destruction and destroyer), four, it carries a key and unlocks a pit.

- ✓ Most likely what we are looking at here is a fallen angel of a high order. He’s king of a demon hoard that is unleashed here in the next several verses.
 - ✓ A high ranking demon with the key to anything is not a good thing.
 - ✓ This is not the first time we’ve seen this key but it’s now in different hands – **Revelation 1:17-18.**
 - ✓ Again, the place he unlocks has several names in your Bible: Sheol, Abaddon, Tartarus, Hades, Bottomless Pit, Abyss
 - ✓ Different names for one location: Place of the unrighteous dead awaiting judgment—a place of torment.
 - ✓ There are not just human spirits in this holding place but also demons of the worse kind incarcerated from ancient times that are now being released in the order of events in Revelation.
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