

Revelation Chapter 9 pt. 2
The Sixth Trumpet
Bible Study Notes

Here we shall continue our study on **Revelation Chapter 9**, dealing with the penultimate, **sixth trumpet**.

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*Then the sixth angel sounded: And I heard a voice from the **four horns** of the **golden altar**, which is **before God**, saying to the sixth angel who had the trumpet, “**Release the four angels** who are **bound** at the great river **Euphrates**.” **Revelation 9:13-14***

From our previous Bible studies on the Sanctuary, we would have noticed immediately the Sanctuary language in these verses.

Here, John looks in vision and sees the **golden altar [of incense]** **Exodus 30:1-16, Exodus 37:25-29, Revelation 8:2-4** which is before the presence of the Lord with a voice emanating from that altar.

As it was in the days of the earthly sanctuary, where the high priest, of the descendants of Aaron, stood before the golden altar and made intercession for the people of Israel, so it is in the spiritual, Jesus, the Great High Priest, stands before the Golden Altar of Incense in the Heavenly Sanctuary, making intercession for Spiritual Israel, that is, the faithful followers of God.

*‘For there is one God and one **Mediator** between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus.’ **1st Timothy 2:5***

*‘Therefore, He is also able to save to the uttermost **those who come to God through Him**, since He always lives to make **intercession** for them.’ **Hebrews 7:25***

*‘Seeing then that we have a great **High Priest** who has passed through the heavens, **Jesus** the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession.’ **Hebrews 4:14***

This voice which John heard was no other than the true Heavenly High Priest, our Lord & Saviour Jesus the Christ.

We should all diligently study the Sanctuary found in the **Book of Exodus**, that we may have a better understanding of the ministry of Jesus, both when he lived on earth, and the completion of this ministry within the Heavenly Sanctuary, before His 2nd Coming. As it is in the natural, so it is in the spiritual; this is why we have the Old Testament ‘*Stories*’ in the Scriptures. They are there to be studied, not to pass off as stories and tales. We notice that the entire sanctuary message found in the Book of Exodus is all symbolic of the plan of salvation which Jesus has undertaken to save us, from beginning to end. Without this understanding of the Sanctuary, studying Revelation will prove very difficult.

See my notes on a brief introduction to the sanctuary in the study notes: **‘Thy way oh God is in the Sanctuary.’**

Before we go on, we should remember that the **sixth trumpet** parallels with the events of **sixth Church** and the **sixth seal**, which gives us a time frame in the prophetic calendar, from **1844 [at the end of the 2300 prophetic day prophecy, Daniel 8:14]** until the close of probation for mankind. It is after this time of probation for all mankind to make a decided stand for who they shall worship, which shall come to prominence during the mark of

the beast crisis, that all will be sealed. Those who choose God will be sealed with the seal of the Living God, **Revelation 7:3, Revelation 15:2**, and those who choose to worship satan by obeying the laws of man through the Roman Catholic Papacy enforced by the governments of the world [*kings of the earth*] shall receive the mark of the beast, **Revelation 13:16 & 14:9,10**.

As stated in our last study on **Revelation 9 pt.1**, 'The 5th as well as the 6th trumpets show us that there is a numbering of satan's followers ever since the period of the Roman Catholic Empire came to a **temporary end**. **Revelation 13:3** tells us that this power will be revived, 'it's mortal wound will be healed.' Evil will persist and increase in this world until God withdraws his protection and hands the willingly ignorant over to a reprobate mindset.

This is in contrast to **Revelation Chapter 7&10**, where God's people are sealed and also numbered & empowered to stand under His divine protection.'

This period in which we are living, which is soon about to come to an end, is the 'sealing' time. Will you be sealed for God or for the devil?

'Some have confused the four angels who hold the winds in Revelation 7:1-4 with the four angels that wreak havoc on mankind in the trumpets. However, these four angels are not the good angels that hold back the winds of strife in Revelation 7:1-4. These fallen angels are waiting for God to release them so that they can wreak havoc on humankind as we can see from the succeeding context.

We are not to understand that only four angels cause the devastation. The number four represents universality or global extent (see Ezekiel 7:2; Matthew 24:31; Revelation 7:1,2). In other words, Satan and his angels go to the whole world to wreak havoc beginning in 1844 but especially intensifying as the close of probation approaches.' Pastor Stephen Bohr

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'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. Now the number of the army of the horsemen was two hundred million, I heard the number of them.'

It appears that there was a particular hour, in a day, in a month, in a year in which **God permitted the restraints to be removed from the devil and his fallen angels** that they would be able to wreak havoc upon the four corners of the earth, commencing **at the end of the 2,300 prophetic day prophecy**. **This havoc would especially intensify as the close of probation came near to its close.**

Observe the global increase in wickedness that we are seeing in the world today as we see and know that the close of probation is soon upon us and the mark of the beast crisis will soon come upon all that dwell upon the earth as a snare, **Luke 21:35**.

Satan and his fallen angels know that they have but a short time remaining, **Revelation 12:12**, so they are working with diligence to deceive the masses and to gather them to the battle of the great day of God Almighty, **Revelation 16:14**. Satan is preparing the whole world to be in open rebellion against God, and it is only a few faithful [*in the context of the global population*] that shall remain faithful unto God and His Commandments in these last days.

'Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time.' **Revelation 12:12**

'For they are the spirits of devils, working miracles, which go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty.' **Revelation 16:14**

'And the dragon [satan] was wroth with the woman [the faithful church] and went to make war with the remnant of her seed [true, faithful believers in the last days], which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ [they will be commandment keepers].' **Revelation 12:17**

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'And thus, I saw the horses in the vision: those who sat on them had breastplates of fiery red, hyacinth blue, and sulphur yellow; and the heads of the horses were like the heads of lions; and out of their mouths came fire, smoke, and brimstone. By these three plagues a third of mankind was killed—by the fire and the smoke and the brimstone which came out of their mouths.'

This army clearly rises figuratively from hell. These are the same spirits of demons in **Revelation 16:14** that are released, to gather the kings of the earth and the whole world against God's people. These are the same demons that the 'fourth angel's message' refers to in **Revelation 18:2,3**.

'For they are the spirits of devils, working miracles, which go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty.' **Revelation 16:14**

'And he cried mightily with a loud voice, saying, "Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and has become a dwelling place of demons, a prison for every foul spirit, and a cage for every unclean and hated bird! For all the nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth have become rich through the abundance of her luxury.' **Revelation 18:2,3**

Notice that what comes out of the mouth is what kills the wicked. In the book of Revelation, fire, brimstone, and smoke relate to those who worship the beast and his image and receive the mark. Notably **Revelation 16:13** explains that the evil spirits come out of the mouth of the threefold union, that is, **the dragon [satan], the beast [the papacy] & the false prophet [apostate Christianity in America]**. It is this threefold union that brings about the global persecution of God's people in the mark of the beast crisis, just before the 2nd Coming of Jesus.

'And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs coming out of the mouth of the dragon, out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet.' **Revelation 16:13**

Clearly, we have here a portrait of Satan and the wicked that are always described in the context of the lake of fire.

'Upon the wicked He will rain coals; Fire and brimstone and a burning wind shall be the portion of their cup.' **Psalm 11:6**

'And I will bring him to judgment with pestilence and bloodshed; I will rain down on him, on his troops, and on the many peoples who are with him, flooding rain, great hailstones, fire, and brimstone.' **Ezekiel 38:22**

'But the cowardly, unbelieving, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death.' **Revelation 21:8**

The fire and smoke coming out of the mouths of the horses reminds us of the story of Leviathan in the book of Job where he has smoke and fire come from His mouth. Elsewhere, the Bible identifies Leviathan as the dragon, the ancient serpent, the devil, and Satan.

*'Can you draw out **Leviathan** with a hook, or snare his tongue with a line which you lower? **Smoke** goes out of his nostrils, as from a boiling pot and burning rushes. His breath kindles coals and a **flame goes out of his mouth.**' **Job 41:1,20,21***

*'In that day the LORD with **His severe sword [the Word of God]**, great and strong, will punish **Leviathan** the fleeing **serpent**, **Leviathan** that twisted **serpent**; and He will slay the reptile that is in the sea [the nations].'* **Isaiah 27:1**

*'So, the great dragon was cast out, that **serpent** of old, called **the Devil and Satan**, who deceives the whole world; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.'* **Revelation 12:9**

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*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.*

Notice in **verse 17** we are told that the heads of the horses are like the heads of lions, and the devil in **1st Peter 5:8** is compared to a ravenous lion, seeking whom he may devour. This further shows us that the horses and those who sit upon them are symbolic of satan and his fallen angels.

In addition, we see in **verse 19**, **that their power is in their mouths and in their tails**; their tails are like serpents [of the devil] and with these tails they do harm unto the inhabitants of the earth.

Revelation 16:13-14 shows us that these false doctrines from these fallen angels come out of the mouth of the dragon, the beast, and the false prophet.

*'And I saw **three unclean spirits** like frogs coming **out of the mouth of the dragon**, **out of the mouth of the beast**, and **out of the mouth of the false prophet**. **For they are the spirits of devils, working miracles, which go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty.**' **Revelation 16:13-14***

The prophet Isaiah tells us, *'The elder and honourable, he is the head; **The prophet who teaches lies, he is the tail.**'* **Isaiah 9:15**

In these last days during the time of the **6th trumpet**, satan along with his evil angels will work with extreme power to deceive all the inhabitants of the world with lies and false teachings. He will use his many earthly agents to promulgate his teachings both in the world and in the church. Within the church, through the beast **[the papacy]** and the false prophet **[apostate Christianity in America]**, he will bring in much false doctrines, teachings, and false miracles and only by reading and studying the Bible diligently, will we be able to discern truth from error. It is by these false teachings and lies that all those whose names are not written in the Lamb's Book of Life shall be deceived into believing a lie and will ultimately take the mark of the beast. Except those who are kept by the power of God through faith in His Word, the whole world will be swept into the ranks of this delusion.

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*'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. And they did not repent of their murders or their sorceries or their sexual immorality or their thefts.'*

In the last day Church, during the time of the sixth seal, before Jesus returns, this world will be a melting pot of sin and iniquity. Says Jesus of the times before He comes the second time, *'And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold'*, **Matthew 24:12**

*'But know this, that **in the last days perilous times will come**: For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good, traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, having a form of godliness but denying its power. And from such people turn away!'*

2nd Timothy 3:1-5

Like Pharaoh of Egypt, the wicked and the ungodly will continue to reject God and His warnings of love until He then pours out the wine of His wrath upon them, the seven last plagues, **Revelation 14:9-11, Revelation 16:1-21**.

Since the end of the **2300 prophetic day prophecy**, **Daniel 8:14**, which came to an end in **1844**, the time of the end has begun, and the 6th trumpet has been blown. We are living in a time of judgment, we must repent of our sins, and follow Christ fully. The sealing time has begun, the true and faithful followers of God are being numbered for the kingdom, and the wicked and unrepentant are being numbered for destruction, for Jesus is soon to appear in the clouds with the full glory of His Father, and His reward shall be with Him.

*'And behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me, to give to **everyone according to his work**.'*

Revelation 22:12

*'Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: **Fear God and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man**. For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil.'* **Ecclesiastes 12:13-14**

Those who are found spotless and blameless during this time of judgment shall receive the reward of everlasting life and those who have not consecrated their lives, choosing instead, to remain unrepentant and lovers of this sinful world, shall receive the reward of everlasting death.

'Fear God and give glory to Him, for the hour of His judgment has come; and worship Him who made heaven and earth, the sea and springs of water [The Creator].'

Revelation 14:7