

Revelation 9

9:1- Fifth Trumpet aka the First Woe

A fallen star = possibly Satan

Abyss or 'bottomless pit'

According to Luke 8:31 this pit is the abode of demons.

The Antichrist will ascend out of this pit. (Rev. 11:7; 17:8)

It is NOT the lake of fire, for that is the final "prison" for Satan and all who follow him. (20:10)

9:3- 'locust' = an army of demons

9:4- They are given the assignment of tormenting all who do not have the 'seal of God'.

9:11- The angel of the Abyss = Abaddon = Apollyon = means Destroyer

9:13-Sixth Trumpet= aka the Second Woe

9:14- These four angels that are bound are apparently wicked angels, for holy angels would not be bound.

9:15- Their task: to kill 'a third of mankind'

Note that a fourth of mankind had already been killed. (Rev. 6:8)

9:16- 200 million troops Probably NOT a human army. Probably an army of demons.

Note their description in 9:17-19

9:20-21 Mankind still does not repent!

'Magic arts' OR 'sorcery' is *pharmakia* in Greek can also refer to drug use.

Revelation 10

10:1- a 'mighty angel' some see this as Christ who in the OT appeared as "the angel of the Lord".

Others say that this is a special angel.

10:6- 'no more delay' God has been delaying His judgments so that lost sinners will have time to repent. (2 Peter 3:1-9)

10:7- 'mystery' In the Bible, a mystery is a "sacred secret," a truth hidden to those outside but revealed to God's people by his Word.

Revelation 11

Measuring the temple is a symbolic action. To measure something means to claim it for yourself.

The Gentiles had taken over Jerusalem. Antichrist had broken his agreement with Israel (Daniel 9:27) and now he was about to use the temple for his own diabolical purposes (2 Thess. 2:3-4). All of this will be elaborated in Rev. 13

Jesus said, "Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles is fulfilled." Luke 21:24

Note that the two witnesses minister during the first half of the Tribulation (1,260 days). Jerusalem is then overrun by the Gentiles for forty-two months, the last half of the Tribulation.

11:9 & 10 Apparently this has only recently become a possibility with instant, worldwide communications.

11:15- The Seventh Trumpet aka the Third Woe

11:18- 'the time has come for judging'

This judgment is described in Revelation 20:11-15

There will also be a judgment of God's children, known as "the Judgment Seat of Christ" (Rom. 14:10-13; 1 Cor. 3:9-15; 2 Cor. 5:9-11). Though God's children will not be judged for their sins (that judgment took place on the cross), they will be judged for their works and rewarded generously by the Master.

The Ark of His Covenant is a reminder of God's presence and the faithfulness of His promises. And on the ark was the mercy seat on which the blood was sprinkled each Day of Atonement (Lev. 16:15-17). Even in wrath, God remembers His mercy (Hab. 3:2).

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