

THE TRUMPETS OF THE LORD

Text: Rev. 8 - 9

INTRODUCTION: As you read about the seal, trumpet, and bowl judgments of the Revelation, you will discover that there is a pattern to the tribulation judgments.

SEAL JUDGMENTS

First Seal

Second Seal

Third Seal

Fourth Seal

Fifth Seal

Sixth Seal

Seventh Seal = **TRUMPET JUDGMENTS**

First Trumpet

Second Trumpet

Third Trumpet

Fourth Trumpet

Fifth Trumpet (First Woe)

Sixth Trumpet (Second Woe)

Seventh Trumpet (Third Woe)

= **BOWL JUDGMENTS**

First Bowl

Second Bowl

Third Bowl

Fourth Bowl

Fifth Bowl

Sixth Bowl

Seventh Bowl

In this session we will look at the second wave of judgments, called the trumpet judgments because each of them falls upon the earth as an angel sounds the trumpet.

I. GOD CONTROLS THE HEAVENS AND THE EARTH

A. First Trumpet - God Strikes the _____

Revelation 8:7 The first angel sounded: And hail and fire followed, mingled with blood, and they were thrown to the earth. And a third of the trees were burned up, and all green grass was burned up.

B. Second Trumpet - God Strikes the _____

Revelation 8:8-9 8 Then the second angel sounded: And *something* like a great mountain burning with fire was thrown into the sea, and a third of the sea became blood. 9 And a third of the living creatures in the sea died, and a third of the ships were destroyed.

C. Third Trumpet - God Strikes the _____ Water

Revelation 8:10-11 10 Then the third angel sounded: And a great star fell from heaven, burning like a torch, and it fell on a third of the rivers and on the springs of water. 11 The name of the star is Wormwood. A third of the waters became wormwood, and many men died from the water, because it was made bitter.

D. Fourth Trumpet - God Strikes the _____

Revelation 8:12 Then the fourth angel sounded: And a third of the sun was struck, a third of the moon, and a third of the stars, so that a third of them were darkened. A third of the day did not shine, and likewise the night.

II. GOD CONTROLS THE _____ (FIFTH TRUMPET) Rev. 9:1-12

Revelation 9:1–12 1 Then the fifth angel sounded: And I saw a star fallen from heaven to the earth. To him was given the key to the bottomless pit.

2 And he opened the bottomless pit, and smoke arose out of the pit like the smoke of a great furnace. So the sun and the air were darkened because of the smoke of the pit. 3 Then out of the smoke locusts came upon the earth. And to them was given power, as the scorpions of the earth have power. 4 They were commanded not to harm the grass of the earth, or any green thing, or any tree, but only those men who do not have the seal of God on their foreheads. 5 And they were not given authority to kill them, but to torment them for five months. Their torment was like the torment of a scorpion when it strikes a man. 6 In those days men will seek death and will not find it; they will desire to die, and death will flee from them.

7 The shape of the locusts was like horses prepared for battle. On their heads were crowns of something like gold, and their faces were like the faces of men. 8 They had hair like women's hair, and their teeth were like lions' teeth. 9 And they had breastplates like breastplates of iron, and the sound of their wings was like the sound of chariots with many horses running into battle. 10 They had tails like scorpions, and there were stings in their tails. Their power was to hurt men five months.

11 And they had as king over them the angel of the bottomless pit, whose name in Hebrew is Abaddon, but in Greek he has the name Apollyon. 12 One woe is past. Behold, still two more woes are coming after these things.

A. Satan is allowed by God to open the _____ pit.

What is this bottomless pit? Let me share some background with you.

Gen 6:2 tells us that the _____ took wives of the daughters of men.

Some think that this means that godly descendants of Seth married wicked descendants of _____.

The Hebrew phrase for “sons of God” (bene elohim) appears three other times in Scripture all in the Book of Job.

Job 1:6 Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan also came among them.

Job 2:1 Again there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan came also among them to present himself before the LORD.

Job 38:7 When the morning stars sang together, And all the sons of God shouted for joy?

In each of these cases “the sons of God” clearly means the _____. These references could not possibly mean the descendants of Seth.

Ancient translators of the Bible and the earliest Christian writers understood this passage in Genesis as a reference to fallen angels which are called _____. Apparently the demons possessed wicked, godless men and led them to take wicked women as wives. The demonic control resulted in _____ of abnormal size and unusual ability, but always used against God. Such happenings were not so much the _____ of the wickedness of the time as indicative of it, for no one is possessed and used of Satan who is possessed and used of God.

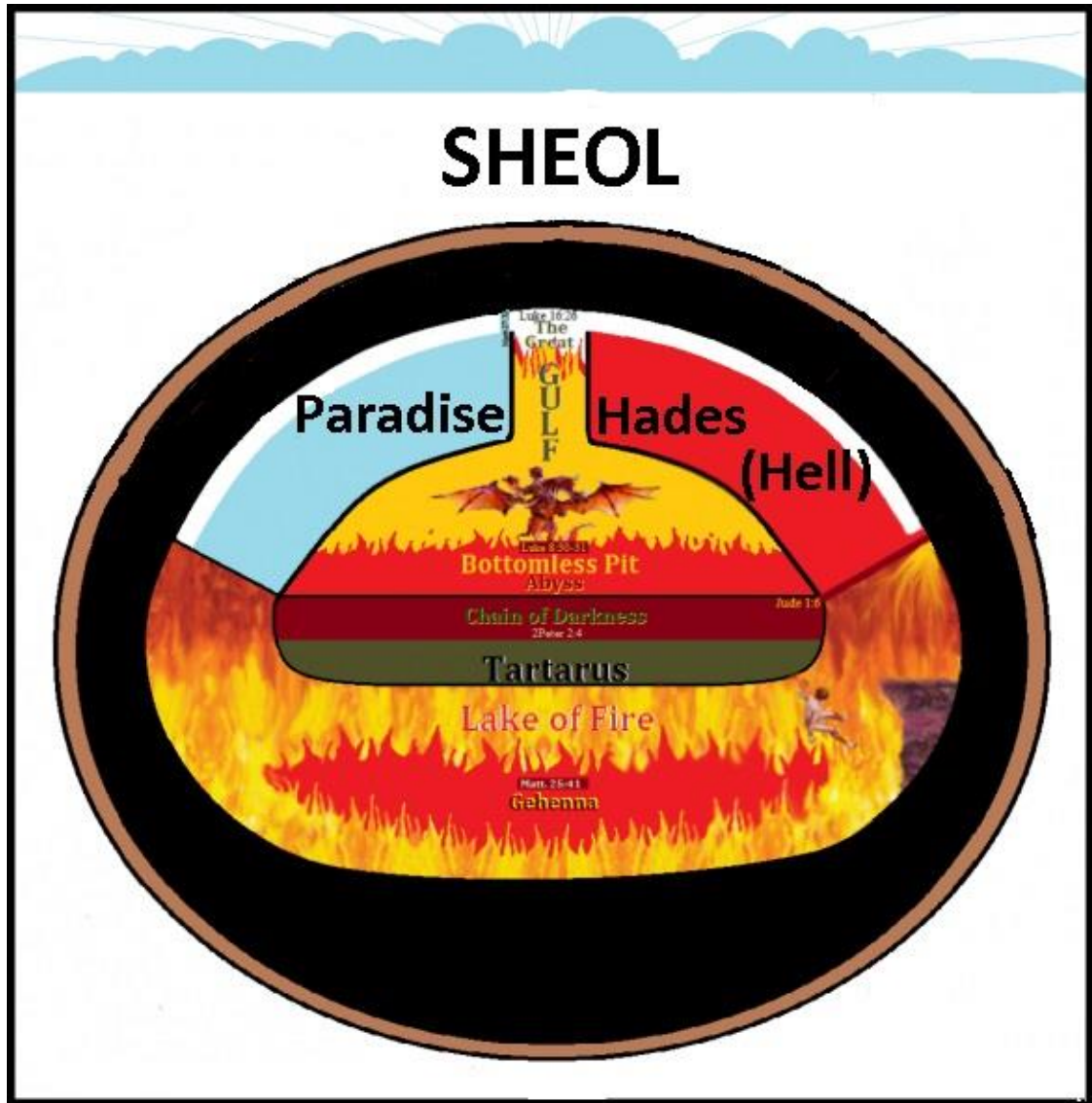
This understanding causes verse 4 of Gen. 6 to make sense also. If this is just intermarriage between the descendants of Seth and Cain, why the offspring who are giants or who have other special characteristics?

That the “sons of God” refers to angels, and in this case, _____ angels, also explains

1 Peter 3:18–20 18 For Christ also suffered once for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive by the Spirit, 19 by whom also He went and preached to the **spirits in prison**, 20 who formerly were disobedient, when once the Divine longsuffering waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight souls, were saved through water.

2 Peter 2:4 For if **God did not spare the angels who sinned**, but cast them down to hell and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved for judgment;

Jude 6 And **the angels who did not keep their proper domain**, but left their own abode, He has reserved in everlasting chains under darkness for the judgment of the great day;



These fallen angels were put in chains in the abyss, also called the _____ pit and Tartarus, which is located in the center of the earth. The abyss is in the very heart of Sheol, the abode of the dead.

Before Jesus made atonement for sin on the cross and rose from the dead, taking His own blood into the heavenly Holy of Holies, making an eternal redemption for those who trust in Him – before Christ did this, _____ who died went to Sheol. But those who believed God’s promise of a coming Messiah went to Paradise, a place of _____ and waiting. Those who did not believe went to Hell or Hades, a place of flame and torment. Between the

two was a great gulf so that no one could pass from one side to the other. At the bottom of the gulf is the abyss, the _____ house of fallen angels. Not every demon is there, only those who sinned so grievously against God in the days of Noah. However other demons fear the place. That is why the demons cast out of Legion, begged Jesus not to send them to the abyss.

Luke 8:30–32 30 Jesus asked him, saying, “What is your name?” And he said, “Legion,” because many demons had entered him. 31 And they begged Him that He would not command them to go out into the **abyss**. 32 Now a herd of many swine was feeding there on the mountain. So they begged Him that He would permit them to enter them. And He permitted them.

Now, Luke 16:19-31 makes sense also. (Paradise was also called Abraham’s _____ because Abraham was there!)

Luke 16:19–31 19 “There was a certain rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and fared sumptuously every day.

20 But there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, full of sores, who was laid at his gate, 21 desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man’s table. Moreover the dogs came and licked his sores.

22 So it was that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels to Abraham’s bosom. The rich man also died and was buried.

23 And being in torments in Hades, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom.

24 “Then he cried and said, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus that he may dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame.’

25 But Abraham said, ‘Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things; but now he is comforted and you are tormented.

26 And besides all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed, so that those who want to pass from here to you cannot, nor can those from there pass to us.’

27 “Then he said, ‘I beg you therefore, father, that you would send him to my father’s house,

28 for I have five brothers, that he may testify to them, lest they also come to this place of torment.’

29 Abraham said to him, ‘They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them.’

30 And he said, ‘No, father Abraham; but if one goes to them from the dead, they will repent.’

31 But he said to him, ‘If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded though one rise from the dead.’ ”

By the way, after Jesus rose from the dead, Paradise was _____ from Sheol to the Third Heaven.

2 Corinthians 12:2–4 2 I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago— whether in the body I do not know, or whether out of the body I do not know, God knows—such a one was **caught up to the third heaven**. 3 And I know such a man—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows— 4 how he was **caught up into Paradise** and heard inexpressible words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter.

1. So, the bottomless pit that will be opened is the _____ for the demons who sinned grievously in Noah's day. (1 Pet. 3:19, Jude 6)
 2. The pit is also a furnace.
- B. Out come these _____ creatures whose general appearance is like that of a locust. But they have...
1. a shape like a _____ arrayed for battle
 2. appearance of gold-colored crowns upon their heads
 3. faces like men's faces
 4. long hair
 5. _____-like teeth
 6. breastplates like iron
 7. noisy wings
 8. scorpion-like tails that sting
 - a. cannot kill
 - b. painful torment for _____ months
 9. The leader of this demonic band is "Destroyer."
 10. Those with the seal of God on their forehead are protected.

III. GOD CONTROLS THE _____ OF THE EARTH (SIXTH TRUMPET) Rev. 9:13-21

- A. Four other demons are loosed.
- B. They stir up an army of _____ soldiers.
- C. The horses on which they traveled were probably some kind of military machine, possibly tanks (9:17).
- D. They kill _____ of mankind as they move from east to west.
- E. This is possibly the Chinese army!

As the Lord persuaded Ahab to go to his death battle at Ramoth Gilead, so He will cause this great army to move across the earth to accomplish His bidding.

CONCLUSION: A thought for our day: When we sin against the Lord God of heaven, we have offended the One who controls heaven and earth, the demons, and all _____.