

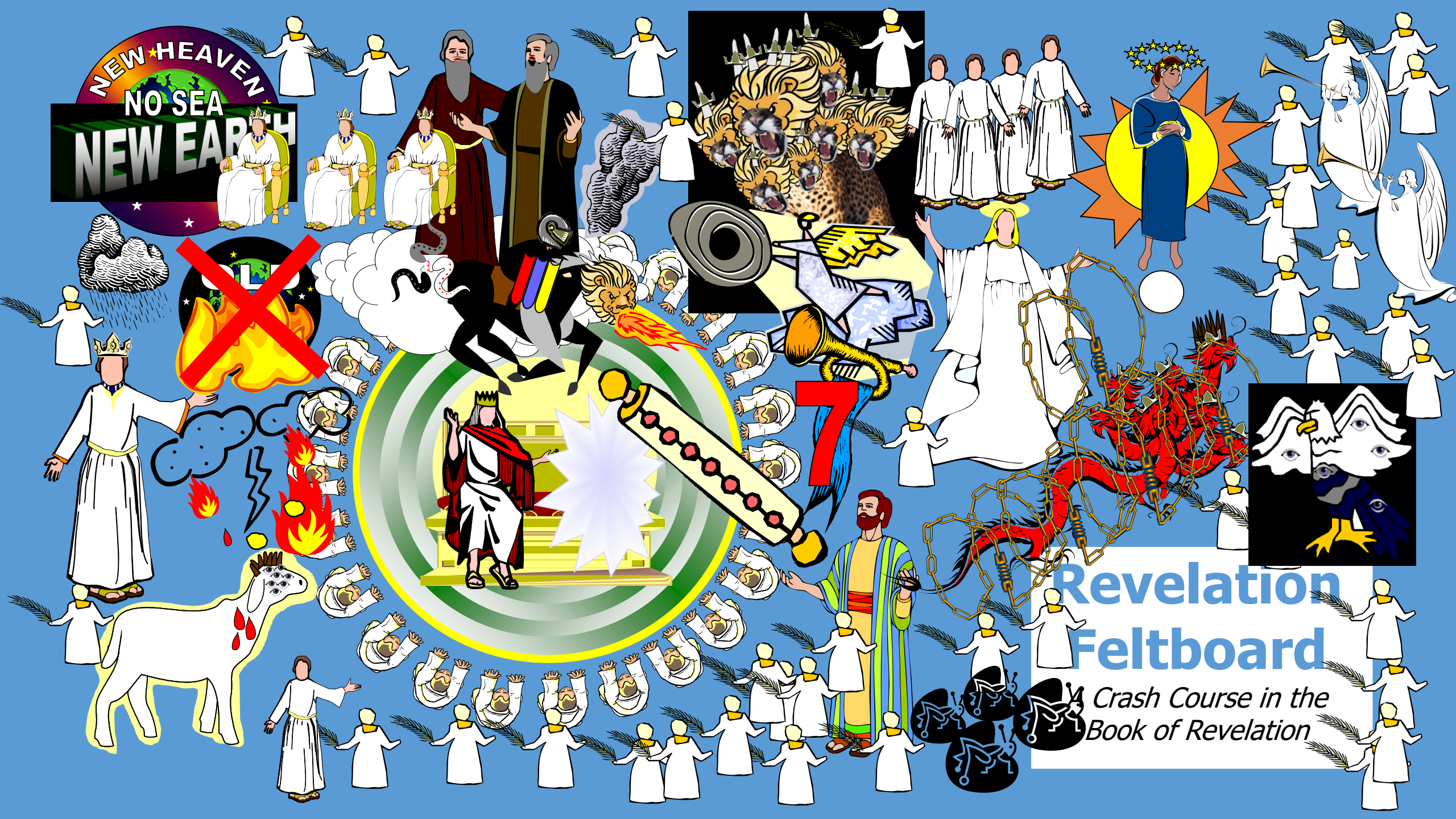


REPENT

“And they did not repent... .”

Revelation 9:21

NEW HEAVEN
NO SEA
NEW EARTH

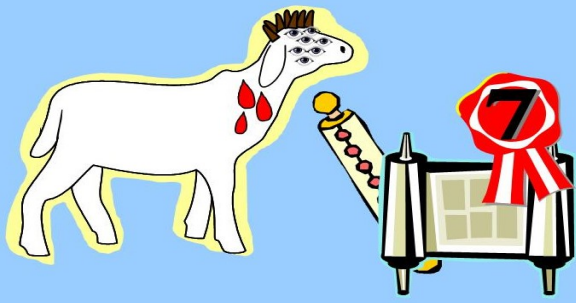


Revelation
Feltboard
Crash Course in the
Book of Revelation

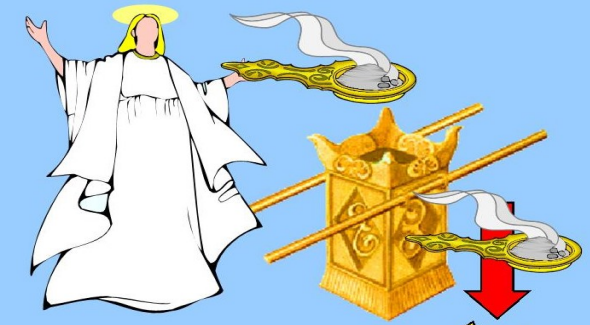
A large crater filled with molten lava, with the text "Revelation 9" overlaid in white cursive.

Revelation 9

Hell belches...



SILENCE
"1/2 Hour" Interlude



noises!
thunderings!
lightning!
earthquake!



1/3

ALL



1/3 blood
1/3 died
1/3 destroyed



Wormwood
1/3 bitter



X 1/3 X
X 1/3 X



Revelation 8

"Woe, woe, woe to the inhabitants of the earth, because of the remaining blasts of the trumpet of the three angels who are about to sound!"

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.

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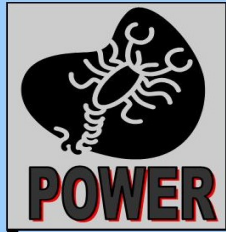
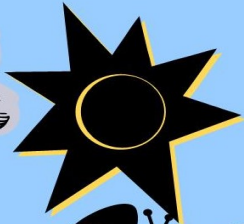
¹⁷ And thus I saw the horses in the vision: those who sat on them had breastplates of fiery red, hyacinth blue, and sulfur yellow; and the heads of the horses were like the heads of lions; and out of their mouths came fire, smoke, and brimstone. ¹⁸ By these three plagues a third of mankind was killed—by the fire and the smoke and the brimstone which came out of their mouths. ¹⁹ 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.

²⁰ 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. ²¹ And they did not repent of their murders or their sorceries or their sexual immorality or their thefts.



1st Woe

5



Do NOT harm
GRASS, TREES
Any green thing

ONLY NO SEAL
TORMENT
do NOT KILL
5 Months

Death will flee



6

2nd Woe



"Release the four angels who are bound at the great river Euphrates."



1/3 mankind killed

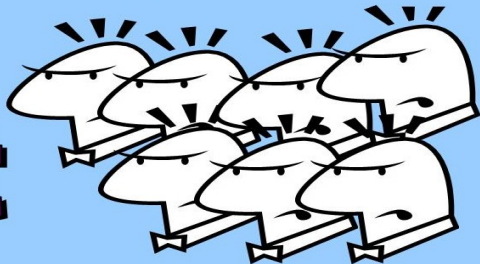


3 Plagues

200 Million



Did NOT Repent




Revelation 9



Trumpet Judgments Continue

- First 4 Trumpets fell on **nature**
- Last 3 on **humankind** (*5-6 demonic origin/source*)
- Continuation of chapter 8, Trumpet Judgments (*last three*), more “woes” and unrepentant mankind.
- 3 woes generally thought to be LAST half (3½ yrs) of Tribulation. Jesus called “Great Tribulation.”

An angel in white robes is shown from the back, blowing a long trumpet. The scene is set against a dramatic, fiery sky with a bright star falling from the upper right towards the bottom center. The overall color palette is dominated by oranges, reds, and yellows, creating a sense of divine fire and judgment.

¹Then 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.

Revelation 9:1

- Don't have to speculate long about star. Told star = "him" –personage, "star" is supernatural.
- Star has "fallen from heaven"
- First guess? Satan himself; others?

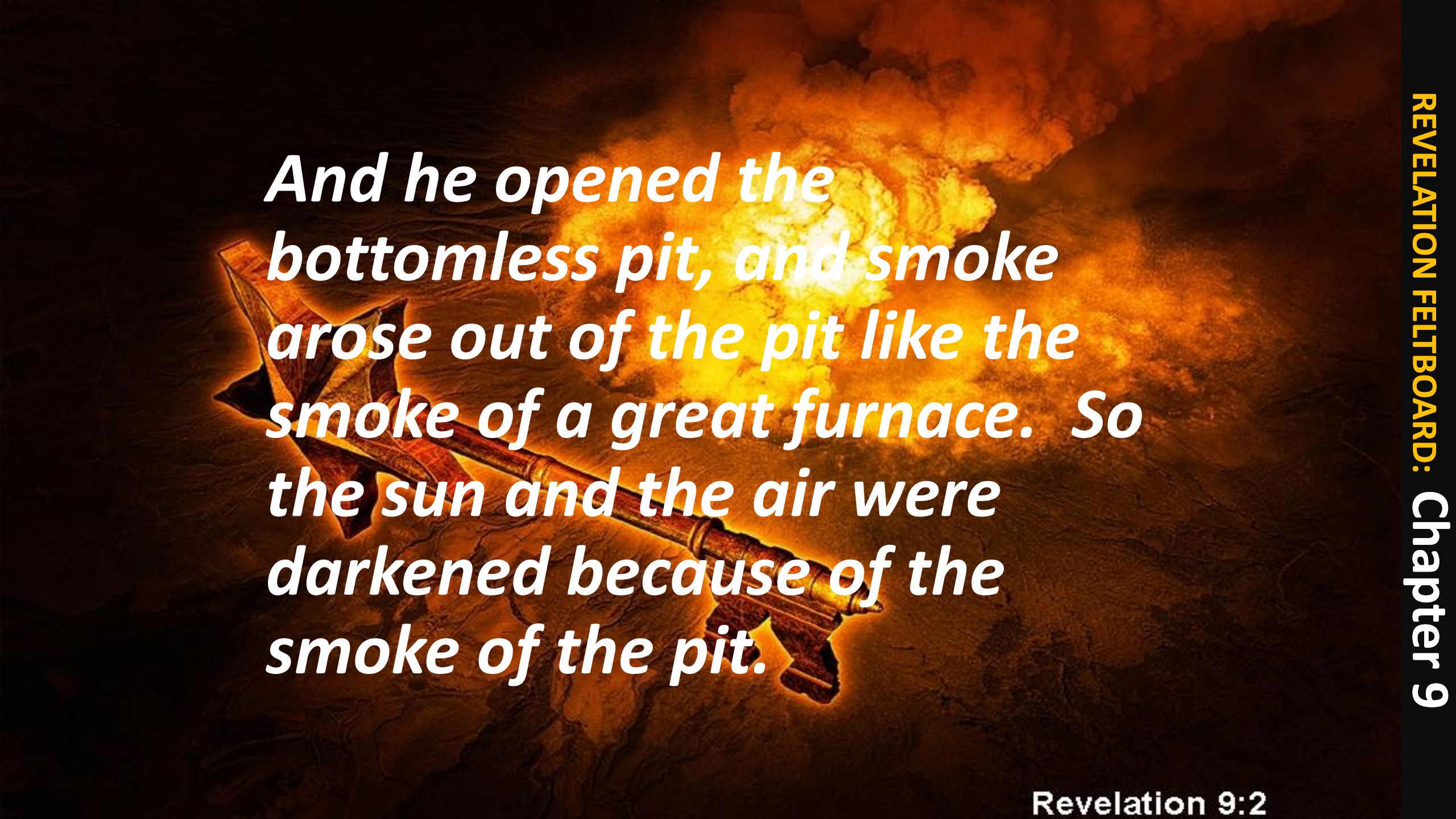
Keep in mind as we look at goals of final world ruler later.



¹²“How you are fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! How you are cut down to the ground, You who weakened the nations! ¹³ For you have said in your heart: ‘I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God; I will also sit on the mount of the congregation On the farthest sides of the north; ¹⁴ I will ascend above the heights of the clouds, I will be like the Most High.’ ¹⁵ Yet you shall be brought down to Sheol, To the lowest depths of the Pit. (Isaiah 14:12-15)

- “Star” **most likely Enemy** (*but could be other fallen*). Here given key to “bottomless pit.”
- **What is this pit?** Probably not Sheol, word = *abuosso*, meaning (abyss), “bottomless pit.” Not same word used for Hell, Hades, Sheol.
- 9X in NT (7 in Revelation), 30 X in OT. Angels fallen (sinned) sent here (see Genesis 6:2, 4; 2 Peter 2:4; Jude 6) **Demons beg to avoid this pit** (Luke 8:31).
- Place of confinement of evil supernatural beings.
- After “many days” *abuosso* “visited” (Isaiah 24:21-22); Satan imprisoned there (Revelation 20:10)

- Later key in hands of “good” angel (ch. 20)
- Fallen angels = “wandering stars” in Jude:
“...wandering stars for whom is reserved the blackness of darkness forever.”
- Together with other fallen angels unleash first two “woes.” (*5th and 6th trumpets*)
- **Other possibilities** – “good” angel doing God’s will, or another fallen angel. Not a meteorite or other inanimate object. Definite personage.
- Don’t know exact identity, *focus on results, not identity.*



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.

- “Bottomless pit” – “*abussos*” First time used, Jesus/demon possessed man (Luke 8:26-39), demons begged Yeshua not to send them to abyss (*abussos*, same word)
- Matthew’s account (8:29) *“What have we to do with You, Jesus, You Son of God? Have You come here to torment us before the time?”*
- Aware of future assignment to abyss (“bottomless pit”) – during Millennial Kingdom (*along with Enemy*)

- Revelation 11:7 and 17:8 - beast that kills God's two witnesses and persecutes His people also "ascends from the bottomless pit."
- Smoke may be literal, darken skies, but likely also **symbolizes spiritual darkness**, and demonic pollution *unlike anything we can imagine.*
- "Shaft" (*more precise interpretation*) to abyss, place that confines evil beings now open. ***It has not been open before.*** Marks major change in what transpires on earth.
- Here comes first "woe."

Revelation 9:3-10

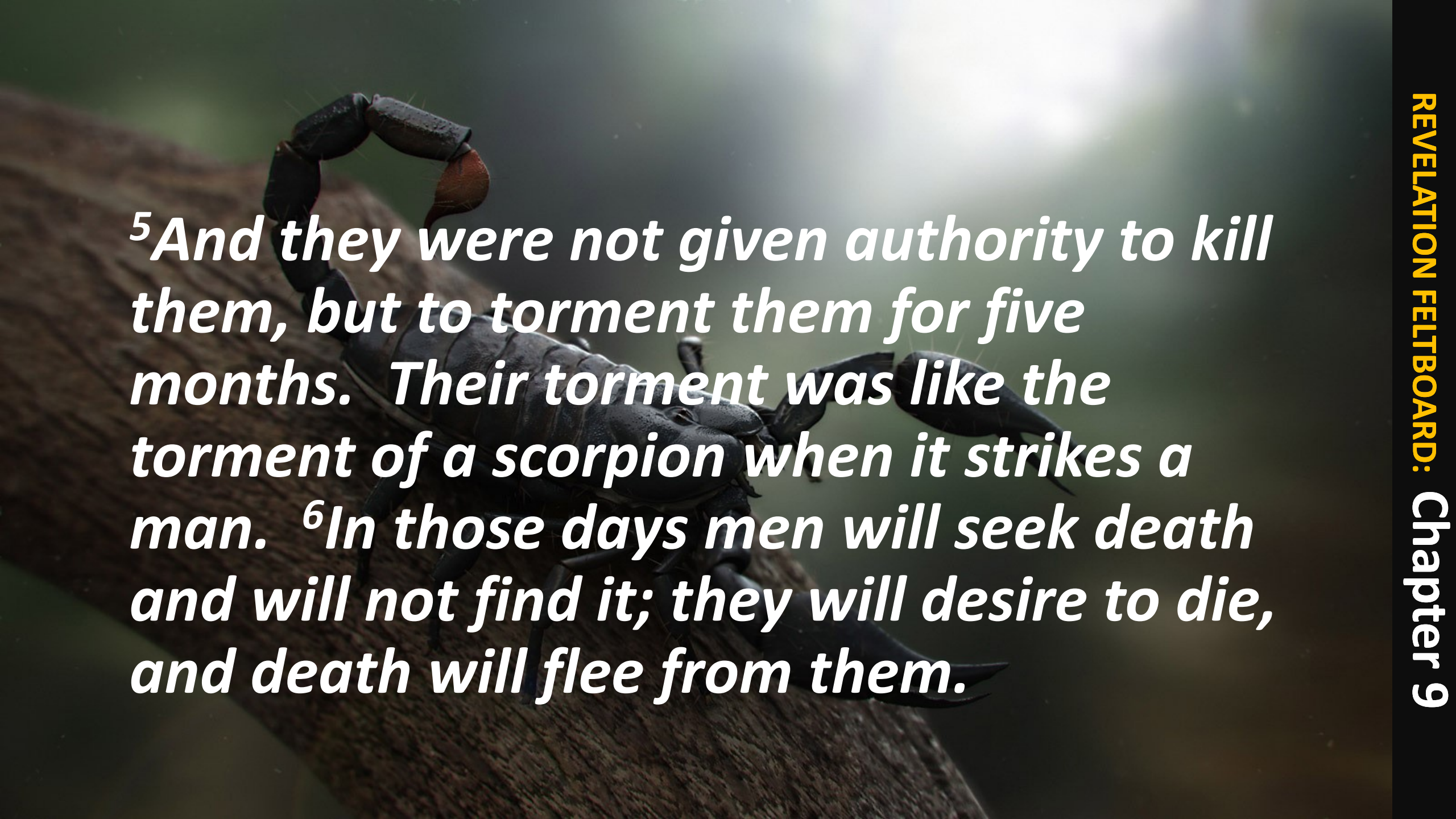
³ Then out of the smoke locusts came upon the earth. And to them was given power, as the scorpions of the earth have power.

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.

- Obviously **supernatural**. No natural locusts like these.
- Given power (*lit. “authority”*), but **not power of natural locusts**, to strip earth of all “green things.”
- Commanded NOT to harm “green things.” Could only torment humans –*without seal of God*.
- God, *in His mercy*, does not allow demonic horde to further harm greenery, already severely damaged. Without those few “green things” left, human life could not continue.
- First 4 trumpets focused on “nature” (natural world)
Last 3 on humanity.

BIG QUESTIONS:

- Do ALL believers have the seal?
- Will some be subjected to this torment?
- Are just the 144,000 exempt?
- This passage leads some to *suggest* all believers are sealed. (?) We just don't know.
- “Torment” literally = *to punish by physical torment*.
- Implies divine judgment, something believers are not subject to.
- Therefore, many conclude this judgment upon unbelievers only.

A scorpion is shown in profile, resting on a dark, textured wooden surface. The scorpion's body is dark, and its pincers are a reddish-brown color. The background is a bright, hazy light source, possibly the sun, creating a strong lens flare effect. The overall scene is dramatic and somewhat ominous.

⁵And 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. ⁶In those days men will seek death and will not find it; they will desire to die, and death will flee from them.

- John used word for “locusts” here. Keep in mind, John describing *what he sees*, not what he knows.
- **Uses “like”** a great deal, but not here. These appear to be actual, physical (*yet demonic*) locusts.
- Natural **locusts do amazing damage**. 1866 locust plague in Algiers resulted in 200,000 deaths from starvation, resulting famine.
- **Imagine what demonic, supernatural locusts do to ravage a person’s body and soul, like they normally ravage vegetation?**

- Locusts in scripture = **tools of destruction and judgment.**
- A literal plague in Egypt. Referenced as both literal and symbolic in Joel: *“What the chewing locust left, the swarming locust has eaten; what the swarming locust left, the crawling locust has eaten; And what the crawling locust left, the consuming locust has eaten.”* (Joel 1:4)
- Joel lamenting over devastating actual locust plague. Later associates locust destruction with punishment, discipline, judgment.

- Locusts here may be real, but **don't resemble anything ever seen**. Description later reveals NOT normal locusts!
- Locusts don't normally bite like scorpions.
- Scorpion bite very painful, leaves victim either very ill, in pain, *even dead*.
- While perhaps in physical form, are demonic, allowed by God to drive mankind closer to a firm decision – **either with Him or against Him.**

- Were “commanded” – **given limited powers.** God granted, *and limited*, their power, as He does with everything...and **yes, everyone.**
- Allowed to cause pain, great suffering, but not death.
- Only **allowed to torment 5 months.** No one seems to know significance of time period. Most likely literal. Significance may be known when it happens.
- Time = “hope” to tormented – *limited time only.*

**Revelation
will act as
guide
book for
those who
go
through
this time.**



- Remember, although very painful time, God allows, (even orchestrates) to drive people to Him.
- Entire time of “Jacob’s Trouble” = period of grace. **YES, grace.** People will come to Him in larger numbers than ever in all history. God desires that NONE perish. He will push mankind to crushing point, where the spirit either submits, willingly, or continues to rebel against Him to ultimate permanent separation from Him.
- *Next, bizarre description of these unnatural locusts...*

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.



Artists have had a field day trying to capture what these things look like...

- **Pretty weird locusts!**
- NOTICE *“likes”* in this passage. John never seen anything *like* this before.
- Nothing comes close, except describing various parts compared to something else he knows: **crowns, faces like men, hair like women (*implies long hair*), teeth like a lion, breastplates of iron, wings that sound like chariots with many horses, tails like scorpions...**
- **Imagine John’s (or anyone’s!) fright at these creatures!**

- **Natural locusts** have heads that look like horses (*sort of !*) Bodies appear armored.
- German = *heupferd* meaning “hay-horse,” Italian term *cavaletta* means “little horse.”
- Hebrew, called the “*lopper, shearer, swarmer, finisher, annihilator, galloper, and creaker.*”





Easy to see how some think these locusts could be military hardware – bombers, helicopters, tanks or other military monstrosities.

TORMENT?

- Other aircraft “sting” from their tails, too.
- Face, pilot viewed through cockpit?



- Others believe **appear literally**, as John describes. (*“Left Behind Series” – LaHaye...*)
- **8th plague of Egypt**, ate herbs/plants, would not be repeated (*at least to this level*) again: *“And the locusts went up over all the land of Egypt and rested on all the territory of Egypt. They were very severe; previously there had been no such locusts as they, nor shall there be such after them. ¹⁵ For they covered the face of the whole earth, so that the land was darkened; and they ate every herb of the land and all the fruit of the trees which the hail had left. So there remained nothing green on the trees or on the plants of the field throughout all the land of Egypt.”* (Exodus 10:14-15)

Revelation 9:11

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.

- Very interesting note, Proverbs 30:27 – *“The locusts have no king, yet they all advance in ranks...”*
Seems an odd thing in scripture, unless to inform us these are NOT natural locusts (*everything in scripture for a reason!*)
- **THESE locusts have a king!** Even told his name.
- **“Abaddon”** Hebrew = a destroying angel, or symbolic of Sheol/Hades
- **“Apollyon”** Greek = the destroyer. Some say *HaSatan* (Heb. “The Accuser”) others say another powerful destroying angel.

- Don't know definite identity of this "king." *May also be powerful archangel of fallen angels.*
- Literally "**locusts from hell.**" *"A visual representation of the hordes of demons loosed upon the earth."* (Walvoord)
- Don't know duration of other judgments, except they are *most likely* cumulative, but this one lasts a set period of time – 5 months.
- **Just the FIRST woe.** Should be large harvest of souls as this torment will likely drive people to God. *However, many will just as readily harden their hearts against Him.*

Revelation 9:13

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

- 6th Trumpet Judgment, second woe. (*7th Trumpet, containing all Bowl Judgments, = 3rd and final woe.*)
- “Four angels...” In scripture, **number 4 associated with creation:**
 - ❑ 4 elements (earth, air, fire, water)
 - ❑ 4 ordinal directions (North, East, West, South) [4 corners of earth]
 - ❑ 4 seasons (Spring, Summer, Fall, Winter)
 - ❑ 4 divisions of the day (Morning, Noon, Evening, Midnight)
 - ❑ 4 living creatures in this book.



- Apparently **wicked angels**, bound, must be loosed. *Speculation: who are they?* Those who **corrupted “gene pool”** in Genesis 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.”* (Jude 6)
- *“did not keep their proper domain”* may be those **“sons of God”** (*always angels!*) in **Genesis 6**.
- However, those may be “reserved” for own judgment, not used to judge others. Don’t know.

- Jesus said, *“But as the days of Noah were, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be.”* (Matthew 24:37). Is this about these angels (Nephilim)?
- Much can be implied about this (*including evil times then and now*)
- **“Golden altar”** = altar of incense (ch. 8) in front of curtain (*now gone*) that separated Holy Place from Holy of Holies. Always = prayers of saints.
- **“Horns” of the altar** – both altar of burnt offering (courtyard) and golden altar, *altar of incense*, had horns at each corner.

- Horns on altar significant.
- In scripture **symbolize power**. Altar of incense also symbolizes prayer. Righteous prayers before God are very powerful. (James 5:16)
- Souls under altar in chapter 6 (5th seal) crying **“how long?” for God’s ultimate vengeance.**



HORNS OF THE ALTAR

- Fugitives seeking asylum cling to horns of brazen altar (Adonijah, 1 Kings 1:50) safe from someone seeking revenge for injury/death of someone else.
- True if person who committed violence did so unwittingly, or without prior meditation (*an accident, priests would intervene on their behalf*).
- On other occasions (*such as consecration of Aaron and sons, Exodus 29:12, and sin offering for one of the people of the land, Leviticus 4:30*), horns touched with sacrificial blood.

HORNS OF THE ALTAR

- Altar of incense also had 4 horns. Touched with blood for sin offering for high priest, or for whole congregation, if they had sinned unwittingly (Leviticus 4:7,18).
- Also cases where God *would not* protect one who tried to seek asylum at horns of the altar = outright murder, or wrong intentions.
- **God did not spare those who spilled blood of others intentionally.**

- Term in OT for someone seeking revenge for such violence = **Avenger of Blood** (11 X OT).
- Avenger of a person's blood considered *justified in killing someone who had killed another*.
- Perhaps voice from 4 horns of altar indicates all those martyrs from chapter 6 (*seen also in chapter 7*) finally avenged.
- But this is a voice of authority.
- God is justified in destroying the wicked.



- **Euphrates significant.** Divides east from west. In Garden, site of 1st murder, 1st war, Tower of Babel.
- Greatest river boundary in scripture, often symbolic of Israel's enemies from the north.
- *Northern* boundary of Israel.
- Often in OT, but only here in NT.
- **6th Bowl Judgment**, River “dried up” to make way for “kings of east,” ultimate Battle of Armageddon (16:12)





Some have interesting interpretations of River Euphrates meaning, and the four angels prepared for these moments in history...

A glowing Earth is shown against a dark blue space background. The Earth is illuminated from the right, showing the Americas. At the bottom of the Earth, there is a bright, fiery explosion or fire. Numerous small, glowing numbers (1-9) are scattered around the explosion, appearing to float or fall. The text is overlaid on the left side of the image.

15 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.

- “...who had been prepared for the **hour and day and month and year ...**” Reminder of incredible, eternal, unchanging precision of Plan of God. **Entire plan perfect, to last hour, day, month, year.**
- **These angels kill 1/3 mankind.** ¼ of mankind killed in previous judgments, *perhaps more not mentioned.*
- Now less than half original world population. **God purging earth of unregenerate mankind.**

“I will punish the world for its evil, And the wicked for their iniquity; I will halt the arrogance of the proud, And will lay low the haughtiness of the terrible. I will make a mortal more rare than fine gold...”
(Isaiah 13:11-12)

2016 = 7.3 BILLION
CURRENT Population

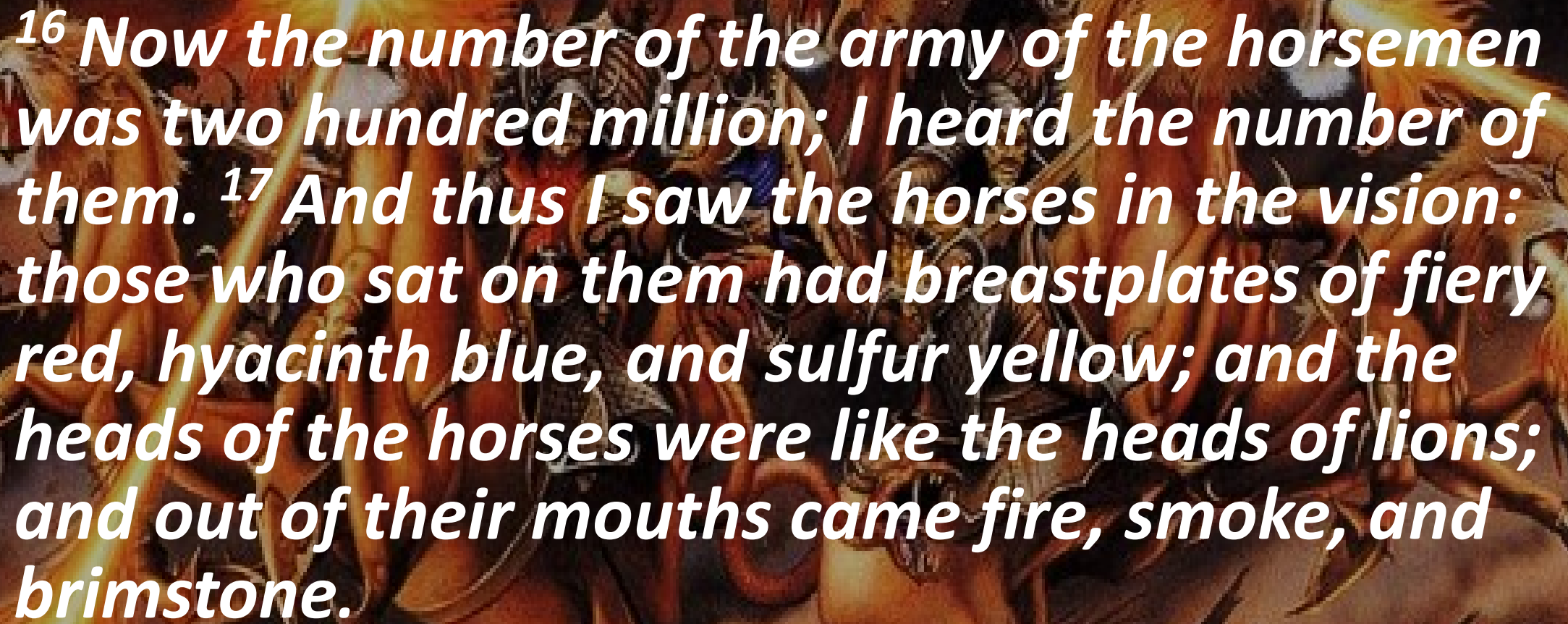
4TH SEAL = KILL 1/4
Revelation 6:8

6TH TRUMPET = KILL 1/3
Revelation 9:15

7 VIALS OF WRATH
“People rarer than fine gold”
Isaiah 13:12, Revelation Ch16



- People (*believers*) alive through Tribulation will eventually enter Millennial Kingdom (*only believers, rest killed at final battle*).
- Unbelievers NOT left alive to populate Kingdom.
- Perhaps in 6th Trumpet judgment God “**cleaning house**” after 5th Trumpet (*demonic locusts*).
- Perhaps these = unbelievers who would not turn to God even after torment of locusts.
- **ALL SPECULATION!**



16 Now the number of the army of the horsemen was two hundred million; I heard the number of them. 17 And thus I saw the horses in the vision: those who sat on them had breastplates of fiery red, hyacinth blue, and sulfur yellow; and the heads of the horses were like the heads of lions; and out of their mouths came fire, smoke, and brimstone.

Now a weird, supernatural army!



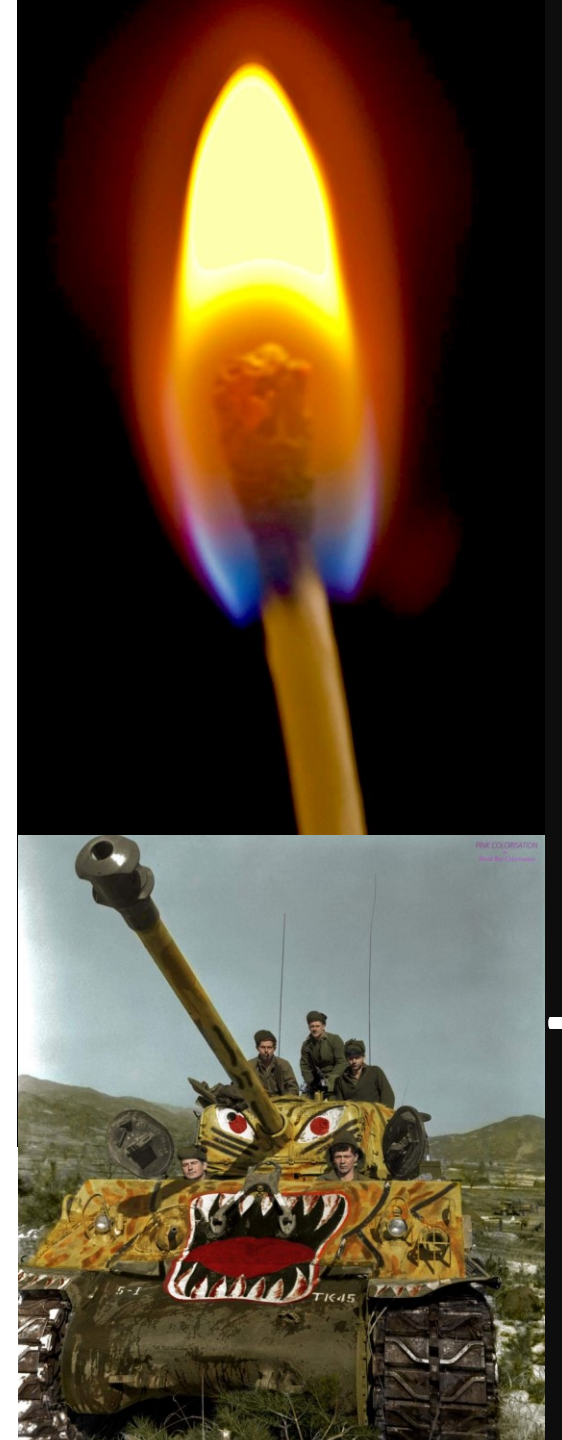
200 Million

- John hears number of this supernatural army = **200 million.**
- Many speculate China can now field army this size, therefore *they say* army may refer to China
- Some believe = army of “**kings of the East**” in chapter 16.

- Description of “horsemen” seems to indicate **supernatural, perhaps demonic**, realm.
- Could it be military hardware (or something else) he’s never seen before?
- ***And, perhaps like nothing we’ve ever seen before either.***



- Horses (not *LIKE* horses)
- Riders/breastplates (*seemingly, or appearing human?*)
- Breastplates **fiery red, hyacinth blue, sulfur yellow** (*are these national flags?? Or coalition?*)
- OR **colors of fire, flames.**
- Horse heads like heads of lions.
- Fire, smoke and brimstone (*burning sulfur*) from “mouths” (*weaponry?*)



- **Supernatural armies** appeared before in scripture: 1) Horses/chariot of fire took Elijah to heaven (2 Kings 2:11) and 2) Dothan besieged by Syria, God opened Elijah's servant's eyes to see the horses and chariots of fire (2 Kings 6:13-17)
- Don't know **association these horsemen have with 4 angels** released in this judgment. Do know they are destructive. Perhaps they command horsemen.
- **Warfare in spiritual world**, ongoing. (more in chapter 12, also Daniel 10, etc.) *Seen and unseen?*



Angel who visited Daniel in chapter 10 of that book was “detained” by “*Prince of Persia.*” Battle in spiritual realm.

“But the prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me twenty-one days; and behold, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me, for I had been left alone there with the kings of Persia.”
(Daniel 10:13)

- Because we can't "see" supernatural forces, tendency not to believe they exist. *Years ago we couldn't see viruses or bacteria either.*
- Don't let personal unbelief or preconceptions get in way of truth.
- Best **stick to literal interpretation** even though doesn't seem like anything we know yet.
- Remember John a **first century guy** trying to describe/words what he is seeing happen thousands of years later - *in a vision*.

18 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. 19 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.

3 Plagues: 1/3 killed

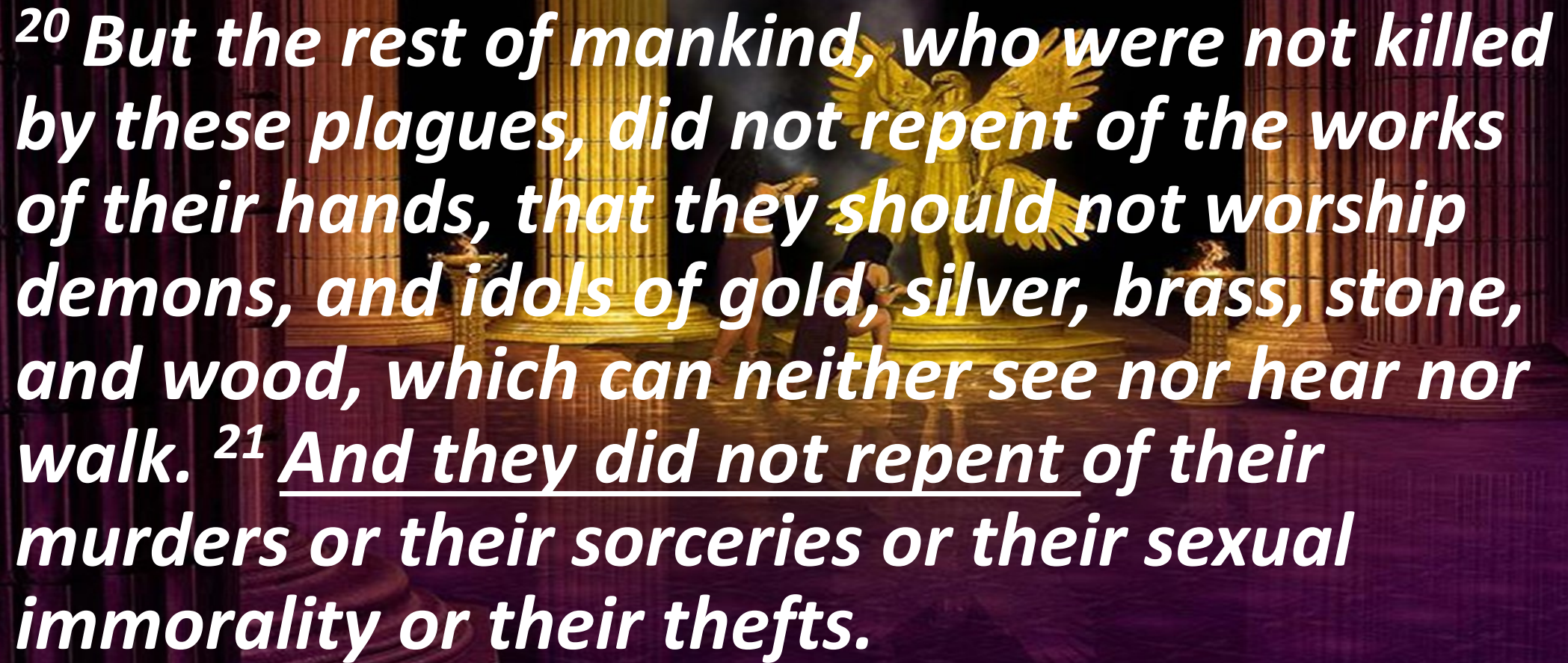
- Keep in mind **still in 6th Trumpet** judgment. 4 angels, strange horsemen all part of this judgment.
- Demonic, effect on earth will be terrifying.
- These judgments not “remedial” – to *change* behavior. **They are “retributive” – intended for judgment** and punishment.

- 3 things called **“three plagues”** – **fire, smoke, and brimstone**. 1/3 of mankind killed by them (*1/3 of what is left at this point!*)
- **We don’t know how these deaths will happen**, perhaps through environmental disasters, dangerous pollution, fires, etc.
- “Brimstone” = burning sulfur. Fireworks = this smell. Creates sulfur dioxide, very toxic gas.
- ***Again...avoid speculation!*** Gets us nowhere but confused.



Description of horsemen and ability to kill beyond our comprehension, even our speculation. Best to remember literal description, refrain from wild speculation. Still many things we just do not know.



A dramatic scene set in a grand, dimly lit temple with tall, fluted columns. In the center, a large, golden eagle statue with its wings spread stands on a pedestal. Several figures are gathered around the statue, some appearing to be in a state of worship or prayer. The lighting is focused on the eagle, creating a strong contrast with the dark surroundings.

20 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. 21 And they did not repent of their murders or their sorceries or their sexual immorality or their thefts.

- **Perhaps saddest verses in scripture.**
- God has gone to amazing lengths to get **mankind's attention** – very dramatic displays of His power (*and allowing Enemy to display his also*). **Yet unregenerate mankind continues to run from Him, and pursue sin.**
- Jeremiah 17:9 – *“The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked; Who can know it?”*
- **World knows at this point what is happening, and most likely WHO is doing it.**

- **Height of foolishness and rebellion.** *“But the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.”*
(1 Corinthians 2:14)
- God makes Himself clear, but people do not want to turn to Him.
- Remaining half of world’s population **continues in unrepentant state.**

Told exactly what sins are:

1. Works of their hands – words indicate “hollowness” or “grasping” for things that cannot be obtained. Money, power, fame, etc.
 - Pride in own power and accomplishments. May also refer to “idols” – also works of own hands.



- 2. Occult practices/worship, worship of demons, idols.**
- *Consider things some think “innocent” – lucky charms, horoscopes, Ouija boards, paranormal – all things forbidden by God, of occult.*
 - Occult practices will become even worse in this time.
 - Open Satanism/Paganism increasing already.



3. Murders - literal, killing of humans (*can include abortions, “mercy killings,” euthanasia, etc., and senseless taking of human life in any way*)



4. Sorceries – (Gr. *pharmakeion*) Where we get “pharmacy.” = drug use.

- Some interpret as occultic practices but likely about drug use, may coincide with sinful practices.
- Will become huge in Tribulation, both to escape pain, but also part of false “religious” experiences.



5. Sexual immorality –Society rampantly sexually immoral already. Will only get worse.

- We exalt what is forbidden, and condemn what is righteous. *“Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil; Who put darkness for light, and light for darkness; Who put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!”* (Isaiah 5:20)



6. Thefts (Gr. *klemmon*, from *klepto*) stealing or “filching” of anything, including identities.

- Culture based on stealing, deception (*deceptive business practices, etc.*). Riches, no matter how obtained, exalted.



- **Notice 6 things listed.** Six = number for unregenerate man, incomplete without God.
- These include every sin in the book. What man turns to instead of God. Man puts himself on the throne instead of God.
- And, is what will condemn him when his **life works compared with the Law** (*his chosen form of judgment – only two, either Law or Grace.*)
- **QUOTE: “This was no longer about ignorance. It was about choice.”** (*Apollyon by LaHaye and Jenkins, “Left Behind Series”*)

COMMENTARY: *“The Bible tells us the “the heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked; who can know it?” (Jeremiah 17:9) The book of Revelation certainly answers the oft-stated suggestion of individuals that “what man needs is a second chance after death.” During the tribulation man will have unprecedented opportunity to see the omnipotent hand of God working in the affairs of men, yet he will stubbornly persist in his rebellion against God and his rejection of Jesus Christ. That is seen by the fact that, in spite of the destruction of half of the world’s population and one-third of the world’s vegetation, light, and water supply, man will not repent of his stubborn heart and sinful practices...The tribulation population instead will embrace the pleasure of sin for a season and damn their immortal souls in the process.” (LaHaye)*

- Important to note **deception will increase**. *“But evil men and imposters will grow worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived.”* (2 Timothy 3:13)
- Consider these verses: *“The coming of the lawless one is according to the working of Satan, with all power, signs, and lying wonders, and with all unrighteous deception among those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved. And for this reason God will send them strong delusion, that they should believe the lie, that they all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness.”* (2 Thessalonians 2:9-12)

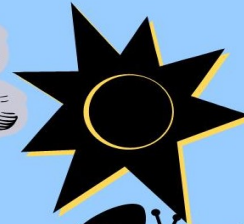
- What is THE LIE? That *we can be gods ourselves*, do whatever we want, like spoiled children in defiance/rebellion. **Same lie told in the Garden.** Leads to death, eternal separation from God.
- ***“There is a way that seems right to man, but its end is the way of death.”*** (Proverbs 16:25)
- These judgments/warnings frightening. They are supposed to be! Should humble, sober, correct and hopefully save mankind, including us!
- **Two woes now past. Third to come. First another interlude in chapter 10.**



1st Woe



5



Do NOT harm
GRASS, TREES
Any green thing

ONLY NO SEAL
TORMENT
do NOT KILL
5 Months

Death will flee



6

2nd Woe



"Release the four angels who are bound at the great river Euphrates."



1/3 mankind killed

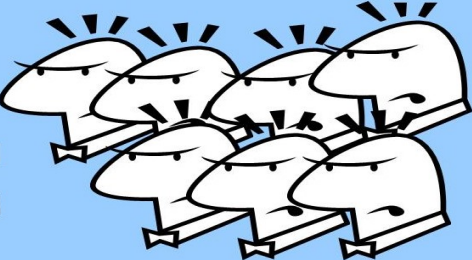


3 Plagues

200 Million



Did NOT Repent



Revelation 9



Yevarekh-kha Adonai veyishmerekha

May the LORD bless you and keep you

***Ya'er Adonai panav elekha
vihunneka***

May the LORD make His face shine upon you
and be gracious to you

***Yissa Adonai panav elekha viyasem
lekha shalom.***

May the LORD lift up His countenance upon you
and give you peace.