

Revelation Chapter Nine

The Final Trumpets

Food for Thought:

What will the raptured saints in heaven be doing while all these horrible events are unfolding upon the earth?

- ▶ Rejoicing that people are getting what they deserve?
- ▶ Watching with delight that people are suffering for rejecting God and for persecuting His people?

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Remember, God DOES NOT ENJOY allowing people to suffer and die.

Eze 33:11 As I live, saith the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked; but that the wicked turn from his way and live.

Nor will the heavenly saints be taking pleasure in the destruction of the wicked.

Food For Thought:

Here are what the heavenly saints WILL be doing:

1. Petitioning God to vindicate His holiness.

Rev 6:10 How long, O Lord, holy and true, dost thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth?

Note: This is not a prayer of personal VENGEANCE, but a prayer that God's JUSTICE would be accomplished.

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Here are what the heavenly saints WILL be doing:

2. Joining in the heavenly worship of God Almighty and of the Lamb.

Rev 7:10 And cried with a loud voice, saying, Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb.

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Here are what the heavenly saints WILL be doing:

“Those in heaven may be aware of the events on earth during this time, but they will be preoccupied with the WORSHIP of God and with the anticipation of the vindication of His holiness”

A Look Back:

Rev 8:13 And I beheld, and heard an angel flying through the midst of heaven, saying with a loud voice, Woe, woe, woe, to the inhabitants of the earth by reason of the other voices of the trumpet of the three angels, which are yet to sound!

- Whereas the first four trumpet judgments affected nature (earth, vegetation, salt water, fresh water, heavens) this next series of judgments will affect HUMANS personally.
- If there was any semblance of tolerability, things will now become intolerable.

And the fifth angel sounded, and I saw a star fall from heaven unto the earth: and to him was given the key of the bottomless pit.

This coincides with Rev 12:12

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.

Up to this point, Satan has had access to the
THRONE OF GOD

Job 1:6; Rev 12:10

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Why would God allow Satan the ability to come before Him and constantly accuse God's children?

1. For the building of their faith.

1Th 3:5 ...I sent to know your faith, lest by some means the tempter have tempted you, and our labour be in vain.

2. That Satan's mouth might be STOPPED.

Job 2:3 ...and still he holdeth fast his integrity, although thou movedst me against him, to destroy him without cause.

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- Now that Satan's access to heaven has been forever removed, he will focus his energies on his remaining time on earth.
- "was given" means that all Satan does must come with God's PERMISSION.
- The totality of demonic forces are currently incarcerated and restrained.

The Fifth Trumpet

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- Only the 144,000 are specifically mentioned as having been sealed.
- It is uncertain where saved believers will be PROTECTED from this demonic plague.

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→ These creatures may resemble locusts but are in fact supernatural manifestations of demons.

This has occurred at one other place and time in the Bible

Gen 6:2 That the sons of God saw the daughters of men that they were fair; and they took them wives of all which they chose.

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Escape from this plague by suicide will not be an option based upon two scenarios.

1. Men and women will be supernaturally PREVENTED from attempting suicide or murder.
2. Mortal wounds will be supernaturally HEALED.

The Sixth Trumpet

...And the number of the army of the horsemen were two hundred thousand thousand...the third part of men killed...Neither repented they of their murders, nor of their sorceries, nor of their fornication, nor of their thefts.

Fourth seal (*Rev 6:8*) = 1/4 of the earth's population dead.

Sixth Trumpet (*Rev 9:15*) = 1/3 of the earth's remaining population dead.

With this judgment, 1/2 of the world's population will be DESTROYED.

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Who or what are the 200 million?

Modern military equipment?

Army tanks? Wartime aircraft?

These are supernatural beings and the event is
GLOBAL.

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Sadly, the result of this judgment is that men and women are even more **HARDENED** against God.

Heb 3:12-19 Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God...¹⁵ While it is said, To day if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts, as in the provocation. ¹⁸ And to whom swear he that they should not enter into his rest, but to them that believed not? ¹⁹ So we see that they could not enter in because of unbelief.