

Urgency 15 b

Revelation 9:12-21(the blast of the sixth trumpet)

¹² One woe is past. Behold, still two more woes are coming after these things.

Sixth Trumpet: The Angels from the Euphrates

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." 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. 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. 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 ^[a]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 ^[b]sorceries or their sexual immorality or their thefts.

The blast of the sixth trumpet

The blast of judgment is going to fall on earth, upon the ungodly and the evil of this world. We have seen in the first four trumpets the horrifying and catastrophic events that destroyed one third of vegetation, water supply, and sea life.

1. (9:12) Woe judgment: The catastrophic destruction and devastation in the great tribulation that is coming upon the earth. It is such a bad time and devastation that it can only be described as Woe. This can only be described as a period of extreme grief.
2. Fallen angels set loose: They are set loose by a command coming from the golden altar. This is the altar of incense where the prayers of God's people are kept.

Revelation 6:9-10 ⁹ When He opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of those who had been slain for the word of God and for the testimony which they held. ¹⁰ And they cried with a loud voice, saying, "How long, O Lord, holy and true, until You judge and avenge our blood on those who dwell on the earth?"

Revelation 8:3-4 ³ Then another angel, having a golden censer, came and stood at the altar. He was given much incense, that he should offer *it* with the prayers of all the saints upon the golden altar which was before the throne. ⁴ And the smoke of the incense, with the prayers of the saints, ascended before God from the angel's hand.

This symbolizes a significant fact: God launches His judgment to vindicate the millions who were slaughtered in the holocaust of the antichrist. The four angels are bound at the river Euphrates. Why the river Euphrates? Two reasons maybe: The head of spring that flows from Euphrates flowed out of the Garden of Eden. The Euphrates was the western boundary of the promised land that God promised Abraham. Scripture doesn't say or should I say, if it does I haven't found it. This quote is from a book called the Revelation of John volume 2: The angels, therefore, come from the distant lands, from strange and alien places, from these very parts of the world from which the Assyrians and the Babylonians had in time passed, descended with destruction upon Israel. So then, the angels come from the quarter from which disaster had in ancient times come upon God's people Israel. The four angels are angels of punishment: they come from the part of the world from which death and disaster and slavery had so often come.

3.(9:16-19) The demonic force: There are the military horsemen and their demonic horses. Five things are to be said against this demonic force.

1. There will be an army of two hundred million, this will be the army that the four loosed angels will command. An army which the world has never seen.
2. The riders will have breastplates. Fiery red and sapphire blue and sulfur (brimstone) yellow. The breastplate symbolizes indestructibility. Man will not be able to stop them. They will have heads like lions, they will have mouths of pure fire. The picture of the great tribulation is a picture of horror. The judgment of God can be doubted no more.

4. The ungodly and the survivors still don't repent or turn to God. A third of the population will survive only because God is merciful and they still won't repent.

- a. They will increase in worship of evil spirits and idols; they will worship everything except the one true God. We see some of that today.

2 timothy 3:1-5 ¹But know this, that in the last days ^[a]perilous times will come: ²For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, ³unloving, ^[b]unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good, ⁴traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, ⁵having a form of godliness but denying its power. And from such people turn away

God hates idolatry:

1 John 5:20-21 ²⁰ And we know that the Son of God has come and has given us an understanding, that we may know Him who is true; and we are in Him who is true, in His Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God and eternal life. ²¹ Little children, keep yourselves from idols. Amen.

Thought: This is a quote from Lemans Strauss- God has never delighted in the death of the wicked. In the midst of His visitations severest judgements, He delights to be gracious to the guilty. But alas (extreme grief) the death of one billion people on the earth, with the accompanying grief and confusion which must follow such a disaster, finds the residue of people not willing to repent. Such is the human heart, deceitful above all things and desperately wicked. After two world wars, and one hundred lesser than the past fifty years, the world is more wicked than ever. Instead of repentance, sin increases.

There will be evil like never before. There will be a increase of worshiping of evil spirits, increase of murder any bad thing will increase. There will be an increase in sorcery (pharmakon) . It's where we get the word pharmacy. The increase in drug overdose, this word also includes witchcraft, the use of drugs or evil spirits to gain control over people's lives. This includes astrology, palm reading, fortune telling anything to get you off of the foundation of truth.

1 Chronicles 10:13 ¹³ So Saul died for his unfaithfulness which he had ^[a]committed against the LORD, because he did not keep the word of the LORD, and also because he consulted a medium for guidance.

Isaiah 8:19-20 ¹⁹ And when they say to you, "Seek those who are mediums and wizards, who whisper and mutter," should not a people seek their God? *Should they seek* the dead on behalf of the living? ²⁰ To the law and to the testimony! If they do not speak according to this word, *it is* because *there*^[a] is no light in them.

Galatians 5:1-20 ¹ Stand^[a] fast therefore in the liberty by which Christ has made us free, and do not be entangled again with a yoke of bondage. ² Indeed I, Paul, say to you that if you become circumcised, Christ will profit you nothing. ³ And I testify again to every man who becomes circumcised that he is ^[b]a debtor to keep the whole law. ⁴ You have become estranged from Christ, you who *attempt to* be justified by law; you have fallen from grace. ⁵ For we through the Spirit eagerly wait for the hope of righteousness by faith. ⁶ For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision avails anything, but faith working through love.

Love Fulfills the Law

⁷ You ran well. Who hindered you from obeying the truth? ⁸ This persuasion does not *come* from Him who calls you. ⁹ A little leaven leavens the whole lump. ¹⁰ I have confidence in you, in the Lord, that you will have no other mind; but he who troubles you shall bear his judgment, whoever he is. ¹¹ And I, brethren, if I still preach circumcision, why do I still suffer persecution? Then the offense of the cross has ceased. ¹² I could wish that those who trouble you would even ^[c]cut themselves off! ¹³ For you, brethren, have been called to liberty; only do not *use* liberty as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. ¹⁴ For all the law is fulfilled in one word, *even* in this: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." ¹⁵ But if you bite and devour one another, beware lest you be consumed by one another!

Walking in the Spirit

¹⁶ I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh. ¹⁷ For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary to one another, so that you do not do the things that you wish. ¹⁸ But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. ¹⁹ Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: ^[d]adultery, ^[e]fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, ²⁰ idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, ²¹ envy, ^[f]murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told *you* in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. ²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ ^[g]gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law. ²⁴ And those *who are* Christ's have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. ²⁵ If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit. ²⁶ Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another.

There will be a increase of sexual sin (porneias) its where we get the word pornography. A broad word including all types of sexual sin.

1 Corinthians 6:15-20 ¹⁵ Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I then take the members of Christ and make *them* members of a harlot? Certainly not! ¹⁶ Or do you not know that he who is joined to a harlot is one body *with her*? For “the two,” He says, “shall become one flesh.” ¹⁷ But he who is joined to the Lord is one spirit *with Him*. (*soul ties*) ¹⁸ Flee sexual immorality. Every sin that a man does is outside the body, but he who commits sexual immorality sins against his own body. ¹⁹ Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit *who is* in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? ²⁰ For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body ^[a]and in your spirit, which are God’s.

Ephesians 5:1-5 ¹Therefore be imitators of God as dear children. ² And walk in love, as Christ also has loved us and given Himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling aroma. ³ But fornication and all uncleanness or covetousness, let it not even be named among you, as is fitting for saints; ⁴ neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor coarse jesting, which are not fitting, but rather giving of thanks. ⁵ For ^[a]this you know, that no fornicator, unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God.

There will be an increase in theft and stealing (klemmaton) . It's where we get the word klepto- A person who has a compulsion to steal. You watch the news and see where people are walking into stores and taking whatever they want and walking out.

Matthew 24:12 ¹² And because lawlessness will abound, the love of many will grow cold. This simply means rebellion will abound.

The Passion translation says it like this. There will be such an increase of sin and lawlessness or rebellion that those whose hearts that once burned with passion for God will grow cold.

Ephesians 4:28 ²⁸ Let him who stole steal no longer, but rather let him labor, working with *his* hands what is good, that he may have something to give him who has need.

I see in the world today that this is going on before our very eyes. People are not worshiping God for who He is but for what they can get.

2 Timothy 3:1-5 AMP ¹But understand this, that in the last days dangerous times [of great stress and trouble] will come [difficult days that will be hard to bear]. ²For people will be lovers of self [narcissistic, self-focused], lovers of money [impelled by greed], boastful, arrogant, revilers, disobedient to parents, ungrateful, unholy *and* profane, ³[and they will be] unloving [devoid of natural human affection, calloused and inhumane], irreconcilable, malicious gossips, devoid of self-control [intemperate, immoral], brutal, haters of good, ⁴traitors, reckless, conceited, lovers of [sensual] pleasure rather than lovers of God, ⁵holding to a form of [outward] godliness (religion), although they have denied its power [for their conduct nullifies their claim of faith]. Avoid such people *and* keep far away from them.

2 Timothy 2:15 ¹⁵Study *and* do your best to present yourself to God approved, a workman [tested by trial] who has no reason to be ashamed, accurately handling *and* skillfully teaching the word of truth.

Go and tell people about Jesus