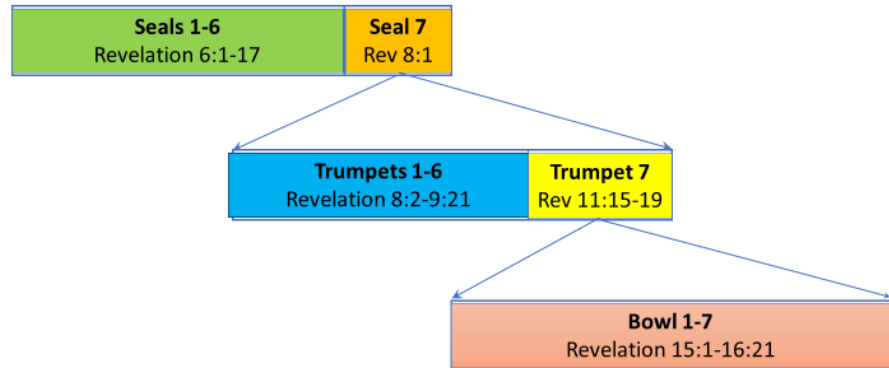

The Book of Revelation: Session 14

Revelation 9

YouTube: “Verse by Verse Teaching | Revelation 9 | Gary Hamrick”
(taught on September 30, 2020 | 44:56 minutes)

Notes:

Trumpet #5 (Rev 9:1-12): Mankind tortured by demons for 5 months (except for the 144,000 Jews who have been sealed). People will long to die, but death will elude them.



Abyss (abussos): literally “without depth”

Abaddon (Hebrews) or Apollyon (Greek): Destroyer (Satan: Luke 10:18; Isaiah 14:12)

Trumpet #6 (Rev 9:13-21): One-third of mankind killed by demons.

“Repent” (12 times in Revelation): metanoeo → to change your mind/will

Questions:

1. Read Revelation 9:1-12. This fifth trumpet judgment (the first “woe”) pictures Satan, or perhaps a high-ranking demon named “Destroyer,” leading an army of demonic locust-scorpion-like creatures, inflicting pain – but not death – on the inhabitants of the earth. What stands out to you in this passage? What questions do you have?
2. Read Revelation 9:13-19. Bible experts don’t agree on who/what this army of 200 million is. Is it demons? Is it a human army? Is it a human army possessed by demons? What are your thoughts? What stands out you in this passage? What questions do you have? What do we know for sure?
3. Read Revelation 9:20-21. Like Pharaoh, who steeled himself as the plagues kept coming, the inhabitants of the earth – unbelievably – do not repent of their sin and surrender to God. They refuse to let go of their idols. Chuck Swindoll comments: “But, idolatry is not a sin that will enslave only the unsaved during the Tribulation. It’s a strong temptation for believers of every age, including our own. This truth convinces me that material things in our present generation are slowly calcifying our hearts to the spiritual things of God. Where this is happening, we too need to heed God’s warning and repent.” Look at the list of “Idols” by Tim Keller. What idols does today’s Western church have a propensity to cling to?
4. Craig Keener comments: “Each part of the Bible is useful for teaching, but different passages are useful for different circumstances. Passages like the fifth and sixth trumpets, in this chapter, usually will not comfort the bereaved or lonely, but they are useful for shaking us from our complacency.” Besides telling us what will happen during the Tribulation, how do we apply this passage for today?

Want to dig deeper? Engage with these sermons by John MacArthur, taught in 1993:

- <https://www.gty.org/library/sermons-library/66-33/hell-on-earth>
- <https://www.gty.org/library/sermons-library/66-34/satanic-slaughter>