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# Trumpets One Through Six

Revelation 8-9



## **Revelation 8:1–2**

**<sup>1</sup> When the Lamb opened the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven for about half an hour. <sup>2</sup> Then I saw the seven angels who stand before God, and seven trumpets were given to them.**

## **Revelation 8:6–7**

**<sup>6</sup> Now the seven angels who had the seven trumpets prepared to blow them. <sup>7</sup> The first angel blew his trumpet, and there followed hail and fire, mixed with blood, and these were thrown upon the earth. And a third of the earth was burned up, and a third of the trees were burned up, and all green grass was burned up.**

## **Revelation 9:20–21**

**<sup>20</sup> The rest of mankind, who were not killed by these plagues, did not repent of the works of their hands nor give up worshiping demons and idols of gold and silver and bronze and stone and wood, which cannot see or hear or walk, <sup>21</sup> nor did they repent of their murders or their sorceries or their sexual immorality or their thefts.**



# The 7 Trumpet Judgments

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This article will deal with the next set of judgments called the 7 Trumpet Judgments. Things will now go from bad to worse compared to what just happened with the 7 Seal Judgments.

## 1. The First Trumpet

In this first Trumpet Judgment, God will rain down **hail and fire** upon the earth. Literally one third of the trees and grass will be burned up.

Again, just imagine on a worldwide global scale that **one third of all the trees on our planet will be burned to the ground!**



**Not Correct:**

**Seals >>>>> Trumpets >>>>>>Bowls**

**Correct**

**Seals  
Trumpets  
Bowls**



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# Remember

The degree to which I showed  
you that the 6<sup>th</sup> seal is the  
end of age.



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# Turn Back To

## Revelation 6:12–17





**<sup>12</sup> When he opened the sixth seal, I looked, and behold, there was a great earthquake, and the sun became black as sackcloth, the full moon became like blood, <sup>13</sup> and the stars of the sky fell to the earth as the fig tree sheds its winter fruit when shaken by a gale. <sup>14</sup> The sky vanished like a scroll that is being rolled up, and every mountain and island was removed from its place. <sup>15</sup> Then the kings of the earth and the great ones and the generals and the rich and the powerful, and everyone, slave and free, hid themselves in the caves and among the rocks of the mountains, <sup>16</sup> calling to the mountains and rocks, “Fall on us and hide us from the face of him who is seated on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb, <sup>17</sup> for the great day of their wrath has come, and who can stand?”**



# The Great Day of the Lord



## 8 Aspects

- Culmination of Present Age
- Manifestation of God's Wrath
- Revelation of the Lamb of God
- Vindication the Saints of God
- Adjudication of the Eternal Fate of All
- Destruction of the Earth
- Salvation of the Elect of God
- Eradication of the devil, his demons, death, and sin



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# Turn Forward to Revelation 11:15



# Revelation 11:15



- Then the seventh angel blew his trumpet, and there were loud voices in heaven, saying, “The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ, and he shall reign forever and ever.”

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# The Fact Is

Distinguishing between what  
is symbolic/figurative and  
what is literal is the most  
challenging aspect of this  
book.



**four angels  
holding  
back four  
winds**

**Figurative or  
Literal?**

**the great day  
of their  
wrath has  
come,**

**Figurative  
or Literal?**

**Jesus said there is going to be a future  
“great tribulation such as has not been  
from the beginning of the world until  
now, no, and never will be” (Mt. 24:21).**

**What he did not say is that everything  
that is described in Revelation happens  
during that great tribulation and He did  
not say how long it would last.**



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# Turn Back To Revelation 1:1



# Revelation 1:1 (AV)



- The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave unto him, to shew unto his servants things which must shortly come to pass; and he sent and signified *it* by his angel unto his servant John:



**Everything in the  
Revelation of Jesus Christ  
cannot occur during the  
final GREAT Tribulation  
and Revelation 1:1 be  
true.**



# Revelation 8:6



- **Now the seven angels who had the seven trumpets prepared to blow them.**

# Big Picture

**(Interlude ch 7)**

**The Seventh Seal ch 8 v 1**

**The prayers of God's People ch 8**

**Trumpets 1-4: Land, Sea, Rivers, and Sky ch 8**

**The three Woes**

**Trumpet 5: Horde of Demons (locust) ch 9**

**Trumpet 6: 200 million man Army ch 9**

**(Interlude ch 10)**

**Trumpet 7: The kingdom of this world is OVER**



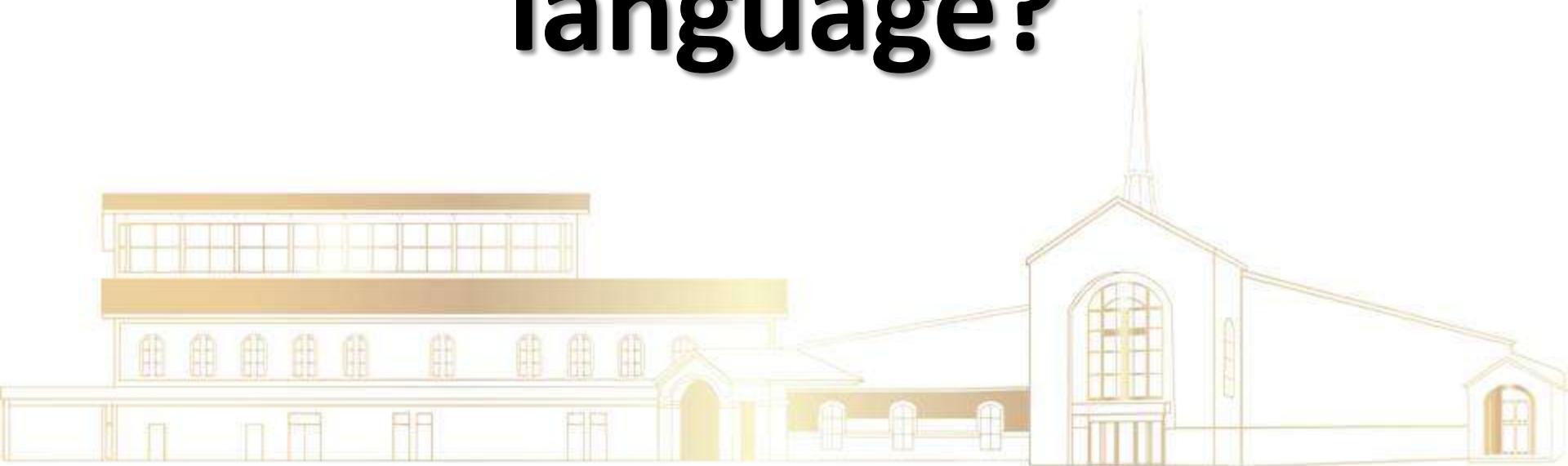
# Revelation 8:7



- The first angel blew his trumpet, and there followed hail and fire, mixed with blood, and these were thrown upon the earth. And a third of the earth was burned up, and a third of the trees were burned up, and all green grass was burned up.

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**Is lighting mixed w/  
blood apocalyptic  
language?**



# Revelation 8:8



- The second angel blew his trumpet, and something like a great mountain, burning with fire, was thrown into the sea, and a third of the sea became blood.

**A  $1/3$  is NOT half  
or ALL; it is much  
less—a sign of  
God's compassion  
and mercy.**





# Revelation 8:9



- **A third of the living creatures in the sea died, and a third of the ships were destroyed.**

# Revelation 8:10



- The **third angel** blew his trumpet, and a great star fell from heaven, blazing like a torch, and it fell on a third of the rivers and on the springs of water.

# Revelation 8:11



- The name of the star is Wormwood.
- A third of the waters became wormwood, and many people died from the water, because it had been made bitter.

# Revelation 8:12



- The fourth angel blew his trumpet, and a third of the sun was struck, and a third of the moon, and a third of the stars, so that a third of their light might be darkened, and a third of the day might be kept from shining, and likewise a third of the night.

**1/3**

**Land**

**1/3**

**Sea**

**1/3**

**Rivers**

**1/3**

**Sky**



**Only God knows whether all 7 of the trumpet judgments are futuristic or are representative of the various ways God judges sin on the earth throughout human history.**

**Some commentators write like they know, but the reality is Scripture doesn't say.**



# Revelation 8:13



- Then I looked, and I heard an eagle crying with a loud voice as it flew directly overhead, “Woe, woe, woe to those who dwell on the earth, at the blasts of the other trumpets that the three angels are about to blow!”



# Woe

**a condition of deep suffering  
from misfortune, affliction, or  
grief**

**Merriam-Webster,**



# Revelation 9:1



- And the fifth angel blew his trumpet, and I saw a star fallen from heaven to earth, and he was given

**“was given”**

**Is passive voice**

**In nearly all situations, passive voice reflects God as the originator of the action.**



# Revelation 9:1



- And the fifth angel blew his trumpet, and I saw a star fallen from heaven to earth, and he was given the key to the shaft of the bottomless pit.

**This bottomless pit is often translated the 'Abyss.'**

**Demons reference it in Luke 8:31.**



# Luke 8:31

- And they begged him not to command them to depart into the abyss.

**Is this what Peter  
describes in 2 Peter 2:4?**



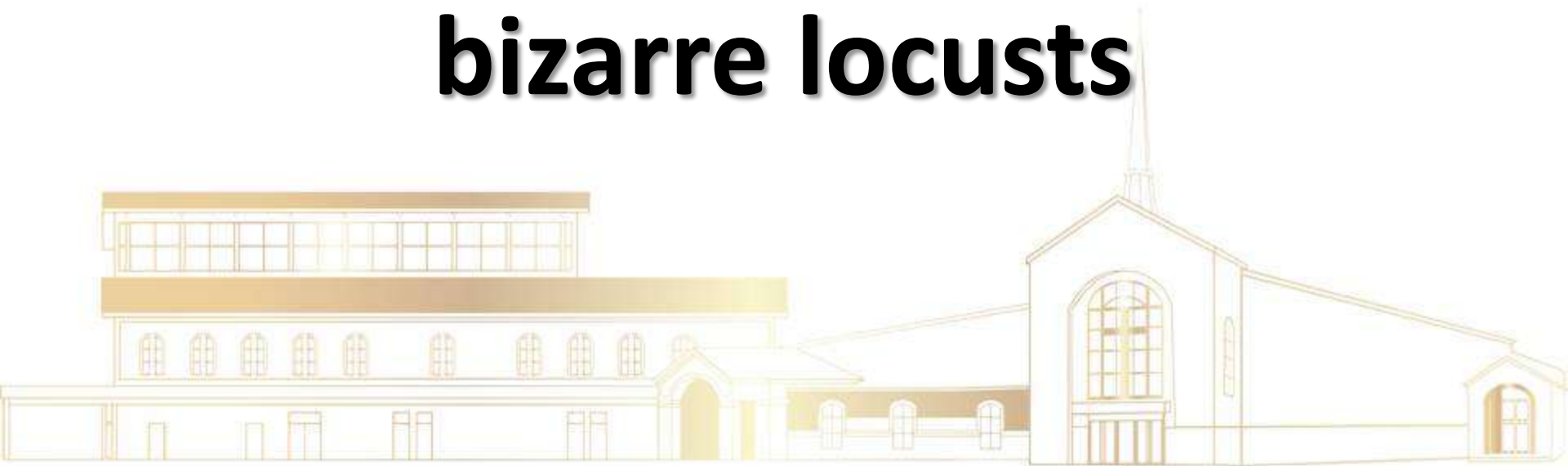
# 2 Peter 2:4

- For if God did not spare angels when they sinned, but cast them into hell and committed them to chains of gloomy darkness to be kept until the judgment;





**v. 2-11 Describe the  
release a horde of demons  
represented by a swarm of  
bizarre locusts**



# Revelation 9:2



- He opened the shaft of the bottomless pit, and from the shaft rose smoke like the smoke of a great furnace, and the sun and the air were darkened with the smoke from the shaft.

# Revelation 9:3



- Then from the smoke came locusts on the earth, and they were given power like the power of scorpions of the earth.

# Revelation 9:4



- They were told not to harm the grass of the earth or any green plant or any tree, but only those people who do not have the seal of God on their foreheads.

# Revelation 9:5



- They were allowed to torment them for five months, but not to kill them, and their torment was like the torment of a scorpion when it stings someone.

# Revelation 9:6



- And in those days people will seek death and will not find it.
- They will long to die, but death will flee from them.

# Revelation 9:7–8



- In appearance the locusts **were like** horses prepared for battle: on their heads were what looked like crowns of gold; their faces were like human faces, <sup>8</sup> their hair like women's hair, and their teeth like lions' teeth;

# Revelation 9:9



- they had breastplates like breastplates of iron, and the noise of their wings was like the noise of many chariots with horses rushing into battle.



# Revelation 9:10



- They have tails and stings like scorpions, and their power to hurt people for five months is in their tails.

# Revelation 9:11

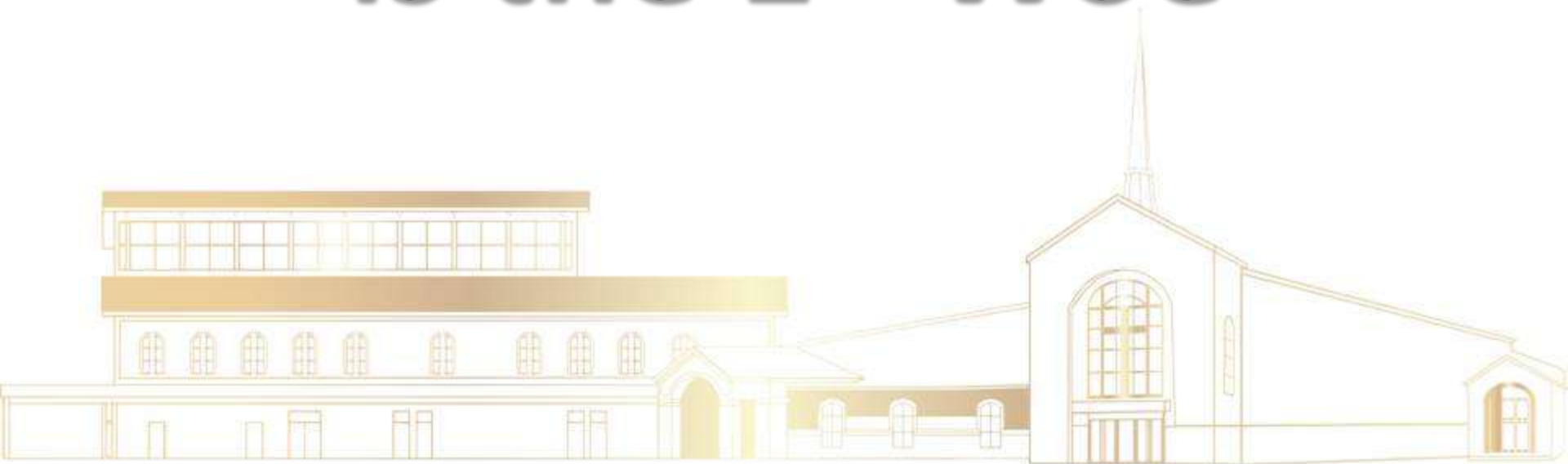


- They have as king over them the angel of the bottomless pit. His name in Hebrew is Abaddon, and in Greek he is called Apollyon.

**This is how we know the locusts are demons.**

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# **The 5<sup>th</sup> Trumpet is the 1<sup>st</sup> Woe**



# Revelation 9:12



- The first woe has passed;
- behold, two woes are still to come.

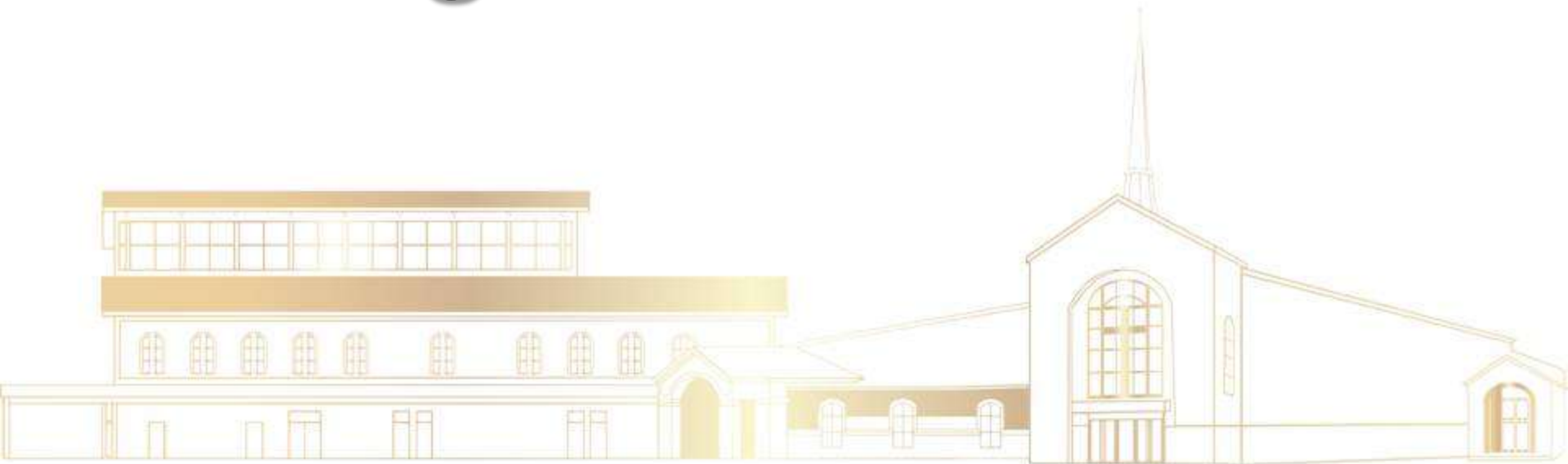
# Revelation 9:13–14



- Then the sixth angel blew his trumpet, and I heard a voice from the four horns of the golden altar before God, <sup>14</sup> saying to the sixth angel who had the trumpet, “Release the four angels who are bound at the great river Euphrates.”

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**Angels bound are fallen  
angels or demons.**



# Revelation 9:15



- So the four angels, who had been prepared for the hour, the day, the month, and the year, were released to kill a third of mankind.

# Revelation 9:16



- The number of mounted troops was twice ten thousand times ten thousand; I heard their number.

**200 Million**



# Revelation 9:17



- And this is how I saw the horses in my vision and those who rode them: they wore breastplates the color of fire and of sapphire and of sulfur, and the heads of the horses were like lions' heads, and fire and smoke and sulfur came out of their mouths.

**Any attempt to compare  
John's vision to modern  
warfare is pure speculation  
and does not add value to the  
exegetis of the text.**



# Revelation 9:18



- By these three plagues a third of mankind was killed, by the fire and smoke and sulfur coming out of their mouths.

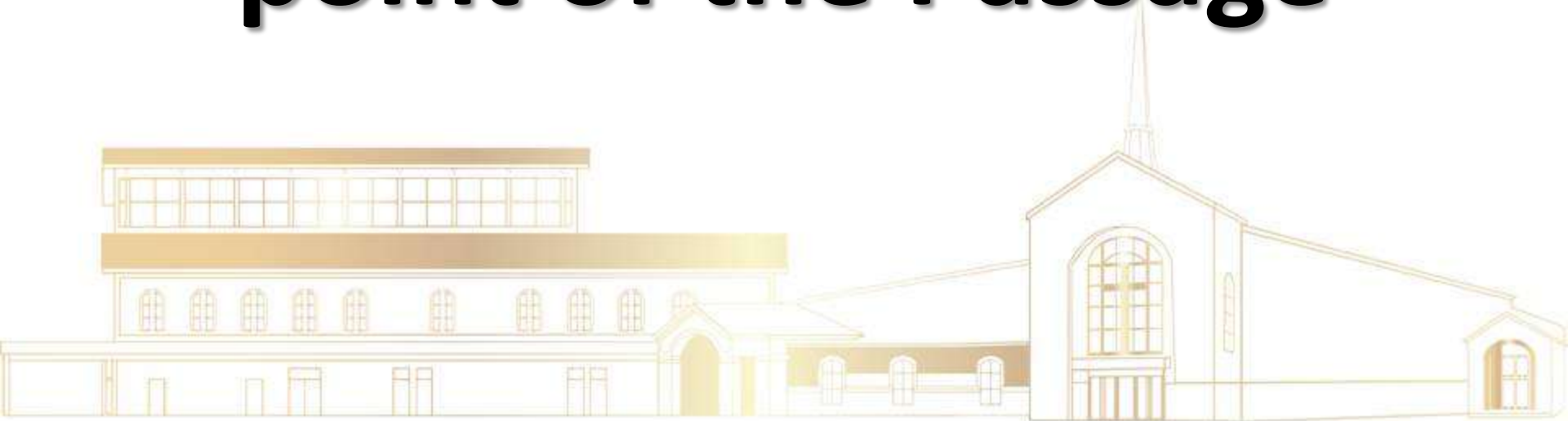
# Revelation 9:19



- For the power of the horses is in their mouths and in their tails, for their tails are like serpents with heads, and by means of them they wound.

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**v. 20-21 are Critical to  
Understanding the  
point of the Passage**



# Revelation 9:20



- The rest of mankind, who were not killed by these plagues, **did not repent of the works of their hands**

**Idols don't make themselves.**

## 2 Chronicles 34:25

Because they have forsaken me and have made offerings to other gods, that they might provoke me to anger with all **the works of their hands**, therefore my wrath will be poured out on this place and will not be quenched.

## Jeremiah 1:16

And I will declare my judgments against them, for all their evil in forsaking me. They have made offerings to other gods and worshiped the **works of their own hands**.

## Acts 7:41

And they made a calf in those days, and offered a sacrifice to the idol and were rejoicing in **the works of their hands**.







**I need to make sure what I do with these hands glorifies God.**





# Revelation 9:20



- The rest of mankind, who were not killed by these plagues, did not **repent** of the works of their hands nor give up worshipping demons



# 1 Corinthians 10:20

- No, I imply that what pagans sacrifice they offer to demons and not to God.
- I do not want you to be participants with demons.



**Every false religion, cult or entity that robs your affections for the one true and living God involves the worship of demons.**



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**We worship what we  
love—this is why I talk  
about our affections.**



**I LOVE YOU LORD  
AND I LIFT MY VOICE  
TO WORSHIP YOU  
OH MY SOUL REJOICE**

**TAKE JOY MY KING  
IN WHAT YOU HEAR  
MAY IT BE A SWEET  
SWEET SOUND IN YOUR EAR**



# Revelation 9:20



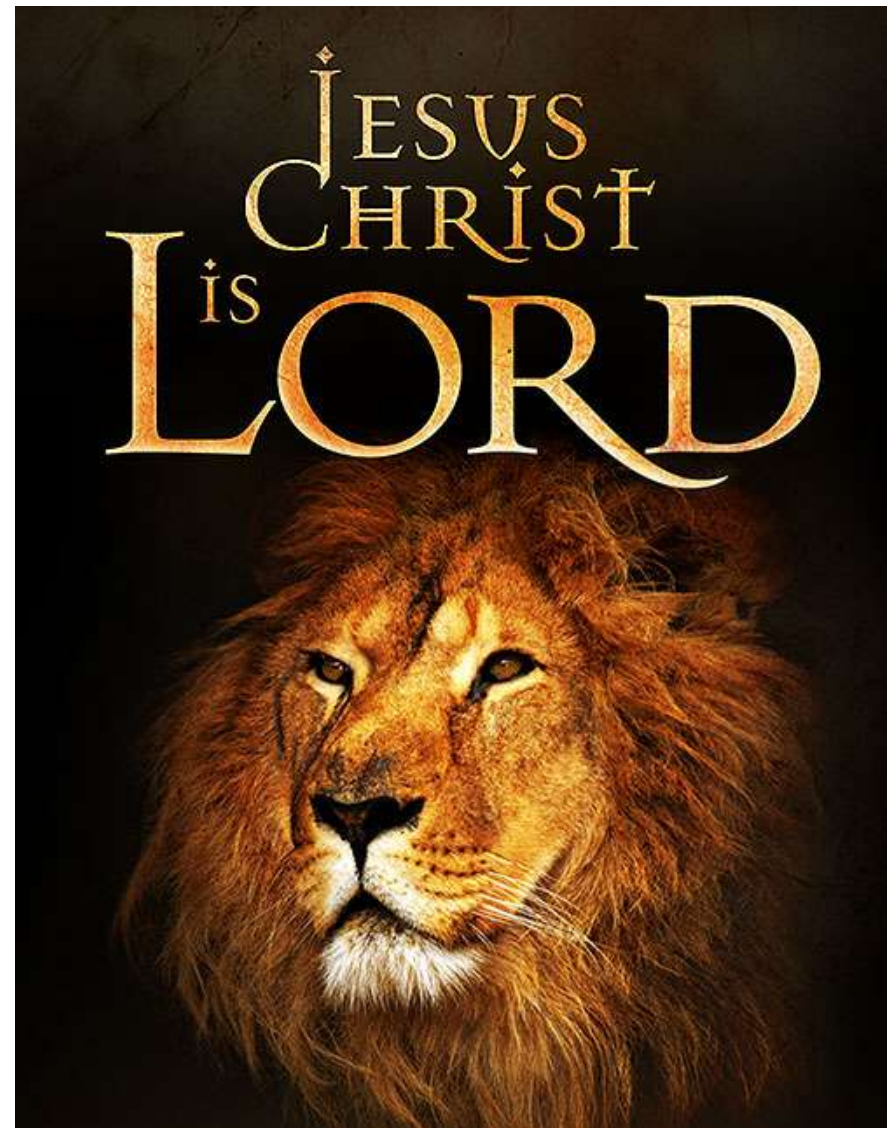
- and idols of gold and silver and bronze and stone and wood, which cannot see or hear or walk,





# Our Lord

- Can see
- Can hear
- Can walk



# Revelation 9:21



• **nor did they  
repent**

**of their murders  
or their sorceries  
or their sexual immorality  
or their thefts.**