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Logos Class

Book of Revelation- Ch 9

Aug 31, 2025

Rooms 123/124 New Building

Class Schedule for the next few weeks

- ✓ *Aug 24, 2025.* - *Revelation Ch 8*
- ✓ *Aug 31, 2025* - *Revelation Ch 9*
- *Sept 5, 2025* - *Ice Cream Social at Steinke's home*
- *Sept 7, 2025* - *Revelation Ch 10/11*

Quick Update .../CYMI

Middle East

- *Negotiations to end the Hamas war and return the hostages is not progressing at all. Israel has recovered two bodies of dead hostages.*
- *Israel is proceeding to demolish and control Gaza. Still fighting and resisting*
- *Food Distribution is still a subject for the press, and the famine hoax*
- *The fronts with Hezbollah and the Houthis are still active by the IDF. IDF killed the Houthi PM in a targeted strike*
- *Turkey is severing all Economic ties w Israel*
- *Israel is planning settlements in Judea and Samaria to house the ever-increasing Jews making Aliyah back to Israel to live*
- *While Antisemitism is rampant across the Globe, the EU agrees with the US to increase the sanctions on Iran, which is promising to rebuild its nuclear capability, and strike Israel and the US*

US/World

- *The Ukraine/Russian war peace negotiations are going nowhere with both resisting, and Russia having little incentive to negotiate.*
- *US and EU are upping sanctions on Russia and aid to Ukraine*
- *US has revoked all Palestinian Authority VISAs to attend next months UN meeting where France, and other propose recognizing Palestinian statehood*
- ***Earthquakes, Floods, volcanic eruptions, famine, and disease***
- ***Many signs of the Tribulation are appearing with more frequency***
 - *Natural Disasters, Isolation of Israel, Antisemitism, Apostasy in the church, Peace in Israel to presage the Antichrist, Scoffers of Prophecy, and deniers of God. Time of Noah and time of Lot prophecies. Continuation of the Aliyah to Israel*

Revelation – How the Book of Revelation Unfolds- 1

The book of Revelation presents Jesus Christ in 3 areas:

His Person, His Power, His Program

*This unfolds in **5 Parts**:*

Part 1: Rev 1-3 - Jesus and His Church

- ✓ *Introductions 1:1-8*
- ✓ *Unexpected Meeting 1:9-20*
- ✓ *Introduction to the Church*
- ✓ *Love Letters to the 7 churches (several lessons) **Finish today***

Part 2: Rev 4-5 – Journey to Heaven

- ✓ *Heaven's Open Door- Ch 4*
- ✓ *Lion and Lamb – Ch 5*

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Part 3 – The Judgments of the Lamb – Rev 6-18

- ✓ *The lamb opens the SIX seals – Ch 6*
- ✓ *First interlude – Ch 7 – 144,000 Jews sealed by the Lord*
- ✓ *The Trumpet Judgments – Chapters 8-9*
 - Second Interlude – Part 1 - John eats the book – Ch 10 (next week)*
 - Second Interlude – Part 2 – Two witnesses (next week)*
 - Third Interlude – Part 1 – The Invisible War – Ch 12 (midpoint in Tribulation)*
 - Third Interlude – Part 2 – Antichrist comes to power – Ch 13*
 - Third Interlude – Part 3 – Preview of things to come – Ch 14*
 - A Song for the End – Ch 15*
 - The Pouring of the Bowls Judgments– Ch 16*
 - The Fall of Babylon – Ch 17-18*

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Part 4 – The Reign of the King – Rev 19-20

The Return of the King – Ch 19

Wrapping Things Up – Ch 20

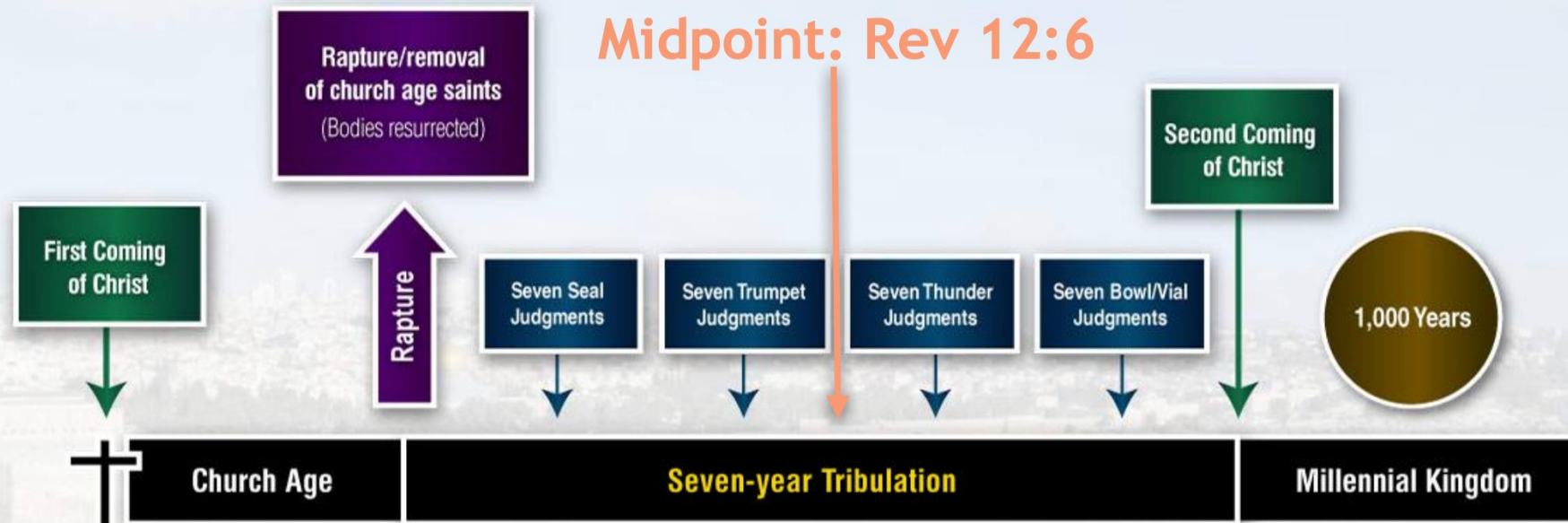
Part 5: Eternity – Rev 21-22

All things new – Ch 21-22:5

Even So...Come – Ch 22:6-21

Maranatha!!

Timing of Judgments with Tribulation Events



Reminder:

The relation of the judgments to the events of the Tribulation period is not exact because all of Revelation is not Chronological, but here is a good way to understand them



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Revelation - Seven Seal Judgments			Revelation - Seven Trumpet Judgments		
	Seals	Details		Trumpets	Details
1	Rider on a White Horse - Antichrist	The false messiah takes over this world- politically, militarily, economically, religiously	1	One-third of the Earth burned	Hail, fire mingled with Blood burns one-third of all trees and all grass
2	Rider on a RED Horse - War	Nations align AGAINST Syria, Egypt, Russia, Afghanistan, Sudan, Ethiopia, Somalia, Libya, Saudi Arabia, Lebanon 11:40-45; Ezek 38:2,5	2	One-third of all sea creatures die	One-third of the sea becomes blood, one-third of creatures that were in the sea die. One-third of all the ships destroyed
3	Rider on a Black Horse - Famine	Farmers use their time and resources for war, and food becomes scarce. Starvation Millions	3	Stars fall; one-third of the fresh water turns bitter	Stars fall; one-third of the rivers and fountains of water become wormwood (bitter poison) and die
4	Rider on a Pale Horse - Death	Death and Hades come. Starvation, pestilence, disease take one-fourth of the remaining population to the grave	4	One-third of the sun, moon, and stars darken	One-third of the sun is smitten, one-third of the moon, and one-third of the stars are darkened
5	Martyrdom	Many who come to Christ during the Tribulation via the witness, and 144,000 are martyred for their faith	5	Woes, Abaddon, locusts	Woes pronounced against man, Fallen Angels...like locusts are released from the bottomless pit to torment men for months, under their king Abaddon or Apollyon (Satan)
6	Signs in the Heavens, and Earthquakes	The Sun becomes black, the moon becomes as blood, and all mountains are moved and diminished	6	One-third of the people killed by horsemen	200 Million evil angels as horsemen kill one-third of the humans. By this time, half of the world is dead by the midpoint of the Tribulation
7	Silence in Heaven for about 30 minutes. Trumpets begin	The praise and worship for judgment of the world during the Tribulation. Saints, Angels, and the 24 Elders come to an abrupt stop. Silence in Heaven	7	Wrath and Reward	A vision of the future that is yet to come: The kingdoms of this world are becoming the kingdoms of our Lord, and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever

Chart on the Judgments from Revelation: A Chronology – Jimmy DeYoung

Some people say the first half of the Tribulation period is not bad. This is a good chart to remind you how bad the whole tribulation period is, and that as Christians, we are Raptured out BEFORE this happens.

Parts 1 and 2 of the judgments

Before we begin Ch 9, I want to clarify a point from last week

Trumpet Judgment 3 – Rev 8:10-11

*¹⁰ The third angel sounded his trumpet, and a great star, blazing like a torch, fell from the sky on a **third of the rivers** and on **the springs of water**—*

*¹¹ The name of the star is **Wormwood**. **A third of the waters turned bitter, and many people died from the waters that had become bitter.***

We discussed the Great Lakes and how they make up 21% of all the fresh water in the world, and over 80% of the US and Canada.

Here is better information. **5 nations have 43% of all the fresh water**

- **Brazil (13%)** – Home to the Amazon Basin, which alone accounts for one-fifth of global river flow.
- **Russia (10%)** – Holds vast freshwater reserves, including Lake Baikal, which contains 20% of the world's unfrozen freshwater.
- **Canada (7%)** – Over two million lakes, including its share of the Great Lakes, make Canada a water-rich nation.
- **United States (7%)** – Major river systems like the Mississippi and Colorado provide water for millions, though some regions face growing shortages.
- **China (7%)** – While China has substantial freshwater resources, they are unevenly distributed, with the south receiving far more water than the drier north.

Revelation Ch 8:13 Where we ended..

¹³ As I watched, I heard an eagle that was flying in midair call out in a loud voice: “Woe! Woe! Woe to the inhabitants of the earth, because of the trumpet blasts about to be sounded by the other three angels!”

*An Eagle that speaks with a loud voice. The next 3 angel trumpets are for the **people**, not the earth itself.*

Three Woes are pronounced. “Woe” here means a time of great pain, anguish, indecision, and nowhere to turn for help.

Revelation Ch 9:1

*9 The fifth angel sounded his trumpet, and I saw a **star that had fallen from the sky to the earth**. The star was given the **key to the shaft of the Abyss**.*

- *The word **Astera** means Star or Starry thing, so the meaning John intended for us was certainly of an actual star, or heavenly star. Many translate this into a symbol of Satan, but that is not clear. **Note** that it did not fall while John looked, but **HAD FALLEN**. Yet the wording seems to indicate that this star was a living entity since “it/he” was given the Key to the Abyss.*
- ***Key to the Abyss** – A key to open the Abyss or Bottomless Pit. The word abyss means ...Strong's **Greek 12(abussos)** portrays the abyss as the deepest realm of chaos, incarceration, and hostile power. Throughout Scripture, it is always under God's sovereignty, **whether demons fear banishment** there, Christ rises triumphantly from its grasp, or an angel locks the dragon inside.*

Deeper Look

The Abyss

*In both **Jude 6**, and **2 Peter 2:4** there is mention of another place for fallen Angels. In Peter, it is called **Tartarus**, and in Jude, it is called the “**place where the angels are held in chains** under darkness for the judgment of the great day.”*

*Many people equate these places (not hell, as wrongly translated in some Bibles). In any case, they are places where fallen Angels are held that were especially wicked (**Gen Ch 6**). They may be the same as the Abyss since they have pretty similar functions, but we cannot be definitive on it.*

*Also, in **Luke 8:31**, when Jesus met the Gadarene who was possessed by Demons, he began to cast them out*

³¹ And they begged Jesus repeatedly not to order them to go into the Abyss.

Revelation Ch 9:2-4

*² When **he** opened the **Abyss**, smoke rose from it **like the smoke from a gigantic furnace**. The sun and sky were darkened by the smoke from the Abyss.*

*³ And **out of the smoke locusts** came down on the earth and **were given** power like that of scorpions of the earth.*

*⁴ They were told not to harm the grass of the earth or any plant or tree, **but only those people who did not have the seal of God on their foreheads**.*

Revelation Ch 9:3-4 A Closer Look

- *As the pit is opened, dense smoke arises and blocks the sun and sky. In the smoke came “locusts”. The Greek word means the type of insect that is common in the Middle East, and they are like our grasshoppers.*
- *Can you imagine John, looking on as this unfolds before him? He sees the fallen angel open the abyss, with his key, and smoke arises. As he looks at the smoke, he realizes it is not smoke, but millions of things that look like locusts, that descend and begin to sting people who are in great pain and anguish*

*This is what John sees, but they are far from normal locusts. These locusts are **given** the power to sting like a scorpion. Also, they understand divine commands*

*Their normal food is vegetation, but they are told not to harm it. They are given a special assignment to harm the people who do not have the “**seal “ of God**” on their forehead. This is interesting because these are also interpreted to be demons in the form of locusts.*

Q: *Who are those “sealed”? Certainly, the 144,000 Jewish witnesses, and most scholars would add those who have been saved at this point in the Tribulation period, **who are still alive.***

Revelation Ch 9:5-6 What is their torment?

*⁵ They were not allowed to kill them but only to **torture them for five months**. And the agony they suffered was like that of the sting of a scorpion when it strikes.*

*⁶ During those days, **people will seek death but will not find it; they will long to die, but death will elude them.***

There are many theories on this scene, and we will explore a few of them in a few minutes

Revelation Ch 9:7-11 What do these “Locusts” look like?

⁷ The locusts looked like horses prepared for battle. On their heads, they wore something like crowns of gold, and their faces resembled human faces.

⁸ Their hair was like women’s hair, and their teeth were like lions’ teeth.

⁹ They had breastplates like breastplates of iron, and the sound of their wings was like the thundering of many horses and chariots rushing into battle.

¹⁰ They had tails with stingers, like scorpions, and in their tails, they had power to torment people for five months.

*¹¹ They had as king over them the angel of the Abyss, whose name in Hebrew is **Abaddon** and in Greek is **Apollyon** (that is, Destroyer).*

WOW- that is a lot to digest and picture

I want you to see several possibilities



- *The first one is a representation of an actual insect with all these features. This image is one of hundreds if you look on the internet for images of Rev 9 locusts. **Remember, John is recording what it looks like to him. Perhaps they are something that he has never seen anything like it.***
- *A locust or grasshopper does have a head that is shaped like a horse's head. Note the other visuals added to the picture. This image makes the assumption that it is an **insect-type creature.***

Another view- The second one expands your mind a little to take a familiar tool of war today and show how it might fit. Just think about this...



- *The whole idea of helicopters was made popular after the Late Great Planet Earth made the connection.*
- *Many things seem to fit, even the noise of the engines like “horses and chariots galloping into battle”.*
- *If technology supplies us with an answer, **we might look for something smaller that takes direction***

Prominent tools of War today that are small



*Drones- an unmanned tool
that takes direction*

- *The last picture is that of a drone made to look like an insect.*
- *I can imagine a drone with an armor plate and a large head with eyes that are cameras, that have a way to “sting” and using a **drone swarm** to select and attack people.*

*Have you ever heard of a Drone
Swarm?*

Drone Swarm thoughts

- **Picture this**...millions of tiny drones with cameras and the ability to do facial recognition **programmed to search for people without the Seal of God**. When they locate one, they communicate to the **Drone overlord**, who commands them to attack and sting. This is all technology that exists today by the US, China, and probably others like Israel. **Far-fetched?? Maybe...**

Q: Do I know what this is? Is it any of these 3 or something else?

I don't know... but I want to expand your thinking about possibilities. For now, we just take it as demons that either possess insects or appear like locusts sent out by their leader to punish those without the seal of God. The leader of the swarm is the **Angel of the Abyss**.

Revelation Ch 9:12-15 First Woe - My thoughts...

¹² The first woe is past; two other woes are yet to come.

- In today's world, people minimize the idea of Satan and Hell. Some say he is a myth created by men to intimidate people to worship God. Many do not believe in God, nor do they believe in the presence of Evil we call Satan. As believers, we see Evil more clearly because we see it through a Biblical lens, and we know what to look for.
- All around us is Evil that is difficult for us to understand, like the shootings of the children in the Annunciation School and Parish in Minnesota. This seems beyond even man's inhumanity, but it is here, and we see it as a manifestation of pure Evil.
- Now and in the tribulation, there is no way to be delivered from this Evil other than to accept Jesus as Lord and Savior. This is a most urgent task for us, as we approach the Rapture and Tribulation.
- The first of the last 3 angels has blown the trumpet for Woe #1, and the next 2 are ready to sound.

Revelation Ch 9:13-15 The 6th Trumpet Sounds

***13** The sixth angel sounded his trumpet, and I heard a voice coming from the four horns of the golden altar that is before God.*

*14 It (the voice) said to the sixth angel who had the trumpet, “**Release the four angels who are bound at the great river Euphrates.**”*

*15 And the **four angels who had been kept ready for this very hour and day and month and year** were released to kill a third of mankind.*

John watches as the Altar that we saw in **Chapter 8**, from which the incense and hot coals came, and it seems to have a voice that instructs the next angel. This altar has 4 horns, which makes it like the **Altar of Incense** in the temples in Jerusalem.

The 4 Angels who have been held for this purpose and this time, to kill 1/3 of mankind

Revelation Ch 9: The Altar of Incense with 4 Horns



*Picture of the **Altar of Incense** in Jerusalem replica of the temple*

- *Most of the commentaries believe that the voice is from God but comes from the altar under which the martyred souls of the Tribulation Saints were held. **If that is so, it indicates that this judgment is also part of the retribution for the murder of the Saints in the Tribulation period. The four horns are said to represent both the Sovereignty and judicial government (that judges) of God.***
- *The 6th Angel sounds his trumpet, and the voice commands that the 4 angels preserved for this day and time are released to kill 1/3 of mankind. Some equate these angels with 4 muslim leaders in the time of the Ottomans who were held back by the providence of God, preventing destruction on the Holy Land until the Crusaders could come and “save” the land. This is only a preview in history of God holding back death, but it does not really fit this scenario at this time.*

Q: What then can we say?

- *These are Angelic ministers of Judgment who cannot act without specific authority and instruction from God. Let’s look at how they will do it.*

Revelation Ch 9:16-19

*¹⁶ The number of the mounted troops was **twice ten thousand times ten thousand**. **I heard their number**.*

*¹⁷ The horses and riders I saw in my vision looked like this: Their **breastplates were fiery red, dark blue, and yellow as sulfur**. The heads of the horses resembled the heads of lions, and out of their mouths came fire, smoke, and sulfur.*

¹⁸ A third of mankind was killed by the three plagues of fire, smoke and sulfur that came out of their mouths.

¹⁹ The power of the horses was in their mouths and in their tails; for their tails were like snakes, having heads with which they inflict injury.

- John hears the number 200 million. This means it was not a guess on his part, and spoken by one of the Angelic beings...it becomes literal, not figurative.
- John sees what looks like horses and riders, 200 million of them, but his description does not fit well. They could be animals, especially for this time, provided by Satan, **or they could be some kind of transportation that John did not understand.**
- Breast plates of red, blue, yellow, and their heads look like lion's Heads. Out of their mouths came fire, smoke, and Sulphur/brimstone (yellow smoke)

Horses or Weapon of War?

The Sixth Trumpet Revelation 9



This can be a literal view or perhaps technology we have not seen. A combination of a transport vehicle with a laser in the front and some kind of back-end protection for close defense.



A directed Energy Weapon has the look of fire in the front

Revelation Ch 9:20-22 What happens next?

²⁰ The rest of mankind who were not killed by these plagues still did not repent of the work of their hands; they did not stop worshiping demons, and idols of gold, silver, bronze, stone, and wood—idols that cannot see or hear or walk.

²¹ Nor did they repent of their murders, their magic arts, their sexual immorality, or their thefts.

God's Purpose for the Tribulation is two-fold

- Provide Salvation for the Remnant of the Jews and all others that will come to him during these 7 years, and
- Judge the rest of mankind that does not repent and come to him
- Isn't it interesting that all of the judgments are designed to show Him as God, and drive mankind to Him, but Mankind in large part does not accept the free gift of Salvation.
- What can we say after reading this and trying to visualize both what it says and what it means?

God has given mankind thousands of years to come to Him, and provided both written and Spiritual guides. Men have been witnesses to the lost then, now, and in the future

- Many have come, but many more have not.
- They are too “smart” to accept God or Jesus.
- They're too affluent and self-absorbed to humble themselves before Him. **Remember the church at Laodicea**
- Even in the face of impending doom, they refuse to repent
- God's judgment comes, but with an opportunity to repent, and still, they refuse

This ends Chapter 9 and the 6th Trumpet and 2nd Woe. Next week we will finish Ch 10, which is another interlude, and begin Chapter 11. Read both and come back.

Last thoughts...

- Get prayed up
 - Our Nation and Leaders
 - Our State and Leaders
 - Our Church and Leaders
 - Service to come
- Peace of Jerusalem
 - Return of Hostages, and an End to Fighting
- Peace between Ukraine and Russia
- Pray for Each Other and the many ailments and situations that are in the class
- Be thankful for what God is doing, has done, and will do in our lives in the days ahead.