

IS THIS REALLY THE DOOM OF MAN?

Revelation Chapter 9

This transcript is a word that was given at the Third Day Fellowship and it will follow that setting throughout. As a reference I have included the chapter in verse to use while studying this word.

Vs 1 “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.”

Vs 2 “And he opened the bottomless pit; and there arose a smoke out of the pit, as the smoke of a great furnace; and the sun and the air were darkened by reason of the smoke of the pit.”

Vs 3 “And there came out of the smoke locusts upon the earth: and unto them was given power, as the scorpions of the earth have power.”

Vs 4 “And it was commanded them that they should not hurt the grass of the earth, neither any green thing, neither any tree, but only those men which have not the seal of God in their foreheads.”

Vs 5 “And to them it was given that they should not kill them, but that they should be tormented five months: and their torment was as the torment of a scorpion, when he strikes a man”

Vs 6 “And in those days shall men seek death, and shall not find it; and shall desire to die, and death shall flee from them.”

Vs 7 “And the shapes of the locusts were like unto horses prepared unto battle; and on their heads were as it were crowns like gold, and their faces were as the faces of men.”

Vs 8 “And they had hair as the hair of women, and their teeth were as the teeth of lions.”

Vs 9 “And they had breastplates, as it were breastplates of iron; and the sound of their wings was as the sound of chariots of many horses running to battle.”

Vs 10 “And they had tails like unto scorpions, and there were stings in their tails: and their power was to hurt men five months.”

Vs 11 “And they had a king over them, which is the angel of the bottomless pit, whose name in the Hebrew tongue is Abaddon, but in the Greek tongue hath his name Apollyon”.

Vs 12 “One woe is past; and, behold, there come two woes more hereafter.”

Vs 13 “And the sixth angel sounded, and I heard a voice from the four horns of the golden altar which is before God.”

Vs 14 “Saying to the sixth angel which had the trumpet, Loose the four angels which are bound in the great river Euphrates.”

Vs 15 “And the four angels were loosed, which were prepared for an hour, and a day, and a month, and a year, for to slay the third part of men.”

Vs 16 “ And the number of the army of the horsemen were two hundred thousand thousand: and I heard the number of them”.

Vs 17 “ And thus I saw the horses in the vision, and them that sat on them, having breastplates of fire, and of jacinth, and brimstone: and the heads of the horses were as the heads of lions; and out of their mouths issued fire and smoke and brimstone.”

Vs 18 “ By these three was the third part of men killed, by the fire, and by the smoke, and by the brimstone, which issued out of their mouths.”

Vs 19 “ For their power is in their mouth, and in their tails: for their tails were like unto serpents, and they had heads, and with them they do hurt.”

Vs 20 “ And the rest of the men which were not killed by these plagues yet repented not of the works of their hands, that they should not worship devils, and idols of gold, and silver, and brass, and stone, and of wood: which neither can see, nor hear, nor walk:”

Vs 21 “ Neither repented they of their murders, nor of their sorceries, nor of their fornication, nor of their thefts.”

If you want to believe what religion has taught for years, that this is the doom of man, I can't help that, but I'm going to show you God's truth in it. It's about God dealing with us in our lives, and it is beautiful.

Vs 1 “And the fifth angel sounded.” Now, what does this number five mean? Five, it's either life or death. Here's an angel, not of death. God's not trying to kill us; this is an angel of grace. He's giving us grace to overcome every circumstance that comes in our life. That's what these seven messengers are about, each one is bringing a piece into our life, and the piece this angel is bringing is grace. Everyone thinks it's bad, but this is grace. *“And the fifth angel sounded.”* What did it sound? It said they were carrying trumpets didn't he? So he spoke through this trumpet, and what does the trumpet represent? The word of God. So this angel of grace came and spoke the word of God. God's speaking that in our lives and He's been speaking since the very first century. He's been speaking this word of grace in our life. This is not something that every five hundred or every thousand years another angel has been loosed. Every bit of this was as real in the first century as it is today. This angel of grace, called the **Christ**, has been speaking on the earth since the very first century. Isn't that true? This is going on now and it's simultaneous in our lives as it was in their life back then, and it's still going on today. As long as we look at this time line that the churches want to put in our mind and say, well God can't work until this time, because we think that's where He is. God has been working since the very beginning. He's never changed anything has He? He has constantly been working. *“And the fifth angel sounded”*(this word of God, this word of grace), *and I saw a star fall from heaven*. If you think this is that comet that they were waiting on, you missed it. This star is Jesus the Christ, it was His crucifixion, and through His crucifixion, what were you given?? Grace. Grace. You're saved by what? Grace. Come on, we've got to open our minds up and see the truth that God is telling us in His word so that we can be free. We can't have this carnal thinking and still think “I can walk in peace with God.” I've got to open my mind and see it all. James said a double minded man is what? Unstable in all his ways. You see I've got to forget about that stuff that they're

telling me. Paul said it this way, "*the things you see are temporary; the things you don't see are eternal.*" We have got to forget about this stuff that we see and touch, these things that come in our life because they are not important. They will pass away. We're going through troubles right? They will what? Pass away. The eternal thing is the truth that He is going to bring into your lives. That's the things we need to focus on. We don't need to worry about the THINGS, cause that stuff is going to just pass away; its just stuff. All the things that have been in your life? That's just stuff isn't it? It will pass away. The thing of it is, it's going to change your life isn't it? It's changed it, but it's going to continue to change it. You see as long as we look at this stuff as a futuristic thing that is going to happen once we die, then what are we living for? Come on, this is when I live. I've got to have this in my life, now! You've got to have it, now! I don't live two thousand years from now, do you? I'm not living tomorrow, because tomorrow will never come, cause at midnight tonight it becomes today. You see tomorrow is elusive.

"I saw a star fall from heaven." We saw the Christ come from the Spirit realm, heaven, unto the earth, the death realm, and see it didn't say it just came unto, it came **into**. He didn't just come to this earth and walk upon this earth, He came into this earth, which you are. When He died on that cross, why did He die? That we may dwell with Him and in Him and be one with Him and the Father. We're supposed to be one with the Father, not playing this game that He's sitting over there and some day we'll get to go over there and bow down before Him. God dwells within us right now. We've got to get out of this futuristic thinking about the scriptures.

It says, *He was put into the earth*, and to Him was given the what? The key. What is a key? It locks and unlocks things, doesn't it? I want you to look at it in another way. **A key is power and authority**. If you have a whole bunch of keys, doesn't it give you the power over that thing that the key controls; is that key control? If I have the only key to the door to this building, and I don't open it, I have control and authority don't I? So the key is power and authority, that's what a key is, its authority. You can't start your car without the key, can you? So you have power and authority over that car to start it. So the person with the key has power and authority. And unless I'm sadly mistaken, Jesus said in Matthew 28, "*All power and authority in heaven and earth is given unto me.*" There's His power and authority. There are His keys. He isn't running around with a bunch of big keys on a chain, shaking them like the pictures they show you. He's talking about having power and authority over the bottomless pit, which we are. Our thinking is the bottomless pit. Out of it ascends all the evils and fornications and all the bad things that are brought forth. It comes out of our bottomless pit. But, see, He has power and authority over that, and He's in our earth; is that true? So He's in the earth and He's in us and He has the key. Notice the key wasn't put in our hands. The power and authority is put in the hand of Christ, and He opened the bottomless pit. There wasn't any fear there about opening that bottomless pit, like that of Pandora's box they always speak of. He had power and authority over that box. He had the key to it. You want me to tell you what the key is? Do you know what the key is? HE LOVES YOU. That's what it is; He loves you. That's the power and authority. The only thing that will bring a man that is big as a

mountain down to be like a lamb is God loving him. That's the key over that bottomless pit. Love is the only thing that will open that thing up. That's the power and authority that God has over that bottomless pit. No matter how much we think about different things, God has the power and authority. He said His word cannot be disannulled. His will, will be accomplished in the earth. It's not our will. We just agree with Him and then we're in a good place.

Vs 2 *“And He opened the bottomless pit; and there arose a smoke.”* What do you think that smoke is? It's humanity; it's a thinking place of humanity. The smoke is that ignorance that mankind has in their mind. It was the cherubim that were placed there to keep us from coming back, it's the imaginations; those imaginary creatures that God placed in our mind. There is no end to the things that come out of this bottomless pit, which is in our head, in our thinking process. That's what it is; you see there's no end to the things that come out of this thing (the mind). *“And there arose a smoke out of this pit, as the smoke of a great furnace. And the sun and the air were darkened by reason of the smoke of the pit.”* So literally, what's He's saying? The mind of humanity polluted the air and put a screen between you and the sun. Was that son or sun? **Yes**, both of them. This is just a figure; this is symbolic language. He's trying to show you that the mind of humanity is the only thing that was put between Him and us. He shows you another analogy of that in the gospels when He said, the day He was crucified, there was a great earthquake. It is the same thing He's speaking about in Revelation. What happened in that great earthquake? The veil was rent from what? Top to the bottom; He started right up on top. He opened your mind up. He had to let all that darkness out. Well until you let the darkness out, there's no room for the light to get in, is there? So He had to dump it out first, so He can fill us up with Him.

Vs 3 *“And there came out of the smoke,* now again, smoke is a covering and a darkening right? And that speaks of the ignorance of humanity, the ignorance of the mind of humanity. I mean humanity has the ability of doing so many things. It has abilities to make all kinds of things: computers, and put people on the moon, and make laser discs for our CD players, some things that my mind can't even begin to comprehend. I can go all the way back to the gasoline engine. I still can't figure out how they can make this thing run six thousand rpm's for two hundred thousand miles, metal on metal, and it will still work. But you know what, I don't labor it; I don't care; that's what God set up for them. And thank God they did, see, they're occupied with making it, and I get the benefit out of it. . I'm not going to labor that. I don't know how a computer works, I push the button, it comes on, and it works. That's all that matters. I don't have to know all those workings. I've got better things to put in my mind than how to fix a computer. There are too many people that know how to do it. I'll utilize that gift that God gave that person, and if they're satisfied with just a gift, then fine, but I want more than the gift, I want Him. You see. I'm not satisfied with just knowing how to do things; I want to know Him. If I've got Him, then I lack nothing. Our goal is not the gifts and the things that people have, it's what God is, His substance. And that's that love we've been speaking of. *“And there came out of the smoke (ignorance of man,) locusts upon the earth.”* This word locust, you know we think about those bugs that fly around and make that weird noise every so many years, and they come around and eat up every thing every so many years. Seven years or eighteen years, or whatever it is, it doesn't make any difference. Anyway, that's not

the locust it is speaking about. Literally, in the language you could allude to that, because it says, when you say the word locust, if you go to the language it means 'to light on the top of'. It's like a bug flies up and lights on the top of something. So those locusts do come in and they sit on the top, don't they? Well, we're talking about spiritual things here, aren't we? So when this spiritual thing comes in and sits on top of something, where do you think it's going to sit?? ON THE MIND. It's going to sit right up there on the head, or mind. What's it going to do? Destroy. It's going to begin to destroy what God has placed in there, and if we let that bug sit up there, guess what? It's going to eat away. We need to do some exterminating don't we? This *locust came, out of the smoke*, and what is the next word? Upon. That word *upon* is eis. It's not upon...it is *eis*, e-i-s not i-c-e. It's a Greek word. And the word *eis* means into. So where did the locust go?? Into. Deuteronomy seven says that there are seven nations mightier than you. What do we think we have to overcome? Those "ites" that He put in the land. So these "ites" have to be dealt with. He said, "*unto them was given power as the scorpions of the earth has power.*" Now He didn't say they were scorpions running around with big stingers in their tail. He said they were as scorpions. This is a spiritual thing. This is the demonic influence in our lives. Seven spirits that's been placed within us. Not a literal seven; it's a spiritual number, but whatever God deems necessary for my life, or your life, is what God places in your life to bring you to the maturity. It is not just a literal number seven. I think the man, Legion, they said had thousands, but someone else might have one. We don't know; that's all up to God, that's His doings. The book says *His doings are marvelous and we can't understand them all*. I think they're just marvelous.

Now, the scorpion has power in his tail to do what? Sting. They can literally kill you. If enough of them hit you, they can kill you. So this demonic influence in our lives, if we let those things get in our mind and start working, what will it do to us, and we all have experience of meeting people that way, that have had these things get in them, and because they didn't do their extermination by the Spirit of God and by His word, they literally went out there and died, physically; some of them, and a lot of them, Spiritually. Now...the tail. The tail is a very important thing in this symbolism. These tails had the power to sting someone and to kill someone. If you go to Isaiah 9:15 it says, '*the ancient and the honorable, he is the head.*' Talking about the Satan, the mind. And he says, '*but the prophet that teaches lies, he is the tail.*' So what do you think we're talking about here? It's deception, the false prophets, these tails of these scorpions; it's talking about people speaking. It doesn't necessarily have to be preachers. You wouldn't believe how the world preaches the word of God, erroneously; and I do emphasize erroneously. They preach something they have no clue about, and they come up with carnal understanding and they tell people all kinds of things about scripture, and they've got people scared to death. We had a couple that came here one time, they had just left another church and they didn't stay here for long, but there daughter came in and she just went to this big play that the church was putting on about hell, and she was having nightmares about this. Now, if that was a Godly thing, why did that kid come up with nightmares about hell? And you think she was the only one? **Come on**. They've got this hell thing all blown out of proportion and they had people dressed as devils running around scaring kids plumb to death. Is

that God? God loves us; He's not trying to do that stuff. But, see they are preaching things that they have no idea about, and it is out of their carnal understanding and lack of relationship with their Father. If I know my Father, and I know my Father loves me, is He going to hurt me? Well you see, they have the carnal understanding of a carnal or fleshly father, who did hurt them. So they can have the ability to say, 'Well, if my father did it, He probably would do it too.' I'm talking about what this carnal thing (mind) up here tells you. See it'll go anywhere; it's the bottomless pit. It can bring any kind of conception out about God. Our book says God is love, is that correct? Well then how can He do all these bad things? We've got to change this thinking process because it is not God. If we're in the Kingdom, we should be talking Kingdom language. Does that make sense? If I were going to Italy, I would have to speak Italian wouldn't I? If I were going to Russia, I would have to speak Russian to get around. So if I'm in the Kingdom of God, why do I keep talking earthly, worldly foolishness? Why don't I just talk the Kingdom? Does that make sense? It does to me. ***Get them bugs off your head.***

Vs 4 "*And it was commanded them that they should not hurt the grass of the earth; grass.... you can go into I Peter 1:24; and you can go to Isaiah 40: 6 & 8, and it says, All flesh is what? Grass. "You can't hurt the grass of the earth; you can't hurt anyone."* He limited their power didn't He? Anyone speaking this foolishness about some devil having all this power and control, what does He say right here? He told them they couldn't even hurt the flesh. **Oh my.** "*The flesh of the earth; neither any green thing; green speaks of living. He said you couldn't even hurt any living thing. Now who's in control? If God's not in control then boy, I've missed something bad. Neither any tree; what is a tree? It's people; it's humanity. Wood represents humanity? It's a living humanity. "*But only those men*" Men, represents the humanity that has what? *Not the seal of God in their foreheads, or upon their forehead.* So if they don't have the seal of God in their forehead, what would that be? What's the seal of God in your forehead? The Mind of Christ. They've got the seal of the living God in their head; they've got the mind of Christ. So how can you make a mistake? When you stand with the mind of Christ, people think you are arrogant, and you're obnoxious. Well, I'm going to tell you what, when Jesus preached, they said this about Him, "When did we ever hear one speak with such boldness?" They said He doesn't speak like the Scribes and Pharisees. I thank God that I don't speak like Scribes and Pharisees. I don't talk like them, do I? Hey, nobody ever accused me of that. I'm going to talk with the boldness that the Spirit of God has placed within me. I don't care what people think, I care about what my Father has said to me, and He sent me to say; and I will say what He has sent me to say and let it go at that. In the book it says, *how can they hear (in Romans) except they have a preacher, and how can he preach except he be sent?* And I think we know where that sent comes from. He said, *only those men which have not the seal of the living God*. So anyone without that seal of the living God, the mind of Christ, guess what the locust is going to do to you? You're going to hear all this stuff out here, all this false stuff and we're going to bite on it and chew on it and swallow it up and let it get in us and confuse us and deceive us. But, if we have this mind of Christ, the seal of the living God, in our foreheads, guess what? If that stuff comes in, you take a big bite and you'll spit it out and say,*

“That ain't right”. Your Spirit will say, plah.... I ain't eating that stuff. You will know; you say well I don't even know the scripture; you don't have to know the scripture like I do. All you've got to know is God loves you and He isn't going to hurt you. He said He will write in your heart and He'll call all things to remembrance, whatever He said to you, and He spoke to you before the foundation; He laid it all out ahead of time, it's in there whether you know it or not, right now. You just don't remember what you know. Another way you could say it is, you don't know what you know. He didn't say you had to remember it, He said, ' I'm going to call it to your remembrance.' So just hang on and let God be God.

Vs 5 “*And to them it was given that they should not kill them, but they should be tormented five months.* There's the negative side of it. We've got a positive side to grace, then we've got a negative side; they're going to be tormented for five months. Now that's not the good thing. He's not speaking about the good guys here, is He? He's talking about the ones without the seal of God in their forehead; they're going to be tormented, and this five can mean life or death. They're being tormented; there is death spiritually in there. They're dying. “*And their torment was as the torment of a scorpion, (which means to pierce) when he strikes a man,* or a man-faced person. Where He said it strikes a man, the word is anthropos, which means man-faced or humanity. So if I don't have the seal of the living God, guess what I am? I'm man-faced. And that scorpion means to pierce. It is like Him hanging on a tree, and they did what to him? Pierced Him. But see, they're dying on the negative side; they're not going on the positive.

Vs 6 “*And in those days shall humanity, or the man-faced people seek death and shall not find it, and shall desire to die and death shall flee from them.*” I had a woman that sat in here one evening, and she said, "I just want it to go away. I would just as soon die, as live like this." And I said, "The answer is God and His love." And she said, I don't want to hear about God." I said, " I can't give you nothing but God, it's all I've got. I can't give you worldly thinking; I don't have worldly thinking; I have God. It's all I can do is give you God." She said, "Well this conversation is over." Well, she's just right in the right place. She's right at her wits end. She's at the end of her rope. And then before she left, she said, "Well, I don't know if I'm ready to come here or not." And I said well, when you're ready we're here. We love you; the door is open." The only reason someone cries out like that is because they are at the end of their rope. And you know what, some day God will touch it, but when it's His time. I'm not going out hunting her down, it's not my place. God has to take you to the end of your rope. When it's time, God will come.

Vs 7 “*And the shapes or the form of the locust, or the mind-destroyers, were like unto horses prepared unto battle.*” Now when we speak about horses in the Bible, we're talking about strong warriors fighting and everything. Jesus said this, “*My Kingdom is not of this world, or else my disciples would fight.*” I am speaking about humanistic strength here. I am speaking about humanistic views, if you can overcome. It is like the church preaches. You don't need anything but yourself, you got it all within you, and see this is truth hidden there. But they're drawing out of the wrong side. I'm drawing off the God in me, and that's what we're supposed to do. They said, you're your own man, you're God. No, you're not God, you're God's sons. We're not God are we? We're God's sons.

*“They were like unto, and it didn't say they were horses, they were similar or likened to horses, and that's flesh, humanity, prepared unto battle. Well my book says in I Samuel 7:14 and II Chronicles 20:15 'The battle belongs to the Lord'. Then why are we doing it? You see that's humanity doing everything in its own strength. Just like Ford has a commercial: Ford had a better idea. Well that's what humanity does; we got a better idea. God says, "Trust me and it will be OK." And what happens? Well, that's the last place they go. When everything else is just falling on their faces, then they'll go to God. As children of God, where should be the first place that we should go for help? To the Father. Let me use a little baby for example; where should she go for her first problem. Where should it have the understanding, as soon as it's first hurt, or it's problem comes, who is it going to run to? Their mom and dad, and we don't do that as children of God. We run to worldly situations, we run to counselors in the world, we run to psychologists, psychiatrists, anybody out there, and the very best thing for us is right here with us, right in us. Just turn ourselves within and see the Christ within you. There's the answer. Even those little babies know the first thing.... they run to mom and dad, don't they? They don't even hesitate about it. And yet we, as intelligent adult, mature people, don't trust our Father. We think too much. It's that intelligence. He chose the foolish things to confound the wise, and our wise is what's confused; I guarantee you of that. *'On their heads were as it were crowns like unto gold'*. Gold speaks of the nature of God. But it didn't say it was gold, it was similar to gold. And that's religion. Religion puts it on your mind, that you're OK. I've seen that book called 'I'm OK you're OK' well then, tell me why He hung on a tree. Answer that one. If you're OK and I'm OK, why did He put his Son through all that pain and suffering, nail Him to a tree after He was beaten beyond recognition. You tell me, why did He do it, if I'm OK in my natural state? Am I OK in my natural state? NO. Heavens no we're not. *“And their faces were as the faces of men”*. Well notice, they had the mind, as it were gold, as it was the mind of gold, the crown on their head, but their faces were faces of what? Humanity; natural carnal thinking. It is not about what's going on in the world. Is that what it's about? What it's all about is about what's going on in my heart, in the Kingdom. Isn't that what it's all about? What is God doing in His Kingdom in me? Right? Each one of us should be able to say that. What's God doing in my Kingdom? There are lots of things going on. That's the thing that's your concern; I'm not concerned about the price of gasoline; I'm not concerned about all that stuff. We've got to pay it; we don't set those prices. And me arguing and fussing with people isn't going to change anything. My complaining about it will do nothing. All I have to do is pay for it when I get it. And my sufficiency is not in somebody else, it's in Christ. He will provide everything we need. Why do you think that the time in the land of Goshen, when the Jews were all in captivity, for all those four hundred years in servitude and bondage, in Goshen when the plagues came? There were ten plagues, and none of them hit Goshen. That's the same as being in the ark, the covenant of God. It is being in Christ. The world can go through all that hell and we can walk right through it. Did it mean that none of it would get on us? No, if they walked outside of Goshen, guess what they got? The plagues. But, still it didn't kill them. Moses went right out there in them didn't he?*

Aaron went right with him. They went right there, but they didn't get them. They didn't destroy them.

Vs 8 “*And they had hair as the hair of women*”. What is this speaking of here? The covering was a woman's covering. So what is this speaking of? We can see two things here, church and soulish. It was a soulish covering from the church. He said all this stuff is going on in that religious realm out there, not in the Kingdom of God. This is a religious realm. “*And they had hair as the hair of women and their teeth were as the teeth of lions.*” Literally the word *were*, is *are*; *are like teeth of lions*. So they have a covering of the soul, that's the woman; the hair is the covering. So they had the covering of the soul, but what do they talk like? Jesus is the lamb. They aren't talking to you like a lamb, are they? They got the covering of the soul, and they bite and chew and tear at you. Has anybody experienced that?

Vs 9 “*And they had breastplates, as it were breastplates of iron.*” Iron speaks of stubborn, hard, and inflexible; and you know what that is? That's a defense. An iron will, stiff necked, iron, stubbornness. All those things are all part of it, and we will not let the Christ penetrate the breastplate. What does a breastplate cover? Your heart. Stiff necked or stubborn people will say, “we're not going to let God get into this heart, whatever I've got to do, I don't care how bad I hurt.” You see if we can get our hearts to be hard, we can protect them with that iron, stubborn will that we have. And this is what religion will teach you. It will teach you to hide your problems instead of getting them out. Leave the splinter in your hand and let it poison and fester up and kill you. Don't get it out. That is what church will teach you. Don't come in and expose yourself, someone might talk about you. Well, if they talk about you, it's their problem; they've got the wagging tongue. It's not your problem if they talk about you. Your problem is dealing with you. Don't worry about everybody else. God will take care of the rest of it. “*And the sound of their wings was as the sound of chariots of many horses running to battle.*” Now, their actions, their motions, their wings, their motivations, this is an action thing here. Their movement; all the things going on, all the stirring going around, what is it about? It's the sound of horses running to battle. I just told you, the battle is what? It's the Lords. The religious realm, the first and second realm; Mt.Ophel, Mt Moriah, the dust and sand covenant; they're always in a fury, they're always in a tizzy, they're running to and fro', everything is stirred up; there's dust flying everywhere, isn't there? And do you know what? They don't even know what they're doing. They're caught in a dust storm and they don't even know it. They can't see in those dust storms. I've been in a few of them out in a desert, I mean, you can't see. And that's where the church is. They're caught up in this dust storm and if they come on up to Mt. Zion, guess what? You're above the storm. If you go up high enough on those mountains you can see those big clouds of dust beneath you and it's like you're in a different world. It's like flying in an airplane; you can go above the storms. You don't have to worry about it. If you ascend up into the heavenlies, Isaiah said it this way, *there's a place, there's a highway*, literally a higher way, *where the lions can't walk and the vultures can't even fly there*. You see you can get above all this worldly stuff. You don't have to worry about it, because it's the Spirit of God. You don't have to worry about the carnality of humanity. You don't have to worry about all the stuff that they're putting in your head about doing the battle and doing all this spiritual warfare. It's done. Jesus said

it's finished, and I believe it, every bit of it, it's finished. He said pray that the kingdom come that what is done in heaven will be done in earth. It's already done; just let it come on. Let the Kingdom come.

Vs 10 *“And they had tails like unto scorpions”* These tails are the false prophet. It says that they were similar to scorpions. That means they had the ability to sting and to kill humanity. And these false prophets that run around telling all this stuff, threatening, and intimidating God's children, guess what? They're trying to bring death to them, but they're not going to work, because they can't touch the third that He has chosen. They will have no hurt upon them. It says that *their tails were like unto scorpions and their stings*, or literally their poison in their tails, and their power was *to hurt men (or humanity) five months*, or literally unto death.

Vs 11 *“And they had a king over them, which is the angel, or the messenger of the bottomless pit.”* Well everybody can say, "Oh that's the devil." Well the messenger of the bottomless pit is you. You listen to yourself; it's the one that talks to you. Isn't it? Doesn't your mind talk to you everyday? That's the messenger of the bottomless pit. It's your own human thinking, your own carnal understanding. And when you realize that, guess what? You can identify it. Once you identify it, now you can separate that voice from the other voice you hear, which is the voice of Christ speaking within you. Now we got things coming our way, don't we? We no longer hear this voice and don't know who it is. My sheep hear my voice, and they will not follow the voice of a stranger. That stranger is your own thinking. *And they had a king over them, which is the angel of the bottomless pit, whose name in the Hebrew tongue is Abaddon*; what does Abaddon mean? The destroyer. The angel of destruction is what the word Abaddon means. What is the messenger of destruction? My thinking. *But in the Greek tongue his name is Apollyon*, which means, the destroyer, the angel of destruction and the destroyer. Guess what that is? That's me. That's myself. That is the only thing that will mess my life up. If I point outside of my own self, to anyone in humanity as being my problem, I've got a big problem; I am deceived. The only one that can destroy my life is me. No one out there can mess your life up. You have to let them get to you. You have to give them the keys, the power, and the authority to mess your life up. When you find out that you have the keys and the power over this carnal thinking, this death that comes to us, it causes an earthquake.

Vs 12 *“One woe is passed and, behold, there come two woes more hereafter.”* Woe, woe, woe; pain, grief, and suffering. As long as we stay in Mt Ophel and Mt. Moriah, we've got pain, grief, and suffering. Until we come to Mt Zion, to that place where the lion can't walk, and the vultures can't fly there, guess what? We're serpent food. What's the serpent food in Genesis? The dust of the earth. Or the dust and sand. Sand is a little bit bigger grain of dust isn't it? So as long as we stay in these lower two realms of God's life that He set up for us, we're serpent food. Why should I complain if I walk in a place here and there's a bunch of snakes in here, and I walk in and they start biting me on the legs. Ouch! Ouch! Ouch! And I just keep saying, Ouch! Ouch! Ouch! Ouch! Ouch! And they just keep eating me up. Well if I come on up out of that dust realm, snakes can't fly can they? But if I stay in this death realm, ouch, ouch! I get bit again, and we get bit every day. Ouch! Ouch! Ouch! And that's all we do, we murmur and complain about these serpents biting us. Don't we? All we have

to do is come on up. Man, that sounds simple to me. I mean it really does. But we stand there and let the snakes bite us and bite us and bite us, and the scorpions sting us and sting us, and all we do is murmur and complain. All we have to do is come on up. They have no access here. There is no access. The keys were given to us, not to them. It was given to the Christ; the Christ has the keys to ascend above those things. I'm trying to tell you, God's trying to tell you, that you have the keys within yourself. You have the keys to the bottomless pit; it's the mind of Christ He's placed within your hearts; you have a way to come out of this thing. You don't have to settle being beaten up. You don't have to have snakebites from your ankles to your shins. You don't have to. You can ascend above it. You can be just like Paul in Acts 28, when the snake bit him and he just shook it off in the fire. And everyone said, "Ahhh he's a bad person, see he escaped the sea from drowning and now the serpents come out and bit him, he'll die for sure now." And it said after a long while there was no hurt. You see we have got to come to that place where we can stand up and let the serpents bite us and shake them off and say, "I'm not going to let them rule my life, any longer." And eventually people are going to look at you and say, "Oh no! He wasn't wicked; he's a man of God; they're a woman of God, because only they could do those things." You've got to come to a place where you see this in your life. You've got to take the hit and stand. **Shake it off in the fire and go on about your business.** You've got to find your destiny. You've got to know your identity and your destiny.

Vs 13 *"And the sixth angel sounded, and I heard a voice from the four horns of the golden altar which is before God."* Again back to this sixth angel that sounded, the number six of course means man. So, what would this be saying, this man angel, or this angel of humanity sounded and I heard a voice from the four horns; four speaks of completeness; horns speak of authority; so its speaking about this angel in humanity that has complete authority; and that is speaking of the Christ.

Vs 14 *"Saying to the sixth angel which had the trumpet. Loose the four angels which are bound in the great river Euphrates."* Now this angel is in humanity that has complete authority, and the trumpet, which is the word of God, and he said *loose*, or literally release the four angels. Now about these four angels, four again speaks of what? Completeness, angels represents the messenger; so it's the completed angels or the complete message, or literally all the angels, loose all four of them, Loose all the angels." *which are bound in the great river Euphrates.*" What is this river? The river is basically water. So the water is also the word. Lets look at the word 'Euphrates'. Euphrates is a river where? It's in Egypt. Egypt represents the world, so we see this great flow of words from the world. It's symbolic of the entire people that are bound by the great river, Euphrates. Or they were literally bound by the worldly words, the flow of worldly words that's in the church today, that's in our minds today. So these people are running around, bound up by all the words of their speaking; and doesn't scripture say that *we have the power of life and death in the tongue*? Are we not snared by the words of our mouth? And of course these worldly words that we speak, are not the words of the Kingdom of God; if we were speaking words of the Kingdom of God, we'd be speaking the language of the Kingdom. Very few people today speak the language of the Kingdom. They speak a mixture. They have the Assyrian way, or the Samaritan way, the mixture way, they have the Spirit and the flesh mixed

together. You see God's Kingdom is all Spirit. So we want everything to go back to the Spirit. If we do that, we'll have the language of the Kingdom.

Vs 15 *“And the four angels, (or all the angels) were loosed, which were prepared for an hour, and a day, and a month, and a year for to slay the third part of humanity.”* The words “for to” in this verse should read: *“in order that they would slay the third part of humanity.”*

Vs 16 *“And the number of the army of the horsemen, and the horsemen could be the demonic influence; it can actually be the self-life. So what was prepared were two hundred thousand thousand, and I heard the number of them, or literally I understood the number of them. Now, what is that number, two hundred thousand thousand? If you look it up, it literally says myriads and in the word myriad it just means an innumerable amount. You can't number it. If you wanted to go into reality and see the literal number of it, two hundred thousand thousand, it would be twenty million or two hundred million and referring to horses or horsemen; there's not that many horses on the face of the earth. It is nowhere near it. It's not even a tenth of that probably. So that's just totally ridiculous to think about that.*

Vs 17 *“And in this way or thus I saw the horses”, “Or the horse in the vision,” and them that sat upon the horses having breastplates of what? Fire, the word is *purinos* (poo-ree-nos), and literally it means purification. Fire purifies. *“and of jacinth, and brimstone: and the heads of the horses were as the heads of lions:”* jacinth literally is a color that is like a chameleon color, it goes to the color of where it is, or it changes to whatever is there.” *And out of their mouths issued fire.”* Fire is pure; it means it's a spiritual fire. It says fire and brimstone. Brimstone is sulfur, sulfur is used for purification, in the Old Testament and in every sacrifice sulfur was added for purification. So guess what? We're speaking about fire and purification here. Fire purifies and corrects and so does the brimstone or sulfur.*

“And the heads of the horses were as the heads of lions,” it didn't say they were lions, it says they were like lions. So, what would that be a positive or a negative? These people had the heads of lions, is it a positive thing or a negative thing? It's a negative. So we see that the lion can be positive or it can be negative. Jesus was the Lion of the tribe of Judah, absolutely a positive, and Peter said our adversary, the devil, walks around as a roaring lion seeking whom he may devour. That's a negative. Well here we have a negative also, we're talking about the lions devouring. *“And out of their mouths issued fire, which is purification, and smoke and brimstone”*, which is, theon, is the word, which is sulfur, which is purification.

Vs 18 *“By these three was the third part of men (or humanity) killed”*. The fire, the smoke, and the brimstone, that's what he's speaking of here in, verse eighteen, which by these was the third part of humanity killed. From the fire, and from the smoke, and from the brimstone which issued from out of their mouth. What do you think this is all about? Fire represents, purification; or judgment spoke out of the mouths of these people. It came from their own mouth. They're snared by their own words. And smoke, smoke speaks of ignorance, darkness, and cloudiness, not seeing clearly. It speaks of their ignorance. And brimstone is that sulfur or purification. All of these words come from out of their mouth. So the smoke, the brimstone, and the fire that issued out of their mouths killed the third part of humanity.

Verse 19 *“For (or because) their power is in their mouth, and in their tails: for their tails were like unto serpents, and they had heads; and with them they do hurt.”* What do you think this really means, *“For their power is in their mouth and in their tails”*? We know that the power of life and death is in the tongue. But we're speaking about people that talk about things they don't really know anything about. In Isaiah 9:15 it says, *“the ancient and honorable is the head, and the prophet that teaches lies he is the tail.”* So these people were controlled by a tail; the false prophets that was in them. It was in them, it's not someone that is outside, it's within them. They're listening to their own mind, their own soulish realm. *“Because their tails were like unto serpents”*, we know that's not the ones serving God is it? *“And had heads; and with them they do hurt.”* You see they had their own humanity, they don't have the mind of Christ, and they have the mind of humanity.

Vs 20 *“And the rest of the men (or humanity), which were not killed by these plagues, yet did what? Repented not, or they did not think differently. `Metaneo` is the word; it means to change the way you think. So even with all of these judgments coming upon humanity, that stiff-necked rebellious people that God dealt with in the Old Testament, and is still here. We see them today, all around us. It says they repented not from all these calamities and plagues that are in their life, *and of the works of their hands*. **WORKS**, I'm either serving God or I'm serving humanity. My hands are working the works for myself, or they're working for God.*

“And these people didn't repent of the works of their hands that they should not worship devils, (or demonic beings), and idols (or images) of gold, silver, brass and stone and wood, which neither can see nor hear nor walk:” What He's saying is, all the things that we see in our minds, or all the images that we create in our mind, because of the ignorance of the smoke and the darkness that's within our minds, those things cannot see, speak, or help us in any way. Those are things that we've created with our own works, and with our own mind. We have laid these things up and we worship them. People say, “whoa!! I don't worship anything like that.” Oh hogwash, you do. Anything you see and you think you couldn't possibly be wrong at, you think you've got locked up, you think you have the absolute ultimate in, I guarantee you 99.9% of them are wrong, to some degree. Now everything is not wrong, but you see if our foundation is not laid exactly perfect, and that foundation is Christ, so that means that I have to get my foundation laid, which is the mind of Christ within me. If my foundation is the mind of Christ, then I know that what I build upon will be level, and true, straight and plumb. But, if it's not, then guess what? It's off somewhere, then my building; my tabernacle is not true, level, square and plumb. Do you

understand what I'm saying? You have to get the foundation right first, which is the word of God, which brings the mind of Christ.

David said in Psalms 119 one hundred and eighty seven times, he said it in six or seven different ways; according to thy word, according to thy precepts, according to thy commandment, according to thy law, according to several other things there; but he said it 187 times, according to thy word. All of those things speak of the same thing: The word of God, the law of the Priests, and the commandments, whatever he's speaking of there it is all saying the same thing. In one chapter he says that; in 176 verses he says it 187 times. I think he was putting definition to what he was trying to tell us. **Nothing can be done except according to the word of God.** So anything we do outside the word of God, we're outside the foundation. I know the foundation must be there first. And we all have these things in our mind, and we need to deal with them. They're things that we've created, idols from out of gold. What do you think that is? It's an image that we think is God. It's not really. Silver speaks of redemption; we have an idea of redemption that is not really redemption. It's not God's redemption; it's what religion has taught us about redemption. Brass speaks of the sufferings that Christ went through. We have an idea what suffering for Jesus means, we really don't. That's not really what God's speaking about, it's speaking about what man thinks. You see there are images that we've created. Our own works have created these things. *And of stone and of wood*, stone speaks of the foundation again. That foundation is all wrong. *And of wood*, that speaks of humanity. You see even our idea of humanity isn't even right. We think what we think; they're idols, and none of these things can neither see, hear, or walk. They're literally just images, idols in our own mind. If we can truly look and see that the idols or images that are in our own mind, are truly not what God says by the Spirit, then we have the potential to walk in the truth.

In John 1:12 God told John to write these words, "*To them that received Him, gave he power to become the sons of God.*" (To those that received Him) What did they have to do? Receive. How hard is it to receive? It is not hard at all just receive. But see, humanity, because of these idols of gold, silver and stone and wood and brass and all those things in our mind, we can't receive. We've locked it up; we've become Hamath, the high walled city. We've got our minds locked out to the truth. We're no longer teachable, we are still high walled cities; we think we're better; we think we already know it. So we're better than all the people that run around the world and say, "I'm a Christian, or I'm a son of God, or I'm a child of God, or I'm in the Kingdom, and I'm this and I'm that", and all they are doing is speaking words. They're parroting what someone else has said. There's nothing that makes me anymore nauseous than to go into a meeting somewhere and someone wants to tell some great thing they've come to, and all they say is, Preston said, Gary said, Elwin said, Stacy says, Joe said, Dave said; see I don't want to hear that anymore, and I think God is sick of hearing that. I know I am. I want to hear what God says in your life. What is your life about? Is your life just about parroting what someone else says? If it is, you need to get a life. And that life is called Christ, and let Christ speak the reality in your life, so you will no longer be a mimic of something, but you'll be the reality of Christ that is within

you. Good God can you hear what the Spirit wants you to do? He wants you to have that intimate relationship, He wants you to tell people what the Spirit is saying, not what somebody else said. Come on, that's all religion has done for two thousand years, it's walked around and talked about what somebody said, and that somebody is not the Christ. The Christ is within us and He wants to speak out, let Him speak, listen to Him, and go to the word, and find your witness of it. Don't walk around and be part of religion that just memorizes someone else's words and regurgitate them when they get in the mood at meetings and find goose bumps running around. That's not what God's about. Come on, get our minds opened, let us hear what the Spirit is saying to us. We have ears to hear, and we have eyes to see; let's use them. God gave us a mind; He wants us to think. Let's get started and do what God wants. Isn't it time? Come on.

Verse 21 *“Neither repented they of their murders, nor their sorceries, nor their fornications, nor their thefts.”* Now, this twenty-first verse he says, they didn't repent `metanoeo`. They didn't change the way they think. They still think that what they think is the gospel. There are so many people that tell me that they know what the gospel is and they haven't got a clue what it is, but they think they've got it. You see it's another one of those idols that they've made up in their mind. It says, *“they neither repented of their murders”*. The book tells me the spirit of jealousy turns into murder. When Cain was jealous of what Able did with God, of giving a righteous sacrifice, a blood sacrifice; Cain was angry, he was jealous and it turned into murder. How many people today, in the body of Christ, are jealous about what God's doing through someone or with someone? They say, “I want to be there and I'm jealous and because they get it and I don't, I'm mad.” Well you see, that is the root of murder and everyone can get there, if you let your self go in to those idols you've created. Don't think that you're above someone else, and don't think that you have everything. I know I don't have total understanding of everything going on, but I'm in the process of getting there, and I'm going to get there. I'm not there yet, and I don't think for a minute that I'm any better than anyone else. I'm not jealous of anyone for what they have in the natural or in the Spirit. Because I don't think that He poured out His Spirit upon me with measure, I received it **without** measure. Scripture tells me that He poured out His Spirit without measure upon the Son; I am part of that Son. So I received that same Spirit without measure. Do you hear what I'm telling you? If you are part of that Son, if you are part of the body of Christ, guess what? You've got the same Spirit, without measure; if you don't believe it, you'll never walk in it. You've got to believe what God is doing in you.

“Nor did they repent of their sorceries”; that's witchcraft. You know that most of the church today works in witchcraft? Pharmacia is the word; sorceries, it is the same place we get our word pharmacy, for drugs. But you see drugs are something that alters our mind, are they not? There are many mind altering drugs out there, and the church today is giving the word of man, the doctrine of men, rather than the doctrines of God, and guess what they're doing? They're altering the minds of humanity in the wrong way. They're not hearing the word of God, which will give us the true spiritual understanding. We're just having the carnality that man can bring forth; cause seed can only produce like kind. If I'm ministering out of the carnality of my mind, you'll

do nothing but get worse, but if you're hearing the Spirit speak through me or through anyone else, you're going to hear what life is about.

So there are sorceries; they are mind altering, they're mind control, manipulation. We see all this stuff in churches. They manipulate you; they tell you if you go here or you go there, you'll go to hell. You've got to stay with us cause we're the only ones that's right; well then God sure has a narrow mind, if we think that each one of these organizations has everything that God has. That God, put all His eggs in one basket, and I don't believe that for one minute, and they really don't either, they're just in deception.

"Nor of their fornication"; fornication does not speak of literally a sexual act, but it speaks about the body, the bride of Christ, being unfaithful to her man, Christ. Today, the woman (the church or soul) is not (and most people's woman, **their soul** is not) faithful unto the Christ. Few would find the way to life. A very small remnant, Isaiah says. And I think in Kings, or Samuel, He says that there were seven thousand that didn't bow their knee to Baal. It's always a small group that is going to be faithful, unrelenting unto God. *"Nor of their thefts"*. Do you know what that brings me back to? John chapter 10: 7, 8, and I'll read you something: Jesus is speaking here, I'll read verse 7 to get the context: *Then said Jesus unto them, "Verily, verily; (Truly, truly) I say unto you, I am the door of the sheep. All that came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not hear them. I am the door and by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved and go in and out and find pasture. The thief comes not except to steal, to kill, and to destroy. I am come that they might have life and that they might have it more abundantly.* They didn't want to repent of their thefts, and today the body of Christ has been robbed. The thief has come to kill, to steal, and destroy, and has been doing it rampantly in the body of Christ. We don't realize how much that man's religious system has so brain washed us and stole the power and the glory of God that He has placed upon us and within us, from us. It's those same tails He speaks about in the book of Revelation 12:4 *"and his tail drew a third part of the stars and of heaven, and then cast them to the earth;"*(the tail of the dragon) (Isaiah 9:15 *the ancient and the honorable is the head, and the prophet that teaches lies, he is the tail*). We have all kinds of tails out there that are casting people from heaven to earth. It's from the Spirit realm, back into the death realm, to the realm of woe, woe, woe (to pain, to grief, and to suffering.) We have people out there who have no idea what life is about, and they are telling people that they are life and their words are life, and they are speaking out of the carnality of the dust, the mind of dust and sand, and there is no life in the dust or the sand. The only life that we have is the Spirit of God that He has placed within us, and that is in the heavenly realm; and that's why Paul said *we are seated in heavenly places*; present tense, right now. We are not going to be anything, we already are. **We be who we be**, we're sons of God from the very beginning.

Romans 8:29 says, *"to those He foreknew, He did predestine to be conformed to the image of his son"*, and those words 'to be' are not in the writings. Those tails added those words in again. **We are already conformed to the image of His Son.** In the day that we were created, we were created in the image and likeness of our God, our Father. We're not going to be created; we already are in that image. We just don't

believe it. Do you hear what I'm telling you? You just don't believe. The same as Abraham became righteous by one method; it's the same for us; like father, like son. Father Abraham became a Jew, because he believed God, and it was accounted unto him for righteousness. But guess what? We're no different. We have to believe in the finished work that God has done. And when we do, we will be accounted as righteous. There's no difference from Father Abraham. We believe God. When Jesus walked the earth, He said, *I don't do anything that I don't hear my Father say, or I don't do anything that I don't see Him do.* You see, He believed what God said was right, and when we believe it we'll stand in that same place as Abraham; and as all the other prophets, and as Christ Himself upon the earth. We just don't believe what He says to us. We've got to stop listening to the tails that's wagging out there; we've got to start hearing the Christ that's within us. No longer hearing the doctrines of men, they've brought no life, and now is a time that we can no longer stand and listen to that stuff. Jesus said He could rise up stones to worship Him. He could rise up sons out of the stones; I don't want a rock to take my place, and I don't think you do either. But you've got to know one thing; you've got to break all your idols. And I don't care if your idols are made out of gold, or silver, or precious jewels, or brass, or wood. I don't care what it's made out of; I don't care how much value you place on what you think. What you think is not necessarily true. And the only way to find out what is the truth is talk to the one that has truth, and that is God. God is truth. Jesus said *I am the way, the truth, and the life. He said my words are truth, and they are life; they are Spirit, and they are life.*

In the Old Testament it says, *'thy word is truth'* in the Psalms, *'thy word is truth.'* David said that of His Father. He knew what his Father said was truth. You see, today we don't believe that, we only believe what we think is comfortable, what is palatable to our soulish realm that we live in. If it's good and feels good, then OK we can do it. But see God is not spelled G-o-o-d, God is spelled G-o-d, and see, He doesn't have to be palatable to us; He doesn't have to be comfortable to us. All He has to be is who He be. He's God. We don't have to impress anyone, we're not in a popularity contest; we're in the business of doing the truth. Doing what our Father wants us to do, that's all that is important to us in our life. And when it is, you will be rejected just as He was rejected from the very beginning, when they had a King over them who was God, and they didn't want it, and they said; No, give us a king like the heathen people have. They wanted Saul, OK you got Saul, and he sure gave them a fine time. Go read the book; I haven't got time to preach it. But know this, we're no different today; we don't want God telling us what to do in our lives. And when we're that way, it just tells me that you have not the mind of Christ. You See, I want my God to direct me, because my God will not hurt me, He will not do anything that's not good for me. He is taking care of me; He has my thought first and foremost in His mind, in His heart. He is changing me; He is letting me see that the ways that I do things are not right.

Proverbs tells me, on several occasions, *'there is a way that seems right unto a man, but the end thereof is what? Death, death; it's carnality; if it begins there, it will end there, and as the sign says in the front of this room 'Origin determines destination'. If I start with carnality in my mind, I can't change it into Spirit. I can put on the mind of*

Christ, but the old man has got to go. Paul said we've got to put off that old man; see, that old way of thinking; that old humanity can't do it. We're a new humanity today; we're a humanity infused with the Spirit of God. We always have been, we just didn't believe it, and God wants to set us free, and let us know that this book of Revelation is not here to hurt you in any way, but it's here to let you know what He has done for you, and how much He loves you; that He would go through all this to set it up, to reconcile you back, to recover you from the snare of your own thinking and your own ways. He loves you so much that He's willing to send His Son, and put Him on a tree, and die that you could walk in the liberty and be whom He has called you to be, **the Sons of the living God.**

May God our Father help you to understand the words of this writing so you also can realize your identity and walk in that reality as the Sons predestined from before the conception of the world.....

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