



The Canadian *Lord's Day* Association

Bible Course

Acts to Revelation

Lesson 79

Name: _____

Read Revelation 9

The first four trumpets affected the natural realm of the earth. The next three trumpets belong to the supernatural realm. We must understand them in terms of the devil and his angels. Demonic forces are like the locusts seeking to destroy.

1. And the fifth angel sounded, and I saw a _____ fall from _____ unto the _____: and to him was given the _____ of the _____. (Satan, a fallen angel).
2. And he opened the bottomless pit; and there arose a _____ out of the pit, as the _____ of a great furnace; and the sun and the air were darkened by reason of the _____ of the pit (Satan always tries to blind, confuse, cover the light of the Son; he works best in darkness.)
3. And there came out of the smoke _____ upon the earth.
4. Describe the locusts: _____

5. And to them it was given that they should not kill them but that they should be tormented _____ (one growing season, a limited time).
6. And in those days shall men _____, and shall not find it; and shall _____ to _____, and _____ shall flee from them.

(This is a description of life without God – gloomy, pessimistic, uncontrolled sin, God obscured, wishing to die, life is only a burden.)

Note how that Satan can do no more that God allows him to – limited time, only afflict unbelievers. He doesn't have full access to this world.

7. Read Luke 10: 17-20. Jesus said, "I beheld _____ as lightning fall from heaven. Behold I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions...Notwithstanding, in this rejoice not, that they _____ are subject unto you; but rather rejoice, because your _____ are _____ in _____." Two interpretations of this (both accurate)

a. Jesus saw Satan's pride in heaven before Satan's fall. Jesus saw Satan fall from heaven. Now he warns to beware of pride, rejoice only because your name is written in heaven.

b. Jesus is describing the effect on Satan's kingdom due to the ministry of the gospel. He sees Satan's power decline as the gospel is preached.

8. And the seventy returned again with joy, saying, Lord even the _____ are subject unto us through _____. The disciples were rejoicing because of their power over devils.

9. The second woe begins with the 6th trumpet. The trumpet judgments are increasing in intensity and severity. And the _____ were loosed (v. 15) ... to _____ the third part of men. These angels are not the same good angels in Revelation 7 who were restraining evil. These angels are bad and let loose, but held in check – so far and no further. The number four is used to imply universal or world-wide evil. The angels were in the river Euphrates.

10. What does the river Euphrates symbolize? _____

11. And the number of the army of the _____ were

_____.

In a battle with 200 million horsemen, the enemy seems to be everywhere. The enemy is formidable and overwhelming. There is only one place of safety – in Jesus Christ. Pray for a truly repentant heart to confess sin, forsake sin, grieve over sin, and trust in Jesus Christ as the only remedy. What happened at the end of this chapter?

12. In the midst of a horrible war with people dying everywhere, how were the survivors acting? Neither _____ they of their murders, nor of their sorceries, nor of their fornication, nor of their thefts.

Remember that Revelation is written as a Christ centered book of comfort for believers. Yet there is also a strong secondary theme that pervades the book – a warning to the ungodly who refuse to repent. Have you repented? The best of our righteousness is filthy rags – pray for mercy. Through surrender is victory. We cannot do this without Christ – pray on... Hell is eternal confusion, enmity, and war. But there is mercy available to the chiefest of sinners. God has never cast away a repentant sinner.

Evaluator _____

Meditation

When God sends a time of widespread sickness and death; when He seems to poison the very atmosphere; when we are visited by the pestilence that walketh in darkness, and the destruction that wasteth at noonday; when a thousand fall at our side, and ten thousand at our right hand, oh, it is strange to see what a panic comes upon men, and paleness upon all faces. It is as in fishing boats that have set out upon an excursion while the wind was fair, and the sun shone cheerily, and the blue waves curled gently on every side, and all is joy and carelessness in every boat; when suddenly the sky is overcast, the whistling wind rises, the dreadful squall is at hand, and death stares every man in the face. Ah, then what panic seizes upon every boat's crew; what reefing of the sails; what grasping at the helm: how one seeks to run into the shore, another into the deep. Such is the panic that comes over unconverted men in a time of widespread calamity.

Gems of R.M. McCheyne

A Friend That Sticks Closer Than a Brother

One there is, above all others,
Well deserved the name of Friend;
His is love beyond a brother's,
Costly, free, and knows no end;
They who once His kindness prove,
Find it everlasting love.

Which of all our friends to save us,
Could or would have shed their blood?
But our Jesus died to have us
Reconciled to Him in God;
This was boundless love indeed.
Jesus is a friend in need.

Men, when raised to lofty stations,
Often know their friends no more;
Slight and scorn their poor relations,
Though they valued them before;
But our Savior always owns
Those whom He redeemed with groans.

When He lived on earth abased,
Friend of sinners was His name;
Now above all glory raised,
He rejoices in the same:
Still He calls them brethren, friends,
And to all their wants attends.

Could we bear from one another
What He daily bears from us?
Yet this glorious Friend and Brother
Loves us though we treat Him thus;
Though for good we render ill,
He accounts us brethren still.

Oh, for grace our hearts to soften!
Teach us, Lord, at length to love;
We, alas, forget too often,
What a Friend we have above;
But when home our souls are brought,
We will love Thee as we ought.

John Newton