



W E L C O M E

— THE STUDY OF —  
**REVELATION**

WHICH IS, WHICH WAS, AND WHICH IS TO COME

## Revelation 7: 9 (NASB)

*After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could count, from every nation and all the tribes, peoples, and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, and palm branches were in their hands;*

## Revelation 7: 10 (NASB)

*and they cried out with a loud voice, saying,*

*"Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb."*

## Revelation 7: 11 (NASB)

*And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures; and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God,*

# Revelation 7: 12 (NASB)

*saying,*

*"Amen, blessing, glory, wisdom,  
thanksgiving, honor, power, and  
might belong to our God forever  
and ever. Amen."*

## Revelation 7: 13 (NASB)

*Then one of the elders responded, saying to me, "These who are clothed in the white robes, who are they, and where have they come from?"*

# Question?

I don't think John knew who they were so his answer was a polite way of asking the elder to tell him who they were.

## Revelation 7: 14 (NASB)

*I said to him, "My lord, you know."  
And he said to me, "These are the  
ones who come out of the great  
tribulation, and they have washed  
their robes and made them white  
in the blood of the Lamb.*

# Question?

So who were these people?

Those who have died for Christ.  
The ones previously mentioned as  
under the altar. These are  
tribulation saints.

## Revelation 7: 15 (NASB)

*For this reason* they are before the throne of God, and they serve Him day and night in His temple; and He who sits on the throne will spread His tabernacle over them.

Question?

For what reason?

Question?

Look at the great honor these  
tribulation saints will have!

## Revelation 7: 15 (NASB)

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# Question?

How difficult do you think it will be for those who become Christians during the tribulation period?

These are tribulation saints so they have been through a tremendous amount of suffering, without food, without water, the earth is disintegrating and I am sure they have shed many tears. But no more!

## Revelation 7: 16- 17 (NASB)

*They will no longer hunger nor thirst, nor will the sun beat down on them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb in the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and will guide them to springs of the water of life; and God will wipe every tear from their eyes."*

## Revelation 8: 1 (NASB)

*When the Lamb broke the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven for about half an hour.*

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half an hour*

If God exists outside of time, what  
does half an hour mean?

Hint: John is observing what is  
going on and writing it down in  
real time.

*there was silence in heaven for about  
half an hour*

John watches a throne room of  
total silence for what he times out  
as about half an hour which  
translates to 30 minutes for us.

# Question?

What happens during a trial when the jury comes back in and sets down and says they have reached a verdict and judgement is about to be sentenced on the individual on trial?

*there was silence in heaven for about half an hour.*

Extreme quiet falls on the courtroom. This is what John is describing here. God does not delight in punishment, but he must punish as He is righteous, pure and holy. We see heaven in total silence over what must take place.

## Zechariah 2: 13 (NASB)

*Be silent, all mankind, before the Lord; for He has roused Himself from His holy dwelling."*

## Revelation 8: 2 (NASB)

*And I saw the seven angels who stand before God, and seven trumpets were given to them.*

Question?

What do the trumpets do when  
blown?

They release God's wrath as we will see shortly. In other words the court has found the earth dwellers guilty and the sentencing or punishment for their sins and rejection of God has been handed to those who will be serving out the punishment.

## Revelation 8: 3 (NASB)

*Another angel came and stood at the altar, holding a golden censer; and much incense was given to him, so that he might add it to the prayers of all the saints on the golden altar which was before the throne.*

# Question?

What does this tell us the tribulation saints are doing during this difficult time?

They will be a praying people.  
Imagine all those murdered for  
Christ during this time and the  
great number of prayers being  
sent up for God to help them.

## Revelation 8: 4 (NASB)

*And the smoke of the incense ascended from the angel's hand with the prayers of the saints before God.*

# Question?

How do you think God feels about  
His children being hunted,  
tortured and murdered on the  
earth?

# Question?

Do you remember the question asked by the tribulation saints who were murdered for their faith?

## Revelation 6: 9 (NASB)

*When the Lamb broke the fifth seal, I saw underneath the altar the souls of those who had been killed because of the word of God, and because of the testimony which they had maintained;*

## Revelation 6: 10 (NASB)

*and they cried out with a loud voice, saying, "How long, O Lord, holy and true, will You refrain from judging and avenging our blood on those who live on the earth?"*

## Revelation 8: 5 (NASB)

*Then the angel took the censer and filled it with the fire of the altar, and hurled it to the earth; and there were peals of thunder and sounds, and flashes of lightning and an earthquake.*

The prayers of all the tribulation saints crying out to God as they are being hunted down and murdered is being cast down on the earth as fire. This is a demonstration of God's vengeance against those who have harmed His children.

# Question?

Do you remember what thunder and lightning represent?

A time of God's Judgement and wrath.

We also see another earthquake.

## Revelation 8: 6 (NASB)

*And the seven angels who had the seven trumpets prepared themselves to sound them.*

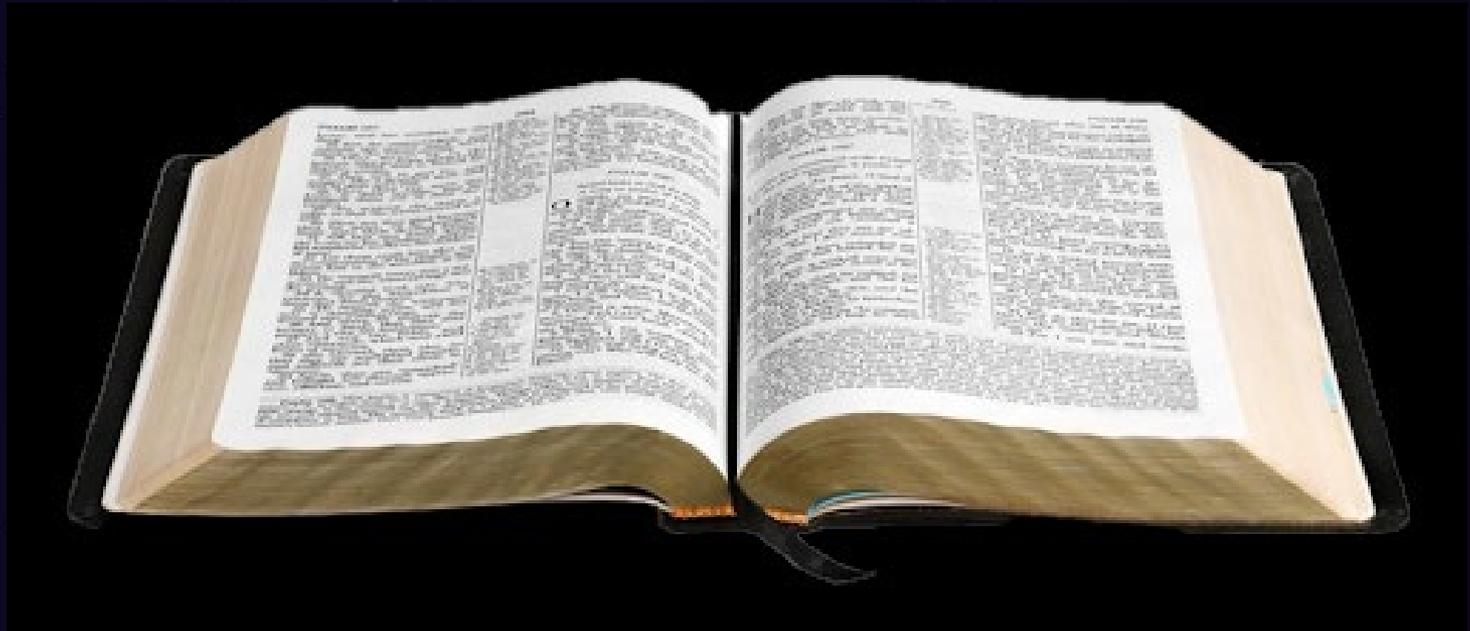
## Revelation 8: 7 (NASB)

*The first sounded, and there was hail and fire mixed with blood, and it was hurled to the earth; and a third of the earth was burned up, and a third of the trees were burned up, and all the green grass was burned up.*

# Question?

What do you picture when you hear John's description about what he is seeing?

There will be giant hailstones with fire that will be striking those who inhabit the earth and the phrase "mixed with blood" indicates hailstones will be large enough to inflict harm and even death.



Turn to: Exodus 9: 22-25

## Exodus 9: 22-25 (NASB)

*Now the Lord said to Moses,  
"Reach out with your hand toward  
the sky, so that hail may fall on all  
the land of Egypt, on every person  
and animal, and on every plant of  
the field, throughout the land of  
Egypt."*

## Exodus 9: 22-25 (NASB)

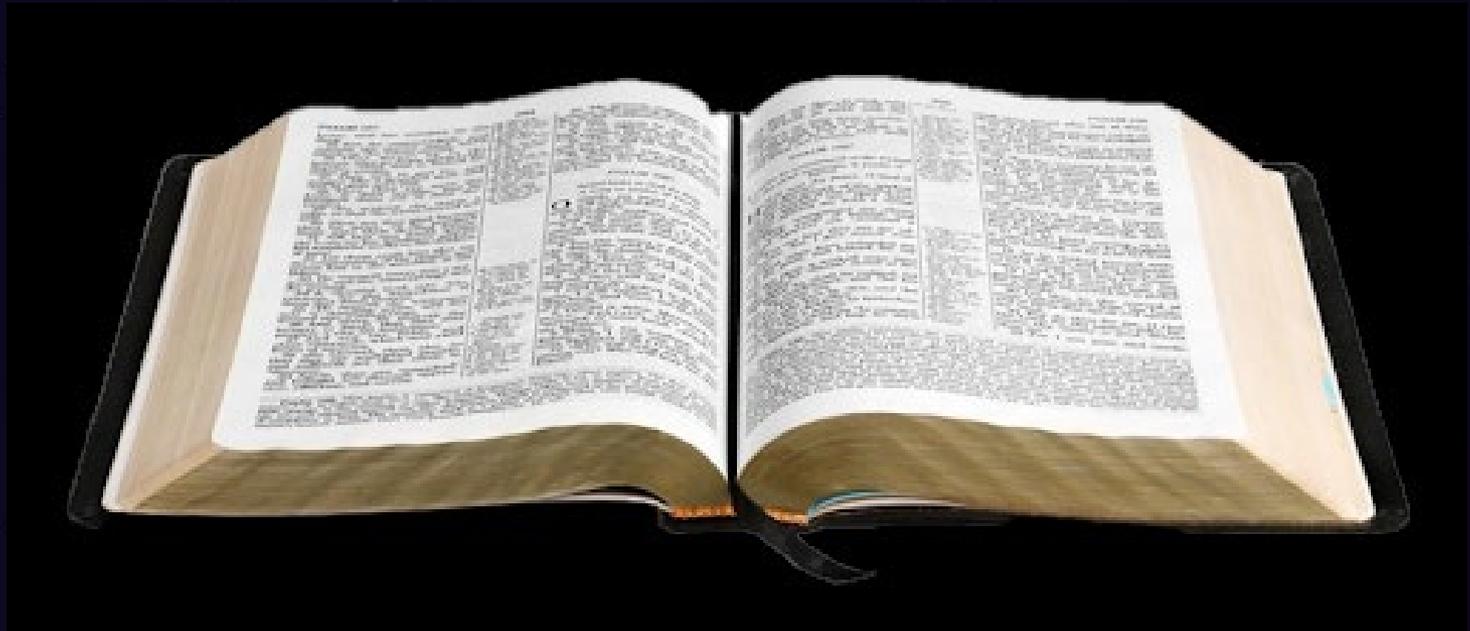
*So Moses reached out with his staff toward the sky, and the Lord sent thunder and hail, and fire ran down to the earth. And the Lord rained hail on the land of Egypt.*

## Exodus 9: 22-25 (NASB)

*So there was hail, and fire flashing intermittently in the midst of the hail, which was very heavy, such as had not occurred in all the land of Egypt since it became a nation.*

## Exodus 9: 22-25 (NASB)

*The hail struck everything that was in the field through all the land of Egypt, from people to animals; the hail also struck every plant of the field, and shattered every tree of the field.*



Turn to: Ezekiel 38: 19-23

## Ezekiel 38: 19-23 (NASB)

*In My zeal and in My blazing wrath I declare that on that day there will certainly be a great earthquake in the land of Israel.*

## Ezekiel 38: 19-23 (NASB)

*The fish of the sea, the birds of the sky, the animals of the field, all the crawling things that crawl on the earth, and all mankind who are on the face of the earth will shake at My presence; and the mountains will be thrown down, the steep pathways will collapse, and every wall will fall to the ground.*

## Ezekiel 38: 19-23 (NASB)

*And I will call for a sword against him on all My mountains," declares the Lord God. "Every man's sword will be against his brother.*

## Ezekiel 38: 19-23 (NASB)

*With plague and with blood I will enter into judgment with him; and I will rain on him and on his troops, and on the many peoples who are with him, a torrential rain, hailstones, fire, and brimstone.*

## Ezekiel 38: 19-23 (NASB)

*So I will prove Myself great, show Myself holy, and make Myself known in the sight of many nations; and they will know that I am the Lord."*

Fire from heaven could mean supernatural lightning or actual fire. Regardless the end result is all the green grass will be gone, 1/3 of the earth will be destroyed and uninhabitable and 1/3 of all the green trees will be burned up.

# Land Mass of the Earth

The World is made up of 57,308,738 Sq. Miles of Land.

Asia=17,212,000 Sq. Miles

Africa=11,608,000 Sq. Miles

North America=9,365,000 Sq. Miles

South America=6,880,000 Sq. Miles

Antarctica=5,100,000 Sq. Miles

Europe=3,837,000 Sq. Miles

Australia=2,968,000 Sq. Miles

Greenland= 836,300 sq. Miles

One third of the earth=19,000,000 Sq. Miles

# World Wall Map

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# New World



## Revelation 8: 8 (NASB)

*The second angel sounded, and something like a great mountain burning with fire was hurled into the sea; and a third of the sea became blood,*

# Question?

What does this sound like John is  
seeing?

A large meteoroid.

## Revelation 8: 9 (NASB)

*and a third of the creatures which  
were in the sea and had life, died;  
and a third of the ships were  
destroyed.*



## Revelation 8: 10 (NASB)

*The third angel sounded, and a great star fell from heaven, burning like a torch, and it fell on a third of the rivers and on the springs of waters.*

## Revelation 8: 11 (NASB)

*The star is named Wormwood;  
and a third of the waters became  
wormwood, and many people died  
from the waters because they were  
made bitter.*

Question?

What does it sound like is  
happening now?

Another meteoroid striking the  
earth.

Where did the previous one hit?

The sea, this one hits the land.

# Question?

## What is Wormwood?



# Wormwood

Wormwood is considered a hallucinogen and potential poison.

The strong wormwood flavor is intensely bitter.

## Science Backs This Up

In 1987 M.I.T. astronomers Ronald Prinn and Bruce Fegley determined the atmospheric consequences of a large meteoroid impacting the earth. When an asteroid enters earth's atmosphere there are two occurrences of extreme shock.

## Science Backs This Up

The second, more important one, occurs when the ejected debris caused by an impact enters the atmosphere (Dr. Kevin Zahnle, 1990).

## Science Backs This Up

This shock causes the breakdown of the oxygen ( $O_2$ ) and the nitrogen ( $N_2$ ) molecules found in our atmosphere. Through a series of chemical reactions the dissociation of the nitrogen and oxygen forms NO which is then converted into  $NO_2$ .

These two molecules will then produce nitric acid rain ( $HNO_3$ ).

## History Backs This Up

There was a volcanic eruption on March 21, 1823 in the Aleutian islands and when the volcanic dust settled it poisoned the waters that the dust came in contact with it and it killed both animals and people.

## Revelation 8: 12 (NASB)

*The fourth angel sounded, and a third of the sun, a third of the moon, and a third of the stars were struck, so that a third of them would be darkened and the day would not shine for a third of it, and the night in the same way.*

## Revelation 8: 13 (NASB)

*Then I looked, and I heard an eagle flying in midheaven, saying with a loud voice, "Woe, woe, woe to those who live on the earth, because of the remaining blasts of the trumpet of the three angels who are about to sound!"*

# Question?

What does woe mean?

It does not mean stop, it is a warning of great misery, distress or despair.

## Revelation 9: 1 (NASB)

*Then the fifth angel sounded, and I saw a star from heaven which had fallen to the earth; and the key to the shaft of the abyss was given to him.*

Question?

Did John see the star fall?

## Revelation 9: 1 (NASB)

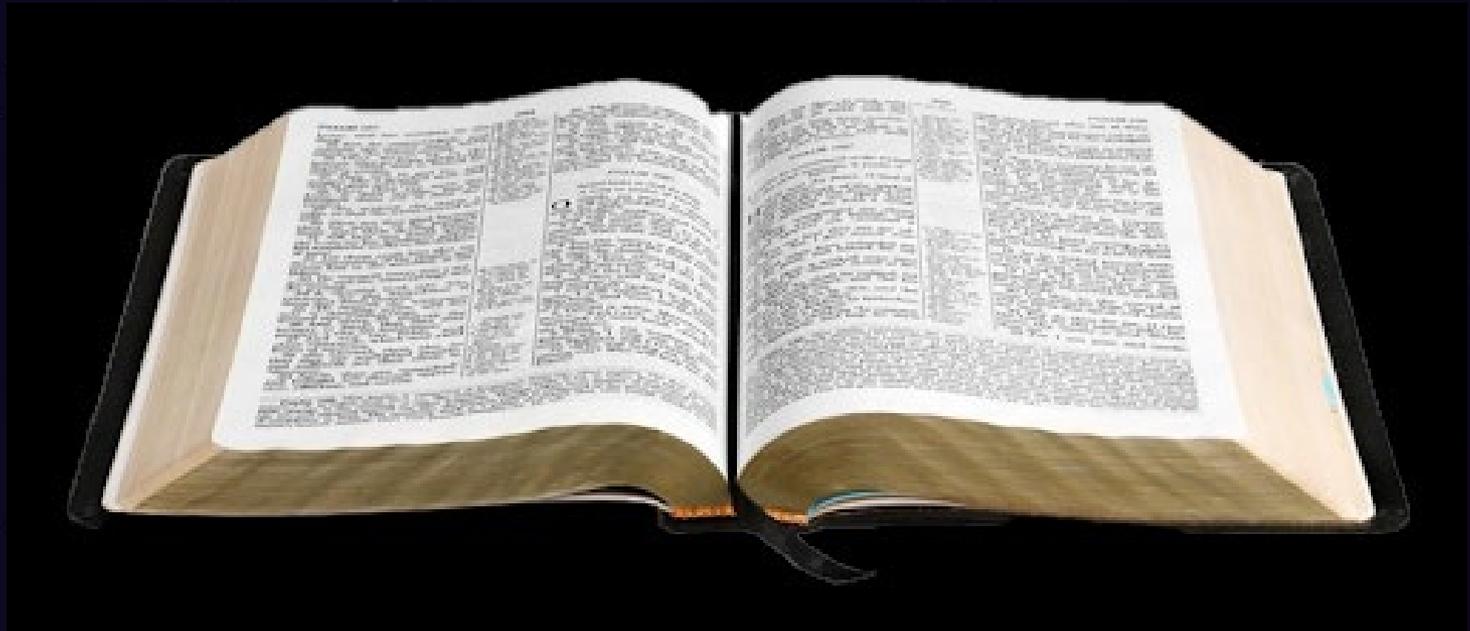
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# Question?

Is the star a person, place or  
thing?

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Turn to: Isaiah 14: 12

## Isaiah 14: 12 (NASB)

*How you have fallen from heaven,  
You star of the morning, son of the  
dawn!*

*You have been cut down to the  
earth,*

*You who defeated the nations!*

# Question?

Who is the star that has fallen that  
Isaiah is referring to?

An angel that had fallen-satan

## Revelation 9: 2 (NASB)

He opened the shaft of the abyss, and smoke ascended out of the shaft like the smoke of a great furnace; and the sun and the air were darkened from the smoke of the shaft.

Note how God is in full control.  
He has to give the angel that had  
fallen the key to the abyss.

What do you think of when you  
hear the word Abyss?

This is the same word used in  
Luke 8.

## Luke 8: 26-33 (NASB)

*Then they sailed to the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. And when He stepped out onto the land, a man from the city met Him who was possessed with demons; and he had not put on clothing for a long time and was not living in a house, but among the tombs.*

## Luke 8: 26-33 (NASB)

*And seeing Jesus, he cried out and fell down before Him, and said with a loud voice, "What business do You have with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg You, do not torment me!"*

## Luke 8: 26-33 (NASB)

*For He had already commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. For it had seized him many times; and he was bound with chains and shackles and kept under guard, and yet he would break the restraints and be driven by the demon into the desert.*

## Luke 8: 26-33 (NASB)

*And Jesus asked him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Legion"; because many demons had entered him. And they were begging Him not to command them to go away into the abyss.*

## Luke 8: 26-33 (NASB)

*Now there was a herd of many pigs feeding there on the mountain; and the demons begged Him to permit them to enter the pigs. And He gave them permission. And the demons came out of the man and entered the pigs; and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned.*

The abyss is a bottomless pit  
where the most evil demons are  
kept locked up by God.

## Revelation 9: 2 (NASB)

*He opened the shaft of the abyss, and smoke ascended out of the shaft like the smoke of a great furnace; and the sun and the air were darkened from the smoke of the shaft.*

## Revelation 9: 3 (NASB)

*Then out of the smoke came locusts upon the earth, and power was given them, as the scorpions of the earth have power.*

# Question

How can locusts look like smoke?

# Questions

What do you think these locusts are?  
They are demonic creatures.

Are these creatures from the spirit  
world or the physical world?  
The spirit world

Can you see spiritual beings? Hint  
Elisha in 2Kings 6

## 2 Kings 6: 15-17 (NASB)

*Now when the attendant of the man of God had risen early and gone out, behold, an army with horses and chariots was circling the city. And his servant said to him, "This is hopeless, my master! What are we to do?"*

## 2 Kings 6: 15-17 (NASB)

*And he said, "Do not be afraid, for those who are with us are greater than those who are with them."  
Then Elisha prayed and said, "Lord, please, open his eyes so that he may see."*

## 2 Kings 6: 15-17 (NASB)

*And the Lord opened the servant's eyes, and he saw; and behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha.*

I believe these are demonic creatures from the spirit world that will be unseen by the eyes of the earth dwellers.

## Revelation 9: 4 (NASB)

*They were told not to hurt the grass of the earth, nor any green thing, nor any tree, but only the people who do not have the seal of God on their foreheads.*

# Question?

Who will not be tortured by these invisible monsters?

Those people who have the seal of God on their foreheads.

## Revelation 9: 5 (NASB)

*And they were not permitted to kill anyone, but to torment for five months; and their torment was like the torment of a scorpion when it stings a person.*

Question?

Are scorpion stings painful?

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# Scorpion Sting

Leslie Boyer, who is medical director of the Arizona Poison and Drug Information Center, said that the tiny sting will "send shooting sensations up your arm." If you're clumsy enough to tap or bump that finger on anything, the pain instantly amplifies.

# Scorpion Sting

"If you're an adult and you get the poison in your finger, it just stays, and fires your pain nerve," said Dr. Leslie Boyer "It locks the nerve in the on position."

## Scorpion Sting

"You just give it a tap and you're screaming in pain. Just that one little spot hurts like heck, it radiates up to your arm pit with this throbbing pain — but there's nothing to see."

Boyer says that since her practice sees so many painful stings and bites, "I tend to give out morphine like it's candy."

## Revelation 9: 6 (NASB)

*And in those days people will seek death and will not find it; they will long to die, and death will flee from them!*

# Question?

What does this mean to you?

Apparently God will keep mankind miraculously from death. They will long to die but cannot.

## Revelation 9: 7 (NASB)

*The appearance of the locusts was like horses prepared for battle; and on their heads appeared to be crowns like gold, and their faces were like human faces.*

## Revelation 9: 8-9 (NASB)

*They had hair like the hair of women, and their teeth were like the teeth of lions. They had breastplates like breastplates of iron; and the sound of their wings was like the sound of chariots, of many horses rushing to battle.*

## Revelation 9: 10 (NASB)

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

# Question

How do you describe something to someone if you have no idea what it is and you have never seen it before?

You compare it to something you do know. You say it is like something.

## Revelation 9: 11 (NASB)

*They have as king over them, the angel of the abyss; his name in Hebrew is Abaddon, and in the Greek he has the name Apollyon.*

Question?

Question: Who is them referring  
to?

The demonic locusts

# Question?

Who is the angel of the Abyss?

Hint: Abaddon means destruction  
and Apollyon means destroyer

## Revelation 9: 12 (NASB)

*The first woe* has passed; behold,  
*two woes are still coming* after  
these things.

## Revelation 9: 13-14 (NASB)

*Then the sixth angel sounded, and I heard a voice from the four horns of the golden altar which is before God, saying to the sixth angel who had the trumpet, "Release the four angels who are bound at the great river Euphrates."*

## Revelation 9: 15 (NASB)

*And the four angels, who had been prepared for the hour and day and month and year, were released, so that they would kill a third of mankind.*

Question?

Where is the Euphrates river?



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## World population

Revelation 6:7-8 =  $1/4$  killed

Estimate 25% raptured = 75% left  
 $1/4$  of 75% killed in Revelation  
6 = 56% left

Now  $1/3$  of the 56% left = 38% of  
the world population is all that is  
left