

## 66-Revelation – 10-Transcript

welcome back to Wednesday night Bible study and tonight we are going to continue pick up where we left off in the book of Revelation we've covered up to chapter 8 and tonight we'll cover chapter 9 and I just want to apologize in advance last week we had some technical difficulties I had upgraded the software and we're working with a new version of the software this week I've upgraded the hardware but we haven't been able to add our accessories so I think the visual and the audio will not be as crisp as they will be God willing next week when we get everything working fully so appreciate your patience and appreciate you joining us tonight and I think we may have some new people with us so some new brethren tonight as I was visiting brethren in Kentucky last week last Sabbath and just really really encouraging to see so many faithful brethren I sort of had that Alijah moment when the all we'd like to realize is that there are 7,000 that have not valid the Neal need to Baja and just there are many many brethren out there you kind of wondered at one point yeah where is everybody but there are brethren out there over faithfully holding on and doing the work of God and hopefully we do have some of you joining tonight we're picking up in chapter 9 there is an archive that's available at CGI org slash webcast so you can go back and catch up with us but I will give a little bit of a review before I jump into chapter 9 this evening we'll open with a quick word of Prayer our Heavenly Father we come before you just so joyful to you that you the creator of this massive universe then you look down upon the earth and specifically you look down

upon us your children and you allow us  
to call you father and you sent your son  
Jesus Christ willingly sacrificed  
himself for us to redeem us and we are  
in this firstfruits harvest and we just  
thank you God for that is the wonderful  
privilege of being among the firstfruits  
and the wonderful privilege of help in  
Christ redeemed the fall harvest  
we thank you Father for your word it's a  
sweet like honey and our mouths but it's  
bitter in the belly of a fully  
understanding the significance of man's  
rebellion against you we do pray God for  
your mercy we pray for your blessing now  
as we continue in this wonderful book  
The Book of Revelation we claim the  
blessing that's promised to us to read  
it to hear it and to do and to keep  
those things that are written therein we  
thank you lord we ask your blessing now  
in the name of our Lord our Savior Jesus  
Christ amen so brethren we haven't been  
in the book of Revelation for a few  
weeks we had a break and we had the  
debate and all of that so we want to  
continue in Chapter 9 just to remind you  
in Chapter 1 we were introduced to this  
notion that Christ is opening up to our  
understanding things that are going to  
take place shortly and he does that  
through the Apostle John and he  
instructs John to write the things that  
he sees as well as the things that he  
hears and so this scroll is that written  
for us of everything that John witnessed  
but Christ makes it clear right at the  
beginning that this message to John is  
signified and what that means is it is  
delivered to John the future the  
unfolding of the future is delivered to  
John in a series of signs it's signified  
it is it is highly symbolic so we have  
to be careful as we read revelation to

remember that much of Revelation as a 90% of it is presented to us in symbols as we have to be careful about what we take literally and what we see as symbolic we see in Chapter 1 Christ moving amongst these seven candlesticks which are symbolic of the church and then in chapters 2 and 3 before we get into the vision that is given to John we get these personal epistles personal letters from Jesus Christ to his church and these are you know the the New Testament is made up of many epistles from the Apostles but in this case these are seven epistles from Jesus Christ himself so we really get to understand the mind of Christ and his concern for the church and we get this very clear sense that we have work to do but as we do this work we have to clean up our act and we have to think congregationally we have to look at our congregation and evaluate our congregation the way Christ would evaluate it and use as hints and helps his evaluation of these seven churches so that we can see what matters to Christ and what concerns him what angers him and what delights him and his understanding that we have an opportunity then to ensure that we clean up our act because the worst thing is for us to be out preaching doing this gospel witness and at the same time record were deceived we may not be deceived doctrinally but were deceived behaviorally and were engaging in behaviors that anger Christ and that put us in the category of his wrath do that so chapters 2 and 3 these epistles to the churches in chapter 4 we saw the throne room of God and we got this very clear sense that for all of the chaos that is going to be unleashed upon the

earth in these final days and this chaos that we get to see beforehand in the book of Revelation for all of this chaos we got to see very clearly in chapter 4 that God is seated on his throne and that he is in control of all of these events and that is very encouraging to us and it's going to give us the the focus that we need on God to get through the difficult times ahead knowing that everything is orchestrated and happening according to his will in chapter 5 we saw that no one was worthy to open this scroll till to loose the seven seals so that God's will could be done and God's will being the punishment of the wicked the end of wickedness upon the earth but also most importantly the redemption of Israel and we lead through Israel all of mankind and so John wept because there was nobody in heaven and there was nobody on the earth and there was nobody under the earth who had previously lived and died nobody was worthy to open the scroll and so it seemed to John like the wickedness of the earth would just continue on and on and on and there was no chance of redeeming mankind but Christ was on his way he was not in heaven he wasn't on the earth and he wasn't in the earth he was on his way from Earth to heaven and when he arrived in heaven he was found worthy he is the only one that is worthy to redeem mankind with his blood there's the sinless being who has the right to judge the wickedness of man and the right to redeem Israel and the rest of mankind through Israel so because of that worthiness we then see the cease the scroll being opened the seals of the scroll being opened one seal at a time and that began in chapter six and we saw with the first four seals

the four horsemen and we saw it all begins with deception this imposter riding on a white horse but being given victory and the earth more or less surrendering to this false false leader false messiah and as a result of that the world then being plunged into war and conflict and famine and pestilence and and there's all of this darkness and death and then the fifth seal we saw not so much the martyrdom of the Saints more the patience of the Saints because the Markum of the saints has been occurring through these first four seals you know the Christ said there's gonna come a time when people will think they're doing God's service when they're killing you well that's deception and so right from the very first seal introduces the martyrdom of the Saints and so while these first four seals are being unveiled the Saints are being martyred in the fifth seal we see their patience they are crying out there begging for God to avenge their death and God says not yet there are more that need to be added to your number then we see the sixth seal which was the signs in this in the in Heaven's in the Sun and the moon and the stars which is what Christ told us to look out for basically anybody who's setting up an empire anybody who's saying that Christ is here before the signs in the heavens it's all false and the elect must not be deceived no matter how miraculous it looks no matter how good it looks Satan appears as an angel of light we mustn't be deceived or Christ says to look for is the signs in the heavens and what we see with the sixth seal when these signs in the heavens occur a great earthquake on the earth is man has lost control these mighty men who are establishing

their palaces and their kingdoms and their empires and they look like they have absolute control over the earth they lose control with the sixth seal and that's the signal to us that the day of the Lord is coming and that's what takes us then into chapter eight but before we get to chapter eight which is the seventh seal being revealed there's this interlude this this parenthetical chapter which is Revelation chapter 7 and in Revelation chapter 7 John hears a hundred and forty-four thousand sins being sealed twelve thousand from each of the tribes of Israel when he turns and looks he doesn't see 144,000 he sees a great multitude that cannot be numbered and he doesn't see a great multitude from the 12 tribes of Israel he sees a great multitude from all ethnicities from all nations from all peoples of the earth that have all repented that have all washed their robes in the blood of the Lamb and made them white and these are they who have come through this Great Tribulation and so the first fruits harvest is Israel but Israel is really a symbol of the wife of Christ and Christ has through his blood opened the door of the doors of Israel to all mankind and so mankind is grafted into Israel from all tribes and from all peoples and from all ethnicities and this represents the first fruits harvest and this is just like an insect chapter to encourage us to say that there is victory in the lab and now then we go back to the sequence of events in chapter 8 with that that chapter actually beginning with silence so now the seventh seal is gonna be opened and that begins in chapter 7 and when he when Christ opens the seal there's

silence and there's this great anticipation of what is going to happen now that God is going to unleash his wrath upon mankind and so we saw then in chapter 8 the opening up of these seals I mean what we'll do here is just pick up the story then in chapter 8 and again just remember that this is highly symbolic and we have to be very careful about the symbols and when we're seeing symbols and when we're seeing things to take literally so here we see and just reminder that this is all future and we get to see it through this revelation but it's signified meaning it's highly symbolic and we what we're seeing our symbols and we have to make sure that we're interpreting symbols correctly and if we can't interpret them correctly we're being patient but but a lot of big key to the interpretation of these symbols is is most of them are rooted in the Old Testament and so we have to go back to the Old Testament and see the linkages from the Old Testament in order to understand what these symbols are and and also the beauty of Revelation as this final appellation from God is there are there were over 500 references to the Old Testament and all of the open promises all of the unfulfilled promises in the Old Testament converge into the book of Revelation and they are fulfilled by God in Revelation and so that this final revelation shows us how faithful God is to his word unlike what the Muslims want us to believe that the Koran is the final revelation from God which takes a complete sharp left turn and and completely dismisses everything in the Old Testament in fact wants us to throw the Bible away to burn it or punish anybody who under Sharia who holds a

Bible and just completely dismiss and basically God becomes unfaithful whereas revelation we see how faithful God is to his word so just picking up the final part of Revelation chapter 8 as we move into chapter 10 because in verse 10 of chapter 8 this third angel sounds and there fell a great star from heaven so there's gonna be another star falling in Chapter 9 but here in chapter 8 we see this star falling from heaven burning as it were a lamp and it fell upon the third part of the rivers and the third part and upon the Fountains of waters and the name of that star is called wormwood and when we cover chapter 8 we went back to the prophecy by Jeremiah about this wormwood the poisonous wormwood and how the waters were gonna be made bitter and that was part of God's wrath upon his unfaithful people and so here we see that reference in chapter 8 and then the fourth angel sounds his trumpet and the sun is smitten and the third part of the moon and the stars are darkened we see that and then in verse 13 introducing now moving us into chapter 9 and I beheld and I heard an angel flying through the midst of heaven so again John is writing what he sees and what he hears and so he sees this angel flying through the midst of heaven saying with a loud voice whoa whoa so these are tremendous curses that are coming down upon the earth and this angel is just pronounce him with a loud voice these curses and for anybody at this stage who is not sealed by God they are going to be subjected to these curses so this again is what it's going to give us patience as wicked men wax worse and worse and as they set up their empires



and they spread and they think they  
confuse victory with truth they think  
because they're victorious therefore  
they're their doctrines are true we  
understand that that is completely false  
that Satan is given this sort of last  
gasp and he's able to set up this  
kingdom and it's going to shine and it's  
getting everybody didn't be worshipping  
him however we know that it's it's  
time-stamped it's limited and it's going  
to come to an end  
and here we see that these people who  
follow the devil  
if they don't have the seal of God in  
their forehead they're going to be  
subject to these three woes he says woe  
woe woe woe woe to the inhabitants of  
the earth by reason of the other voices  
of the trumpet of the three angels which  
are yet to sound so angels five six and  
seven are yet to sound and now we're  
going to hear the angel  
oh he sounds he says he's so this fifth  
angel sounds and the scripture says and  
I saw a star fall from heaven so this is  
a different star the first star that we  
saw in verse 10 of chapter 8 was a star  
called wormwood which caused the waters  
to become bitter here this angel sounds  
and the star falls from heaven unto the  
earth and this angel that falls to the  
earth to him was given the key to the  
bottomless pit so we know that Satan is  
gonna be bound in this pit eventually  
when we get to Revelation chapter 20 but  
here this pit is being opened and and  
this abyss was referred to in Luke when  
we start the study Luke when these this  
demon-possessed man was engaging Christ  
and Christ asked him what is your name  
and he said Legion because many devils  
had entered into this man so with the  
name of this Louis Legion and noticed

this that Legion these these demons they begged Christ that he would not command them to go out into the abyss so this abyss is some sort of a horrid place that these demons were begging Christ don't send us to the abyss don't send us to the abyss anywhere but the abyss and and now and so they were sent then I think we remember the story that they were sent into some some swine and the swine then read by ran into the lake and they were choked but imagine the horror of this place that demons don't even want to go there they're begging Christ don't send us there so this first woe is this angel coming down to earth and he opens the bottomless pit and from this pit we see smoke arise so smoke arises out of this pit as the smoke of a great furnace

and because of this smoke the Sun and the air were darkened by reason of the smoke of the pit and again whether this is literal or symbolic we have to be careful that you know we have to really understand that all of this is really symbolic but this could be literal but it means something it has to be oh there's an understanding this darkness and this whoa that's coming upon the earth and and the light is being blocked from the earth and he says here in verse three there came out of the smoke locusts upon the earth and this is a great curse upon the earth that these locusts are now come so first the abyss is opened this smoke comes out of this horrible place that even demons don't want to go there this smoke comes out of this bottomless pit and from the smoke then these locusts emerge and the locusts come upon the earth and unto the locust was given power as the Scorpions of earth have

power so this is a very poisonous thing  
a very painful sting and these locusts  
are coming to torment men with the sting  
of their their their their tail now  
the locusts is a callback to Exodus that  
when God's people were were bound by  
Pharaoh who was symbolic of the devil  
and Egypt wizzard symbolic of the  
devil's Empire God moved to release his  
people from that bondage and he did that  
through a series of plagues and you  
remember in Exodus here in chapter 10  
verse 12 the Lord said to Moses stretch  
out your hand over the land of Egypt and  
so we now are though the world has  
become Egypt and and satanists is the  
pharaoh of this earth but here God  
released his people saying stretch out  
your hand and he broke the power of  
Pharaoh through these plagues stretch  
out your hand over the land of Egypt for  
the locusts that they may come up upon  
land of Egypt and eat every herb of the  
land even all that the hail has left and  
I suppose it's important for us to  
realize here that the the locusts are  
attacking the herbs or they attacked the  
herbs and in the grass and the green  
things in Egypt and so that would create  
a great famine but there's a difference  
now with these locusts that are coming  
out of the pit or out of the smoke and  
coming upon the earth but just note that  
in Egypt that the locusts were focused  
on the green grass the herbs so it  
carries on here to say that they may  
come up on the land of Egypt and eat  
every herb of the land even all that the  
hail has left so the hail damaged a lot  
of the herb whatever is left now the  
locusts are coming to take that and  
Moses stretched forth his rod over the  
land of Egypt and the Lord brought an  
east wind upon the land all that day and

all that night and when it was morning the east wind brought the locusts and the locust went up over all the land of Egypt and rested in all the coasts of Egypt very Grievous were they before them there were no such locusts as they neither after them shall be such for they covered the face of the whole earth so that the land was darkened and they did eat every herb of the land and all the fruit of the trees which the hail had left so this was a very terrible plague and it would weakened the Pharaohs power and brought down Egypt but the focus was on every herb of the land and there remained not any green thing in the trees or in the herbs of the field through all the land of Egypt and even David and Psalms refer back to it he also gave their increase their increase unto the caterpillar and their labor unto the locust but now we come back to John's vision in Revelation 9 it was commanded the locusts that they should not hurt the grass of the earth so this is a very different plague is much more intense these locusts of Moses time they specifically were to attack the green herb here in this vision that John has they're commanded not to 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 and we remember from last time when we read in Ezekiel that there was an angel that went through the midst of the city and marked upon the foreheads of the men that were sighing and crying for the abominations and that had the desire to be in compliance with God their foreheads were marked with this seal and in the same time in this endtime those who are faithful to God are sealed some of us that sealing is

our martyrdom but some obviously will still be alive here and they were sealed in such a way that none of this harm comes upon them this harm is very purpose specific and it is for the wicked and it was 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 so this plague was it was an awful plan

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they just

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but these locusts represent and an army of men that have powerful stings and then these things are not to kill men they're just to torment them they're just to torment the man and he says in those days verse six so it's gonna be the torment of a scorpion when he strikes a man and in those days shall men seek death but they won't find it and they shall desire to die and death shall flee from them and Jobe himself had this experience and he asked the question why is light given to him that's in misery he couldn't understand why he couldn't just die and life unto the bitter insole which longed for death but it doesn't come and they dig for it more than for hid treasures they just want to die so much that if you saw somebody did they knew that treasure was in the land and they were digging for this treasure you saw how they were very very highly motivated to dig for the treasure job was saying in the condition that he was in he would he would dig for death more enthusiastically than anybody who is digging for treasure and that's gonna be the case here that this curse is gonna be so horrible that when these

people are suffering they're just gonna want to die for five months but they can't die carrying on in revelation 9 verse 7 and the shapes of the locusts were like unto horses so chill John is seeing something here and he's saying these locusts that came upon the land that they're not gonna hurt the grass - just gonna torment men they 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 so John's just not quite sure what he's seen here but he's seeing these horses that are set up for battle and they're where they there were in crowns but they have the faces of men and they had hair as the hair women and their teeth were as the teeth of lions and they had breastplates as it were breastplates of iron and then he says the sound of their wings they have wings was as the sound of chariots of many horses running to battle and a lot of people feel or have gassed or speculated that these things that John was seeing these horses and the sound of booth chariots they believed that these could be military machinery this could be and I think that's a very sound interpretation but again we have to be careful it's really the symbolism here that God is moving to punish men and so could it be that these are all an army whatever it is they're going to torment men for five months and men are going to wish they could die but they cannot die because of these locusts that are coming up out of the earth and tormenting them for five months and so you know is this a helicopter sound that he's hearing the sound of chariots are running to battle it it sounds like many horses galloping and they had tails like unto scorpions

and there were stings in their tails and their power was to hurt men five months and they had a king over them which is the angel of the bottomless pit whose name in the Hebrew tongue is Abaddon that means destruction but in the Greek tongue his name is apollyon so coming out of the bottomless pit are these demons and in particular this all of these locusts that are coming out that are that are tormenting men there's this king over them and the king his name is destruction so we know that this is Satan and in the Greek it's a Abaddon and in a sorry in the Hebrew it's Abaddon and in the Greek apollyon and here in job again job referred this same Abaddon that it's destruction so whoever this king is his name is destruction and woe unto the men that do not have the seal of God in their forehead for they will be subject to this destruction as Abaddon now this plague these locusts that are coming upon the land Joel speaks of them and he makes it clear that it is an army and actually want to go to I'm going to go to have been reading from the King James what I actually want to read from the I want to read from the the NASB the the North American Standard Bible before I do that I just see my battery running down and then be right back just a hold on for me for a moment and I'll be right back we go just a burden of potential disaster there so I want to read now from the NASB a job one is he speaks of these locusts and he says here here this Oh elders and listen all inhabitants of the land so and so he wants to ask them a question here and he says this has anything like this happened in your days

or in your father's days tell your son's  
about it  
and let your sons tell their sons and  
their sons the next generation so this  
is like something that just never  
happened before and like this is  
something that's gonna be the talk of  
the town for generations and then he  
says this what the gnawing locust has  
left the swarming locust has eaten and  
what the swarming locust has left the  
creeping locust has eaten and what the  
creeping locust has left the stripping  
locust has eaten awake drunkards and  
weep and wail all you wine drinkers on  
account of the sweet wine that is cut  
off from your mouth so for the business  
these locusts are so thorough that they  
just wipe out everything and then he  
explains what these locusts are for a  
nation has invaded my land my tea and  
without number again he sees what John  
saw John sees what he saw it's teeth are  
the teeth of a lion and it's fangs of a  
lioness now what's really interesting  
where he says here these sort of 4  
different types of locusts  
he says there's a 9 locust there's a  
swarming locust there's a creeping  
locust and there's a stripping locust  
interestingly locusts go through  
multiple phases and so the way these  
invasions occur is first they hatch then  
they could their well while they're  
babies they're consuming this sort of  
the creeping locust then they start to  
hop then they form their wings and so  
they're they're terrible they're  
devastating while they're creeping  
locusts and they just strip everything  
bare but once they form their wings look  
out because then they can migrate they  
can leave the land where they were first  
initially populated and now they can



migrate and land in another land and then they lay their eggs and then the cycle begins again it's the creeping one then they're hopping then they form their wings and then they migrate again and they just completely destroy everything while they're going through these these stages and these cycles and so he makes it clear to us that what he's actually seeing here are it's not so much the locust as the symbolism of the locust that these locusts are an invading army and they are thorough and Habakkuk saw this as well when he says that he's gonna God is gonna work at the workings in his day which he would not believe that what we told him so Joel says here in chapter 2 now lo you the trumpet in Zion and sound an alarm in my holy mountain sore the focuses on the holy land let all the inhabitants of the land tremble for the day of the Lord comes for it is near at hand so this is day of the Lord which we know is really the Seventh Seal when that is and that we have seven trumpets now and we have these three woes the focus is on the land the focus is on the land in this in the day of the Lord that this holy land a day of darkness and of gloominess we saw that with the smoke coming up and darkening the Sun a day of clouds and a thick darkness as the morning spread upon the mountains a great people these are the locusts a great people and a strong there has never they has not been ever tha like neither shall be anymore after it even to the years of many generations that's why Joe says Joel says have you ever seen this you need to tell each generation about it so this is a nation that migrates that that's going to just really destroy God's people whoever hasn't does not

have the seal of God in their foreheads  
a fire devours before them and behind  
them a flame burns the land is as the  
Garden of Eden before them and behind  
them a desolate wilderness yes and  
nothing they're very thorough nothing  
shall escape them the appearance of them  
is as the appearance of horses and as  
horsemen so shall they one so this again  
is what John was seeing like the noise  
of chariots on the tops of mountains  
shall daily like the noise of a flame of  
fire that devours the stubble as a  
people set in battle array so he goes on  
to say before their face the people  
shall be much pained all faces shall  
gather blackness they shall run like  
mighty men they shall climb the wall  
like men of war and they shall march  
everyone on his ways and they shall not  
break their ranks and remember we have  
the context that this army is demon led  
that bought the key to the bottomless  
pit has been opened and apollyon is now  
ruling and taking this army and leading  
it and so this yes it's human beings but  
they're being led by the devil just down  
here to continuing any work what we said  
in verse 11 it's apollyon now in verse  
12 he writes 1 woe is past and behold  
there come two woes more Hereafter  
so this is like as if 1 woe or not  
enough we still have 2 more to go  
and the sixth angel sounded and I heard  
a voice from the four horns of the  
golden altar which is before God so he's  
telling us what he heard and what he saw  
so when the sixth angel sound he hears a  
voice from the altar saying to the sixth  
angel which had the trumpet loose the  
four angels which are bound in the great  
river Euphrates and so now this woe is  
loosening these four angels which are  
bound in the great river Euphrates and

it is interesting that we'll see here with Euphrates that Euphrates really will see in Genesis this is the river Euphrates it is the border of the land that was promised to Israel and again that's where Joel is seeing that the focus of the locusts was the Holy Land and here now we see with this second woe that now these angels that are bound that the river Euphrates are released and it looks like they're released in order to come into the Holy Land I don't think they'd be released to go away from the holy land that God has a controversy with his land and the people that are on his land and the the the filth that is taking place in his land and we'll see here in Genesis 15 in the same day the Lord made a covenant with Abram saying unto your seed have I given this land from the river of Egypt as the Nile River unto the great river the river Euphrates so all of that land God has given to Abraham and to his descendants but there's a covenant and in order for them to be in the land they must be holy and if they're not holy then they're going to be exiled they'll be subjugated they're gonna be destroyed in the land and God has given them every chance to repent and then the seal is put up on the forehead of those who repent and anybody who's left in this land that doesn't have the seal of God upon their foreheads they are being they are getting the full treatment of these curses and again in Deuteronomy when Moses is writing then to the children of Israel and telling them to take their Germany and to go into the mount of the amirite until all the places there in the plain and the hills in the Vail and the South Sea to the land of the Canaanites unto

Lebanon unto the great river at the river Euphrates so Euphrates is this border of the land that was given to Abraham and again he repeats it in Deuteronomy 1:1-4 again go all the way up to the river Euphrates in Joshua same thing from the wilderness in this Lebanon even unto the great river the river Euphrates so the river Euphrates is the border of the land that was given to God's people and now God is acting to punish his people for their rebellion and now whoever doesn't have the seal now we're seeing these angels that are loosed and so here in verse 15 the four angels were loosed which were prepared for an hour and a day and a month and a year so God is doing everything right on time and they are loosed to slay the third part of men so this is gonna be a massive destruction that's going to take place now in the number of the army of the horsemen or two hundred thousand thousand so this is a massive army two hundred thousand basically two hundred million men and I heard the number of them so he's telling us what he saw also telling you not telling us what he heard so that's a massive army and this is this is all specific it's all timed it's a very specific hour and day that they're released that these four angels are released and now this army is coming and thus I saw the horses and the vision and them that sat on them having breastplates of fire and of jacinth and brimstone and the heads of the horses whereas the heads  
Lyons and out of their mouths issued fire and smoke and brimstone so you know we're going to see horses with Lions heads or are these symbols of what of the force that John is seeing and he just wants us to understand that this

this is going to be this is gonna be a thorough destruction and there will be no escape 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 for their power is in their mouths and in their tails and again that's why there's sort of this potential that these are military machines that are able to fire off both from their mouths the front and from the back from their tails so that I think that's a very reasonable speculation for their tales were like unto serpents and had heads and with them they do hurt and the rest of the men which were not killed by these plagues yet repented not of the works of their hands

so whoever these men are that are in this land they just won't repent they just won't repent 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 so humankind has been deceived and there's all different forms of deception but what's interesting to me here is John begins that they should not worship devils Devils are real things these are real beings but the idols all of these idols idols of gold idols of silver of brass of stone worshipping stone and wood these are nothing but by bowing down to these idols

mankind is actually worshipping the devil's so idolatry is just a form of devil worship and so these men who are worshipping these idols are actually worshipping Devils and and because of the hold that these Devils have upon men they just won't stop and despite all of this destruction they're doubling down

and they just won't stop there's something that something has got such a hold on them that they will not stop neither John Wright's repented they of their murders nor their sorceries nor their porneia which is any sort of sexuality outside of marriage nor of their thefts and I you know think to myself like what people would be so entrenched in in this demonic worship and this worship of idolatry that they just won't stop and it's interesting that again you've been talking about Islam quite a bit where where exactly they fit in the prophetic unfolding we're not exactly sure but certainly as it's spreading all over the earth it has to be accounted for and there's 200 million man army you know that's a lot of people so what is the ideology that's motivating them but it is interesting that Islam authorizes murder that's a part of the religion and people are a holy murder sacred murder authorizes porneia their sacred porneia it authorizes theft sacred theft that's just a part of the that you had but this thing is interesting sorceries that is their sacred sorcery and if you look sorcerer even that the word is actually pharmakeia and here if you look in theirs were they one of the primary definitions of source where we think that is magic one of the primary definitions of it is the use or the administering of drugs and that is very interesting because what we see with this jihad is exactly that that there's a sort of call was called the jihad pill and and it's called Captagon if you do some research on Captagon all of these jihadis that are out there fighting and

they're just showing tremendous courage  
they're high on Captagon and it's a drug  
that removes fear and it just gives  
people incredible courage and so this is  
something that's just being passed out  
in the Middle East and and these dwarfs  
at'll high on Captagon and from from a  
biblical perspective that is pharmakeia  
and so you know again we're speculating  
a little bit here we can't be exactly  
sure but we have to know that if this  
thing is taking over the earth  
it's got to be accounted for in the book  
of Revelation exactly how and where we  
can't be a 100% sure we're speculating  
but that I do find that fascinating that  
they just something has a hold of these  
men so much that they're just committed  
to murder they're committed to  
pharmakeia they're committed to pornea  
and they're committed to theft what is  
it exactly and they're committed to to  
idolatry what is it exactly you know we  
have to wait and see but that ends  
chapter 9 next week we'll go into  
chapter 10 and and it's just it's  
heating up now and you know God gave us  
a chapter 7 to encourage us so that we  
could see our way through all of this  
and even when we finished chapter 5 we  
jumped ahead and we read chapters 21 and  
22 so that we can see how all of this  
ends and it is also so positive  
it really is sweet but we're going  
through a bitter period here and this  
unfortunately is the rebellion of  
mankind and it is the hold that the  
devil has on that kind but Jesus Christ  
has come to redeem mankind and we have  
our work to do we have to preach the  
gospel as a witness as a warning but  
chapter 7 should encourage us because  
when we read the first fruits harvest  
that harvest comes from people all over

the earth from every ethnic group from every nation from every top and so there's a lot of repentance in this first fruits harvest and then we as the first fruit harvest are going to lead mankind to repentance with this great harvest that fall harvest so let's continue to work through these painful periods of man's history which are just ahead of us now that's it for chapter 9 we'll continue next week with chapter 10 remember Jesus Christ is our Lord he's our king he's our Savior loves mankind his love for mankind is in US and we're going to preach this gospel of Hope of truth and of salvation Jesus Christ is Lord and him