



A BIBLICAL VIEW OF THE END TIMES
Week 54: The Trumpet Judgements, Part 6
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Review:

- A. We've studied the first Four Trumpet Judgments, and we've spent two weeks on this cryptic Fifth Trumpet Judgement. This lesson will be our third week on this Fifth Trumpet Judgment.
- B. I call it a cryptic judgment because it is enigmatic. There are certain things about it that are hidden from us at this time, and nobody will fully understand all its nuances until it happens.
- C. A big part of that reason is it is clearly a supernatural judgment from God. This has resulted in many people taking irresponsible and fanciful interpretations of this text.
- D. The points we have covered for the 5th Trumpet Judgment have been the star which opens the bottomless pit, the Abyss itself, the creatures which emerge from the Abyss, and the nature of the torture of this judgement.
- E. I've shared with you my own conclusions that I believe the 'star' which is given a key to open the bottomless pit is probably a fallen angel.
- F. I've also shared that I feel the creatures which emerge from the Abyss are also fallen angels, here, taking a garish form - which are "*reserved FOR judgment on the great day*" according to **Jude 6**.
- G. It's the same dynamic as the four great angels which are bound at the Euphrates River in the next Trumpet Judgment. They too, according to what we will learn about them, are reserved FOR a specific time and judgment.
- H. I feel these things I have taught you are the best interpretations I can conclude from Scripture. I've said before, we all need to be as the Bereans and study God's Word for ourselves.

NOTE: This week, our lesson becomes even more enigmatic and mysterious.

- I. This week we focus on **vs 11 of Revelation Ch. 9**, and we will wrestle with some clear truths, and some that are not clear.
- J. This verse describes the entities which emerge from the Abyss with the fifth Trumpet Judgment as having a leader.
- K. This becomes one more reason why these supernatural entities which sting mankind cannot be locusts as some "scholars" argue. Locusts do not have a supernatural king over them.

NOTE: I am going to lean heavily on some of the work of the late Rob Skiba for some of the things I am going to share with you. As well, I will be drawing from the research of Peter Goodgame.

- I. Now, having read **Revelation 9:11** which describes and names the king angel of the Abyss, I now want you to turn to **Revelation 17:8-11**. NOTE: The "beast" is the antichrist.

- A. A few important questions:
1. **“Where is the beast coming from according to this passage?”** (The Abyss, AKA the bottomless pit)
 2. **“Who is it whose names have NOT been written in the book of life from the foundation of the earth?”** (This is a reference to those who are unsaved. These are nonbelievers, or as *Revelation* also calls them, “the earthdwellers.”)
 3. **“How is Jesus Christ described in *Revelation 1:8*?”** (...as the one “*who is, and who was, and who is to come.*”)
 4. **“How is the antichrist, the beast, described here in *Revelation 17:8*?”** (...as one who “*once was, now is not, and yet will come.*”). So, BEFORE John’s time, the beast existed, DURING John’s time he did not, and AFTER John’s time, at some future point, he will again.
- B. **Second thing to note: there are seven kings described:**
1. The text does not say “kingdoms,” or empires in other words. It says ‘kings,’ so these are individuals.
 2. Some important information is given about these seven kings:
 - a. Five of them have fallen (These kings are past from John’s point in the timeline; they have already died).
 - b. One IS, this is either emperor Nero or Domitian, depending on when one dates the book of *Revelation*, probably the latter around AD90.
 - c. And lastly, “*one has not yet come, but when he does come, he must remain for a little while.*” So, one of these seven kings is yet FUTURE to John’s time.
- C. **The third thing to take note of is how the beast, or the antichrist, is described in this passage:**
1. He is the “*eighth king.*” Like the previous seven, he is an individual, not a system, not a nation, but an individual. A “he.” The antichrist has a pronoun such as we give to people, because that’s who he is.
 2. However, he ALSO “*belongs to the seven,*” or as multiple other translations put it, he is *out of the seven, or one of the seven.*
 3. The point is, the future beast or antichrist IS one and the same with one of these seven kings. Said another way, he has existed before.
 4. That is why the beast is described as “*once was, now is not, and yet will come.*”
 5. So, just to be clear here, there are seven kings the angel is describing to John: five before John’s time, one during John’s time, and one after John’s time.
 6. The antichrist will be the eighth king – also AFTER John’s time – BUT, he will ALSO be one of those seven before.
- D. **IMPORTANT QUESTION:** “Can we know who these seven kings of *Revelation 17:10* were?”
1. We cannot be 100% certain, BUT, we can probably make some reasonable assumptions from Scripture.

- a. After all, the Bible builds upon itself. It clarifies itself, and even where the Scriptures seem cryptic (as they seem here), God's Word gives us clues in other passages to help with those that are harder to understand.
 - b. Multiple people have tried to compile the best possible list of seven candidates for these "seven kings." I've looked at several of these scholarly works and their arguments. From them, here are seven kings which I feel are likely, or perhaps most reasonable to consider to fulfill this group of seven.
 - c. I think it is important, whenever possible, to look directly at Scripture, and to consider types (representations) of the antichrist, and individuals which the Bible clearly shows to have antichrist patterns or characteristics.
 - d. This sort of exercise is most faithful to being a Berean, and it rules out the Elvis's, the Kissinger's, the Obama's, and that sort of foolish thinking.
- E. A list of seven candidate kings I think is reasonable and defensible from a Scriptural standpoint is the following: and I put them in order where I can:
1. NIMROD
 - a. He was the first king in the post-flood world, and he tried to create a one-world system of governance, a globalist empire if you will.
 - b. Some of the apocryphal books like the Book of Enoch even specify that Nimrod wanted to make war against God and to kill God.
 - c. Nimrod was the one to build the original Ziggurat, the Tower of Babel, and he was located in that area of the world which became the first Assyrian Empire.
 - d. Further, in **Genesis 10:8**, it says there was a point in time that Nimrod "began to be a mighty one (Hebrew: Gibbor, Gibborim) on the earth." - - more on this in a bit.
 2. PHAROAH OF EGYPT AT THE TIME OF THE EXODUS
 - a. We all know very well how Pharaoh conflicted with Moses, oppressed the Israelites, and so on.
 - b. According to the late Chuck Missler, there is a good chance the Pharaoh of Egypt at this time was also Assyrian, based on the wording of **Isaiah 52:4**:

"For thus saith the Lord GOD, My people went down aforetime into Egypt to sojourn there; and the Assyrian oppressed them without cause."

- c. This seems to conform to what **Exodus 1:8** says, "...another king arose over Egypt which did not know Joseph."
- d. Remember, Joseph had been second in command over Egypt during one of that nation's most challenging times. Yet, here arrives a king who knew nothing of Joseph's history and accomplishments.
- e. You need to know the history and achievements of the nation you are going to lead, but here there seems to be a Pharaoh that knew none of

this, despite only being about 100 years removed from the death of Joseph.

- f. This Pharaoh, like others, considered himself to be a god, and he tried to wipe out God's people. Definitely a good candidate to consider.

3. SENNACHERIB

- a. Notably, another Assyrian king. This is an important issue as we will soon learn.
- b. He's another who tried to wipe out the Jews. He had his goals to destroy Jerusalem and the kingdom of Judah. The story is in **2 Kings 18-19**
- c. But God sent the "angel of the Lord," and 185,000 men of Sennacherib's army were killed instead.
- d. In any event, Sennacherib is a worthy candidate for consideration.

4. KING OF TYRE (Cf. **Ezekiel 28:11-19**)

- a. The description here is of a human king from a region just north of Israel, but then the text moves seamlessly into describing Satan.
- b. This king is described as being "in Eden" or to be "the anointed cherub who covers" or to be "on the holy mountain of God."
- c. Many Bible interpreters believe that **Ezekiel 28:11-19** is a dual prophecy, comparing the pride of the King of Tyre to the pride of Satan.
- d. Some of these scholars even suggest that the king of Tyre was actually possessed by Satan, making the link between the two even more powerful and relevant for consideration on this list of candidates.

5. ANTIOCHUS EPIPHANES (Cf. **Daniel Ch. 11:21-35**)

- a. Probably the most detailed type or representation of the antichrist given in Scripture.
- b. He was from the Seleucid Empire (that part of the world that once had been the ancient Assyrian Empire).
- c. He reigned during that time known as the intertestamental period, which is between the Old Testament and the New Testament.
- d. He killed and persecuted many Jews. It was due to his many oppressions that the Maccabean Revolt started.
- e. Antiochus Epiphanes killed a pig on the altar in the Jewish temple, and set up a statue of Zeus there, and this was referred to as an 'abomination of desolation.'
- f. In multiple ways, Antiochus Epiphanes is a highly-detailed type of the antichrist, or the beast to come.

6. (And then there is the one "that now is") – It all depends upon the definition of "is" and what that means for the time this was said to John (it depends on when one thinks the book of **Revelation** was written).

- a. Again, the two most likely candidates here are Nero and Domitian, and most scholars concur it is probably the latter. I agree.
- b. Both Roman Caesars were heavy persecutors and murderers of Jews and Christians.
- c. As with all Roman Caesars, they considered themselves to be gods.

7. Lastly there is “the one to come.”
 - a. A reasonable case can be made for Hitler here, but as we all know, this is the point where speculation and foolishness abounds.
 - b. The point is, there was one more king after the time of John that was to be considered, and certainly Hitler comes as close to any type of the antichrist history has witnessed since John’s time.

F. ANOTHER QUESTION: **“Can we narrow this list down to figure out which of these the beast might most be?”** Remember, he is one of the seven according to **Revelation 17:11**.

NOTE: Here are the criteria to consider (the things we know from the rest of what the Bible has to say about the antichrist):

1. According to **Daniel 7:24-25; 9:26; Revelation 17:7, Et al.**, he will come from the territory of the former Roman Empire. That includes the Western Leg and the Eastern Leg for consideration).
2. Further, **Daniel 8:8-9** make the case that the antichrist will emerge from that area of the world known as the former Seleucid Empire. This is where Antiochus Epiphanes reigned.
 - a. This is north of Israel in parts of the world we now know as northern Syria, southern Turkey, and western Iraq.
 - b. It is that area of the world which once defined the ancient Assyrian Empire.
3. In fact, the Bible refers to the final antichrist, the beast, as *“the Assyrian”* in places like **Micah 5:5, and Isaiah Ch. 10**.
 - a. That same part of the world is also mentioned in **Jeremiah 8:16**. This is that area where the Tribe of Dan was once located, and a connection is made in this passage that this is the area the antichrist will emerge from.
 - b. It’s part of the reason some people think the antichrist will be from the Tribe of Dan, but there are many problems with this conclusion.
4. In **Revelation 13:3**, the beast is also described as having a *“deadly or fatal head wound that had been healed.”*
 - a. The Greek word to describe this wound is basically identical to the word used to describe the wound the Lamb of God has in **Revelation 4:6**.
 - b. The point is, the Bible appears to make the case that the antichrist will die and be brought back to life at some point in his career. That’s why the *“whole world was astonished and followed the beast”* in **Revelation 13:3**.
 - c. For our purposes right now, we may consider this fatal head wound as another criteria to see if it has any application.

G. Let’s return to our operative text in **Revelation 9:11** and let’s see if we can tie all of this together.)

1. One very important thing to consider here is the clear statement from **Revelation 17:8-11** that the beast *“comes up out of the Abyss.”*
 - a. Yet, we’ve also seen that the Bible makes the case that the antichrist is also going to come from that part of the world known as ancient Assyria.

- b. Since the Bible doesn't contradict itself, how do we marry these two truths?
- A clue is the names that are given in **Revelation 9:11** – “*Abaddon in Hebrew, and in Greek, Apollyon.*”
 - This king angel which comes up out of the bottomless pit, which is head over all the other fallen angels which torment mankind for five months, has a name, and the Greek version of this name, Apollyon, is where we get the more well-known name of Apollo.
 - What is significant about this name is: it is the Greek version of Nimrod.
 - And so I think, from our list of seven, we need to reasonably conclude there is made a strong connection between Nimrod and the antichrist, between the first globalist king and the last globalist king.
 - It all fits: the Assyrian element, the occultic effort to genetically modify the human genome, the globalist ambition, the hatred of God, etc. etc.
 - Remember some important things from the story of Nimrod:
 - He wanted to build a tower to reach INTO the heavens. This was not a statement of height, but rather of purpose. It was a ziggurat, or pyramid-type structure.
 - He wanted to build this to access the supernatural, to revive the times of the pre-flood era when humanity and fallen angels cohabited.
 - That's why God came down to see it and He made the statement in **Genesis 11:6**, “*If as one people speaking the same language they have begun to do this, then nothing they plan to do will be impossible for them.*”
 - This was not a statement about architecture, but again, about the purpose of the Tower of Babel.
 - God recognized that humanity wanted to regain the fierce anti-God posture that had characterized the pre-flood era.
 - And so God confused their languages and scattered them across the globe. The project known as the Tower of Babel was discontinued.
 - But, what do we see across the globe from these ancient times? Ziggurats. Pyramids.
 - They are in virtually every culture, and ancient archeological records make it clear these structures were designed to reach into the supernatural world.
 - In every culture where these Ziggurats or Pyramids were built, there were stories about Nimrod, but now, each of these new languages had given him a new name. Some examples:
 - ✓ **Osiris** – Egypt
 - ✓ **Gilgamesh** – Mesopotamia
 - ✓ **Molech** – early Canaan
 - ✓ **Marduk** – Babylon

- ✓ **Tammuz** – Phoenicia
- ✓ **(and of course, “Apollo”)** – Greek

2. There is that issue we need to consider, too, about the head wound.
 - a. In the apocryphal Book of Jasher which the Bible quotes or references in three places: **Joshua 10:13; 2 Samuel 1:18; and 2 Timothy 3:8**, an account of Nimrod’s death is detailed. The high points of this story are:
 - Esau cut off Nimrod’s head.
 - Esau was known as a “*skillful hunter*” in **Genesis 25:27**, and as the account in the Book of Jasher puts it, Esau, about 15-16 years of age, encountered Nimrod who was out alone, and was about 200 years of age at the time.
 - Esau waited in ambush, then rushed out and cut off Nimrod’s head.
 - Nimrod’s men, a short distance away, heard the commotion, and returned. Esau fled them and returned to his own home.
 - Esau believed he was as good as dead. He was exhausted and he felt that Nimrod’s men would eventually catch him and kill him.
 - And so, he gave up his birthright for a bowl of stew that his brother Jacob had made. This part of Esau’s life is detailed in **Genesis 25:29-34**.
 - Bottom line: Nimrod clearly had a mortal head wound.
 - b. Nimrod was probably also, not fully human. The **Genesis 10:8** account, says there was a point in time that Nimrod “*began to be a mighty one (Hebrew: Gibbor, Gibborim) on the earth.*”
 - The point is there is a “before” and “after.” The word “*gibborim*” is used in some Biblical passages to describe the Nephilim.
 - Here is where the apocryphal books again appear to add some additional information.
 - They describe an occultic process whereby Nimrod became genetically changed and became a giant.
 - Various apocryphal literature describe Nimrod as 1/3 man 2/3 “god.”
 - Remember, he likely carried the Nephilim gene anyways being a descendent of Ham’s wife.
 - However, I think for our purposes today, it is important to know that there seems to be a “before” and “after” with Nimrod, a point “before” when not much is said about him, and an “after” when suggestions are made about his physical stature, his genetic composition, his achievements, his goals, and his desire to access the fallen angelic world once more.
 - It’s this AFTER element that became the stuff of consistent legends the world over when God confused the languages and scattered the people across the globe.
3. Here is one take on how this all might fit together. NOTE: These are my opinions:

- a. I believe the antichrist might begin as a regular human. If you recall from some of our past lessons, the message from “spirit guides” to New Age leaders right now is, “*A man from among us will be raised up with special powers and knowledge.*”
- b. The antichrist may begin as an ordinary person, or he may already have a Nephilim element. We don’t know.
- c. I believe the antichrist will emerge from that part of the world known as ancient Assyria. There are simply too many Biblical considerations about this fact to ignore it, and this is part of the Eastern Leg of the Roman Empire.
- d. At some point in the antichrist’s career, he will suffer a fatal head wound and be brought back to life. Remember, Satan is the ultimate counterfeiter, and this occasion will astonish the world.
- e. Probably around that time somewhere, the antichrist will become a different sort of entity than he had been before.
 - This is probably around the same point as “Apollyon” (AKA “Apollo”) rises from the Abyss.
 - Perhaps at this point, some occultic event or process takes place, much like it had in ancient times with Nimrod, and the antichrist becomes a figure that amazes and captivates the world.
 - Perhaps, the fallen angelic force known as “Apollyon” somehow enters, adds to, or possesses the antichrist. In the process, the antichrist is clearly no longer human (or fully human) and there is a clear connection made between Nimrod from the past and the antichrist then.
 - This fulfills the passage criteria that “*the beast that comes up from the Abyss.*”
 - He will be perceived as unstoppable and incomparable (***Cf. Revelation 13:4***). The depraved earth-dwellers will want to be LIKE him, and this will be a powerful incentive for taking the Mark of the Beast.
 - In any event, it is quite clear that the antichrist is no longer fully human, for he is thrown directly into the Eternal Lake of Fire along with the false prophet (who I believe is also not fully human). They both bypass the Great White Throne Judgment which ALL faithless humanity from ALL ages must appear before.

NOTE: Where does all this information bring us to today? What are our takeaways right now?

There are several things to reflect on:

4. Our nation was founded upon, and has been led by, a heavily freemason philosophy. This is an occultic persuasion.
 - a. Many people want to say America was founded as a Christian nation. That is not necessarily true. Many of our founders were “theists” (they believed in one God), but they were not necessarily Christian).

- b. The occultic influence of Freemasonry has infected many of our Presidents. In fact, Freemason US President, Franklin D. Roosevelt, and his Vice President, Henry Wallace, also a Freemason, pushed to get the Great Seal of the United States placed on the one-dollar bill.
 - c. Both men believed the symbolism and mottoes of the seal were a Masonic-approved prophecy about a globalist New World Order that would start at the second coming of Apollo. (AKA, Osiris, Gilgamesh, Nimrod, etc.)
 - d. Many of our nation's leaders today subscribe to occultic beliefs and practices that have, at their core ambitions, this desire to bring about the return of Apollo.
 - e. So, it is significant that here in **Revelation 9:11**, we see exactly that happening, the return of Apollo.
5. Most people are not aware of what our US troops did in Iraq in 2003.
- a. The Tomb of Gilgamesh was found in April of that year. They found a very large body that was in a remarkable state of preservation.
 - b. Apparently, a "special ops force" was sent in to acquire the body and to gain DNA samples from it. This is based on several reports about the incident, and research by folks like Dr. Thomas Horn, Steve Quayle, and others.
 - c. This was one month before we set up a military occupation phase over there. And the first thing our troops did was raid the Museum of Bagdad and gain 3000-some artifacts and cuneiform tablets documenting and discussing resurrection and the afterlife.

All to say -- we live in very interesting, deceptive, occultic, and prophetic times. Everything about the future seems to have a strong tie to events and figures from the past.