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**REV. 9:1-2**  
**HORRORS FROM THE ABYSS**

Last Sunday night was crucial to our understanding of this book... If you missed it, I will share the outline, but get the tape or you will miss where we are headed!

**I. A PROPHETIC PERSPECTIVE (4 Parts)**

1. Why study Revelation? 1:3 Blessed  
 2 Pet. 3:10-14 = promotes Godliness  
 discourages materialism  
 develops expectancy
2. When? 2:7 As Soon As God's Servant
3. How? 1:19 In Content  
 1-4 Jesus Christ challenging His people - church  
 5-20 Jesus Christ conquered planet earth  
 21-22 Jesus Christ consummating plan eternity

4. What does Revelation say?

<i>Chapter</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Present Application Lesson</i>
Rev. 1-3	Church Age	Be saved; key verse: Behold & know "today is day of salvation"
Rev. 4	Rapture, End church & judgment of Christians, Be Holy, "All stand"	Be ready; key verse: "Behold, I come quickly"
Rev. 5-18	Tribulation	Be thankful; God not appointed us to wrath (I Th. 5:9)

Rev. 19	Second Coming, Christ right wrongs, Christ clean planet	Be patient
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Rev. 20	Millenium; Christ perfect earth Christ fulfill promise	Be focused
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Rev. 20	GWT Point folks to Christ Fulfill God's plan	Be faithful
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Rev. 21-22	Heaven, Lay up treasures in heaven!	Be investing
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**II. A PROPHETIC PASSAGE (7 fold evil)**

Turn now to the 5th trumpet (#1, Ch. 8) called the "first woe".

V. 1-13 Describe in human language a Satanic invasion that alters human existence.

There are three woe trumpets. The third precipitates the end and is described only after a lengthy parenthesis. At this point a description is given of just the first two. The first of these describes a satanically energized belief which afflicts humanity. The second describes a satanically energized battle which alters history.

*(1) The fifth trumpet (Woe 1) -- a satanically energized belief which afflicts humanity*

The description which follows is highly symbolic. It tells of a fearful demon host which is to be unleashed by divine permission. The terrible demons loosed thus from the pit will seize upon men and prepare them for the strong delusion and for the exaltation of the beast

to complete and universal power.

The world is already being prepared for what is to come. It is one of the ironies of the age in which we live that, at a time when scientific enlightenment is at its zenith and men are educated, pragmatic, and materialistic in the extreme, millions are turning to the occult for entertainment, enlightenment, and eventual enslavement. Every year, hundreds of new books are published dealing with demonism, witchcraft, magic, spiritism, ghosts and prophecy. Every season brings its quota of television shows featuring similar themes. Soothsayers, prophets, astrologers, fortune tellers are given avid hearing by millions. The groundwork is being layed for an enormous increase in demon activity soon to burst upon the world.

#### V. 1-13 Satanic Invasion

1. V. 1-3      horrifying “and 5th angel sounded...”
  - imprisoned
  - released
2. V. 4        hungering “and it was com...”
3. V. 5-6      torturing “and to them...”
4. V. 7a        pursuing “and shapes...”
5. V. 7b        thinking “and faces...”
6. V. 8a        captivating “hair of women”
7. V. 8b        deadly “their teeth”

In conclusion, what should we do tonight? Modern man professes not be believe in demons, but they exist just the same. Moreover, they are clever with a diabolical cunning. Man’s attitude toward the demon world may well be likened to man’s attitude in the Dark Ages toward bacteria. If we could be transported back to London in the year 1666, we would find ourselves in a nightmare world. The great bubonic plague is at its height. The sights and sounds of the city are life the terrible climax of a horror movie. It is generally believed that fresh air is the culprit. The College of Physicians recommends the frequent firing of guns to blow away the deadly air. People seal themselves into their rooms and burn foul-smelling messes to ward off the fresh

air. Chimneys are sealed, rooms are gray with smoke, and people choke in the suffocating stench. Outside, palls of black smoke hang over the city. People sit in the tightly sealed chambers, grimly determined to endure the smarting smoke, convinced they are thus immune to the plague. We tell them they are wrong, that the plague is not caused by fresh air but by germs, microscopic organisms spread by fleas--and they laugh us to scorn.

Modern man has adopted a similar attitude toward the demon world. We tell them that the world is in the grip of Satan and that he has countless hosts of invisible demons to aid him in his dark designs against mankind. We say that these unseen beings are intelligent, and that before long, they are to be joined by countless more of their kind worse even than themselves. People look at us with pitying scorn and suggest we peddle our theories to the publishers of science fiction. But it is true all the same. Once the pit is opened, the world of men will be invaded by a virus far more dreadful than the bubonic plague, a virus all the more deadly because it is able to think and because it directs its attack against the soul rather than the body.

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### III. PRACTICAL REMINDERS ABOUT SATAN

The World’s Worst Natural Disasters:

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(The death tolls given in the following list are based on commonly accepted data but are not definitive.)

<i>Deaths</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Cause</i>	<i>Place</i>
75,000,000	Mid-14th C	Bubonic plague (Black Death)	Europe and Asia
22,000,000	1918	Influenza	Worldwide
20,000,000	1969-71	Famine	Northern China
10,000,000	1939	Floods/famine	Northern China
9,500,000	1877-78	Famine	China
3,700,000	1931	Flood	Yellow River,

3,000,000	1669-70	Famine	China Bombay/Madras, India
1,500,000	1943-44	Famine	Bengal, India
1,000,000	1201	Earthquake	Syria/Egypt
1,000,000	1846-47	Famine	Ireland
900,000	1887	Flood	Honan Province, China
830,000	1556	Earthquake	Shensi, China
800,000	1838	Famine	Northwestern India
655,000	1976	Earthquake	Tientsin/ Tangshan, China
500,000	1970	Typhoon/flood	Bangladesh
300,000	1737	Earthquake	Calcutta, India
300,000	1881	Typhoon	Haiphong, Indochina
300,000	1642	Flood	Yellow River, China
250,000	526 B.C.	Earthquake	Antioch, Syria
215,000	1876	Tsunami	Bay of Bengal, India
200,000	1703	Earthquake	Tokyo, Japan
200,000	856	Earthquake	Persia
180,000	1920	Earthquake	Kansu Province, China
?	1983-	Famine (cont.)	Africa, eastern and south

“Understand and resist Satan!”

Sing: A Mighty Fortress