

*Greetings, today our manna is from Deut. 11; Psalm 95 & 96; Isaiah 39; Revelation 9.*

## *June 7 – Melchizedek Devotional Perspective*

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### **Deuteronomy 11**

#### **Love and Serve YHWH**

**Deu 11:1** “And you shall love יהוה your Elohim and **guard His charge:**<sup>a</sup> even His laws, and His right-rulings, and His commands, always. Footnote: <sup>a</sup>See [Gen 26:5](#).

**Deu 11:2** “And you shall know today – for it is not your children who have not known and who have not seen the discipline of יהוה your Elohim, His greatness, His strong hand and His outstretched arm,

**Deu 11:3** and His signs, and His works which He had done in the midst of Mitsrayim, to Pharaoh sovereign of Mitsrayim, and to all his land;

**Deu 11:4** and that which He had done to the army of Mitsrayim, to their horses and their chariots, when He made the waters of the Sea of Reeds overflow them as they pursued you, and how יהוה has destroyed them to this day;

**Deu 11:5** and what He had done for you in the wilderness till you came to this place;

**Deu 11:6** and what He had done to Dathan and Abiram the sons of Eliyab, son of Re’uḇēn, when the earth opened its mouth and swallowed them up, and their households, and their tents, and all the living creatures that were in their possession, in the midst of all Yisra’ēl.

**Deu 11:7** “For yours are the eyes that saw all the great work of יהוה, which He did.

Loving YHWH and guarding His charge, go hand in hand. Yahusha carries this forward in John 14:23.

**Joh 14:23** יהושע answered him, “If anyone loves Me, he shall guard My Word. And My Father shall love him, and We shall come to him and make Our stay with him.

Most people pretty much believe they understand what it means to love YHWH. But do we really understand what that means? We see here that loving YHWH is coupled with ‘guarding His charge’ in Deut. 11:1.

In John 14:23, Yahusha says, if anyone ‘loves Me’, he shall ‘guard My Word.’ And goes on to say, “My Father shall love him, and We shall come to him and make Our stay with him. Why? Because **we are now the temple** of His Ruach HaKodesh.

Most of us came to YHWH [Yahusha in Son] with a child-like faith and love which is great! The problem comes in, when that faith and love, remains 'child-like' and is easily misguided. For instance, the enemy loves to use the word 'love' and twists its meaning. The enemy manipulates words and distorts definitions.

The enemy would have people feel that they should love anyone and anything; and if they don't; well that is hateful. If any other perspective is spoken, well that is 'hate-speech.' Well, that doesn't sound good! After bringing on 'false guilt', the enemy puts 'his' laws in place, and before you know it; the enemy has taken away our right to know and love YHWH. We should discern according to His Word, not ours.

To truly love YHWH [Yahusha in Son], we are to 'guard His charge' and we do so through the proper administration of His Word. For the most part, this has not been done in our generation. Because of this, even as I type, the enemy has snuck in a bill that has passed

the U.S. House and will be coming up for a vote in the Senate, called 'The Equality Act.' 'The Equality Act' is the criminalization of speaking many truths in His word, as 'hate speech.' This type of legislation has already taken place in Canada; and this is setting up the world for living out the **book of Revelation!** Presently, we are just experiencing 'birth pangs.'

Why has all this happened? Because people have not loved Him according to His Word; nor have they guarded His charge! What does it mean to guard His charge? To guard His charge, we must first diligently know His Word, and know how to 'rightly divide' His Word, by time periods and by administrations. When presidential 'administrations' change; do laws change? Obviously yes, newer laws are implemented and take precedence.

For instance, we know that Yahusha was born under the law. What law? **The Book of the Law**. After the sin of the golden calf, the book of the law was imposed on the people as a 'tutor'; UNTIL Yahusha would come. Yahusha meticulously lived His life to fulfill every jot and tittle of the Book of the Law; or He would have sinned. He was the only one that could live out the Book of the Law perfectly. Yahusha not only lived out the requirements under the Book of the Law; but He became our atoning sacrifice according to the Book of the Law; and He entered into His priestly role by being mikvah'd by the true High Priest of the Aaronic Levitical Priesthood, John the Immerser: fulfilling the proper Book of the Law transference of priesthoods. With this, He ushered the Melchizedek Priesthood back to its reigning position and served over His own sacrifice and ascending offering. He is THE Melchizedek.

Once Yahusha made full atonement, with His blood, being the Lamb of Elohim [a one year old spotless lamb – being 490 days old - dated **From:** His mikvah and designation as ‘the Lamb of Elohim’ **To:** Pentecost]; Yahusha fulfilled the conditional ‘death penalty’ arm [Gen. 15] of the promise to Abraham; and proposed to us with His new blood ratified covenant. Those that accept His new proposal, ratified by His blood, and partake in His covenant confirming meal of bread and wine; enter His priesthood after the order of Melchizedek [Ps. 110:4]. YHWH’s covenant Torah once again brings His bride back in covenant to Himself. He makes His people once again a ‘kingdom of priest’ and a set-apart nation. [1Peter 2:9; Rev. 1:6; Rev. 5:9-10; Rev. 20:6]

This connects us back to the original marriage covenant [Ex. 19:5 – 24:11] and to the unconditional promise given to Abraham in Gen. 12:1-3. Without this basic understanding, one may sincerely love Him; but fall short by not having diligently guarded His charge by the proper administration of His Word.

The generation Moses was addressing were ‘under’ the Book of the Law. Yahusha was born ‘under’ the Book of the Law. Noah was born under the ‘preachers of righteousness’ and was in the righteous kingly priestly line of Melchizedek. Today, we are born ‘under’ the reign of Yahusha as Melchizedek High Priest and are given the opportunity to accept His New Covenant proposal.

**This doesn’t mean we do not greatly benefit** from knowing and understanding the Book of the Law; but our Melchizedek High Priest ushered in a better covenant and **now administers Covenant Torah**.

2Ti 3:16 **All Scripture** is breathed out by Elohim and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for setting straight, for instruction in righteousness,  
2Ti 3:17 that the man of Elohim might be fitted, equipped for every good work.

‘**Guarding His Charge**’ is stated in such a way as a command given to a soldier. If a soldier, doesn’t understand the command correctly; he can still fill his position with passion and zeal, but at the same time give footing to the enemy.

Guarding His charge, changes with different administrations. We that walk in Covenant Torah are NOT to administer the same ‘charge’ as in the day of Deuteronomy 11! They were under the tutor, the Book of the Law.

To love YHWH and to ‘guard His charge’ by diligently following and rightly dividing His Word, is **what Deut. 11:1** is all about. The Deuteronomy 11 generation, that were about to enter the promise land under Joshua, most certainly followed the Book of the Law! They lived ‘under’ the Aaronic Levitical Priesthood administration of the book of the law.

Now, we live under Covenant Torah administered by our Melchizedek High Priest as His ‘kingdom of priests’ from every tongue, tribe, people, and nation; reflecting the ‘coat of many colors.’ It is no longer based on a priesthood requiring mother father lineage of Aaron. Now, it is under The Melchizedek, ‘our King is Righteous.’ There is only One High Priest.

Understanding this one verse, Deut. 11:1, has huge implications and the enemy knows this very well! Why? **Because the enemy wants the world to love him and to live ‘under’ his administration of his inspired man-made laws!**

**Deu 11:8** “And you **shall guard every command which I command you today**, so that you are strong, and shall go in, and shall possess the land which you are passing over to possess,

**Deu 11:9** and to prolong your days **in the land which יהוה swore to give your fathers**, to them and their descendants, a land flowing with milk and honey.

**Deu 11:10** “For the land which you are going in to possess is not like the land of Mitsrayim from which you have come, where you sowed your seed and watered it by foot, as a vegetable garden,

**Deu 11:11** but **the land which you are passing over to possess** is a land of hills and valleys, which drinks water from the rain of the heavens,

**Deu 11:12** a land which יהוה your Elohim looks after. The eyes of יהוה your Elohim are always on it, from the beginning of the year to the latter end of the year.

In Deuteronomy 11, we see Moses who served under the Melchizedek Priesthood, passing the ‘administration’ to the next generation under the reigning Aaronic Levitical Priesthood. He has reviewed all the events from YHWH leading them out of Egypt, with all the ups and downs that had been experienced in the wilderness. This generation was receiving full knowledge and full responsibility to love YHWH their Elohim and to keep His charge under the Book of the Law.

Overcomers, not only cross-over to possess the ‘promise land’; they cross over to truly love Him by keeping His charge; by staying faithful and true as His chaste set-apart bride.

There are [numerous classic verses](#) in Deuteronomy 11 for your devotional time. The key message is to [diligently](#) stay in His Word; let His Word constantly be in front of our eyes and in our hands, so that the enemy will not ensnare you and so that you will be blessed.

**Deu 11:13** And it shall be that if you diligently obey My commands which I command you today, to love **יהוה** your Elohim and to serve Him with all your heart and with all your being,

**Deu 11:14** then I shall give you the rain for your land in its season, the early rain and the latter rain, and you shall gather in your grain, and your new wine, and your oil.

**Deu 11:15** And I shall give grass in your fields for your livestock, and you shall eat and be satisfied.

**Deu 11:16** Guard yourselves, lest your heart be deceived, and you turn aside and serve other mighty ones and bow down to them.

**Deu 11:17** Then the displeasure of **יהוה** shall burn against you, and He shall shut up the heavens, and there be no rain, and the land not give its increase. And you shall perish quickly from the good land which **יהוה** is giving you.

**Deu 11:18** And you shall lay up these [Words<sup>b</sup>](#) of Mine in your heart and in your being, and shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. [Footnote: <sup>b</sup>See footnote at \[Deu 5:22\]\(#\).](#)

**Deu 11:19** And you shall teach them to your children, speaking of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise up,

**Deu 11:20** and shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates,

**Deu 11:21** so that your days and the days of your children are increased on the soil of which **יהוה** swore to your fathers to give them, as the days of the heavens on the earth.

**Deu 11:22** For if you diligently guard all these commands which I command you, to do it, to love **יהוה** your Elohim, to walk in all His ways, and to cling to Him,

**Deu 11:23** then **יהוה** shall drive out all these nations before you, and you shall dispossess greater and stronger nations than you.

**Deu 11:24** Every place on which the sole of your foot treads is yours: from the wilderness, and Lebanon, from the river, the River Euphrates, even to the Western Sea is your border.

**Deu 11:25** No man shall stand against you. **יהוה** your Elohim shall put the dread of you and the fear of you upon all the land where you tread, as He has spoken to you.

**Deu 11:26** See, I am setting before you today a blessing and a curse:

**Deu 11:27** the blessing, when you obey the commands of **יהוה** your Elohim which I command you today;

**Deu 11:28** and the curse, if you do not obey the commands of **יהוה** your Elohim, but turn aside from the way which I command you today, to go after other mighty ones which you have not known.

**Deu 11:29** And it shall be, when **יהוה** your Elohim has brought you into the land which you go to possess, that you shall put the blessing on Mount Gerizim and the curse on Mount Ēyḅal.

**Deu 11:30** Are they not beyond the Yardēn, toward the setting sun, in the land of the Kena'anites who dwell in the desert plain opposite Gilgal, beside the terebinth trees of Moreh?

**Deu 11:31** For you are passing over the Yardēn to go in to possess the land which **יהוה** your Elohim is giving you, and you shall possess it and dwell in it,

**Deu 11:32** and shall guard to do all the laws and right-rulings which I am setting before you today.'

## Psalm 95 & 96

Psalm 95 & 96 are glorious chapters! Give praise, honor, glory, esteem, thanksgiving to YHWH! Bow down before Him for He is worthy of all praise! Sing and shout to our Redeemer! When doing so, the 24 elders before His throne bow down and cast their crowns! [Rev. 4:10]

Love Him and 'guard His charge'; do not harden our hearts as did the generation in the wilderness.

## Let Us Sing Songs of Praise

**Psa 95:1** Come, let us sing to **יהוה**! Let us raise a shout to the Rock of our deliverance.

**Psa 95:2** Let us come before His face with thanksgiving; Let us raise a shout to Him in song.

**Psa 95:3** For **יהוה** is a great Ēl, And a great Sovereign above all mighty ones.

**Psa 95:4** In whose hand are the depths of the earth; The mountain peaks are His also.

**Psa 95:5** His is the sea, for He made it; And His hands formed the dry land.

**Psa 95:6** Come, let us bow down and bend low, Let us kneel before **יהוה** our Maker.

**Psa 95:7** For He is our Elohim, And we are the people of His pasture, And the sheep of His hand. Today, if you would hear His voice:

**Psa 95:8** "Do not harden your hearts as in Meribah, And as in the day of Massah in the wilderness,

**Psa 95:9** "When your fathers tried Me, Have proved Me, though they saw My work.

**Psa 95:10** "For forty years I was grieved with *that* generation, And said, 'They are a people who go astray in their hearts, And they do not know My ways.'

**Psa 95:11** "As I swore in My wrath, 'If they enter into My rest...'"

He is the Creator of the heavens and earth; He is the omnipotent; omniscient; omnipresent Elohim! He is the Alpha and the Omega, and He is coming again! All the heavens, earth, and creation rejoice! The rocks cry out the trees clap their hands!

The enemy does just the opposite. The enemy says, YHWH isn't the Creator of the heavens and earth. The enemy says, there was this cosmic 'big bang' and out of 'chaos' 'intelligent design' was created? Maybe, when YHWH wraps up the heavens like a scroll they will believe; but then it will be too late.

Yahusha [YHWH in Son] first came as the Lamb of Elohim and when He comes again, He will come as the righteous Judge to judge the earth. Activist judges will step aside. He will come as King of kings.

## Psalm 96

### Worship in the Splendor of Holiness

**Psa 96:1** Sing to יהוה a new song, Sing to יהוה, all the earth!

**Psa 96:2** Sing to יהוה, bless His Name, Proclaim His deliverance from day to day.

**Psa 96:3** Declare His esteem among the nations, His wonders among all peoples.

**Psa 96:4** For great is יהוה and greatly to be praised, He is to be feared above all mighty ones.

**Psa 96:5** For all the mighty ones of the peoples are matters of naught, But יהוה made the heavens.

**Psa 96:6** Excellency and splendor are before Him, Strength and comeliness are in His set-apart place.

**Psa 96:7** Ascribe to יהוה, O clans of the peoples, Ascribe to יהוה esteem and strength.

**Psa 96:8** Ascribe to יהוה the esteem of His Name; Bring an offering, and come into His courts.

**Psa 96:9** Bow yourselves to יהוה, In the splendor of set-apartness! Tremble before Him, all the earth.

**Psa 96:10** Say among nations, "יהוה shall reign. The world also is established, immovable. He judges the peoples in straightness."

**Psa 96:11** Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; Let the sea roar, and all that fills it;

**Psa 96:12** Let the field exult, and all that is in it. Let all the trees of the forest then shout for joy,

**Psa 96:13** At the presence of יהוה. For He shall come, For He shall come to judge the earth. **He judges the world in righteousness,<sup>a</sup> And the peoples with His truth.** Footnote: <sup>a</sup>See also [Psa 98:9](#), [Act 17:31](#), [Rev 19:11](#).

## Isaiah 39

Hezekiah had actually started out well. We read about his early beginnings in 2Kings:

2Ki 18:1 And it came to be in the third year of Hoshĕa son of Ēlah, sovereign of Yisra'ĕl, that Hizqiyah son of Aĥaz, sovereign of Yehuḡah, began to reign.

2Ki 18:2 He was twenty-five years old when he began to reign, and he reigned twenty-nine years in Yerushalayim. And his mother's name was Abi, daughter of Zeġaryah.

2Ki 18:3 And he did what was right in the eyes of יהוה, according to all that his father Dawiḡ did.

2Ki 18:4 He took away the high places and broke the pillars, and cut down the Ashĕrah, and broke in pieces the bronze serpent which Mosheh had made, for until those days the children of Yisra'ĕl burned incense to it, and called it Neĥushtan.

2Ki 18:5 He put his trust in יהוה Elohim of Yisra'ĕl, and after him was none like him among all the sovereigns of Yehuḡah, nor who were before him,

2Ki 18:6 and he clung to יהוה. He did not turn away from following Him, but guarded His commands, which יהוה had commanded Mosheh.

Hezekiah began his reign as king of Judah at age 25. At that time, the nation was still 'under' the book of the law. The Aaronic Levitical Priesthood was still in place, though weak. Isaiah was the prophet to Hezekiah. Usually wisdom grows stronger with age, but apparently not for Hezekiah.

Comparing Hezekiah's early reign to his reign in Isaiah 39, we see his fatal error of his reign. Because of this error; he doesn't finish well. His fatal error was that he no longer followed what is stated in 2Kings 18:6. He no longer clung to YHWH. He was still distracted by the things of this world; the lust of the eyes, the lust of the flesh, and the pride of life. He no longer 'guarded His charge' which YHWH had commanded Moses; and he had left his first love, YHWH! He didn't follow Deuteronomy 11 that we just read!

Deu 11:16 **Guard yourselves, lest your heart be deceived**, and you turn aside and serve other mighty ones and bow down to them.

Deu 11:17 Then the displeasure of יהוה shall burn against you, and He shall shut up the heavens, and there be no rain, and the land not give its increase. And you shall perish quickly from the good land which יהוה is giving you.

This account in Isaiah 39 should be a warning to all of us. News flash! The enemy can come to your very door; can be invited into your house; be shown all of your possessions under the guise of 'concern'; 'friendship'; 'condolences'; 'bearing gifts'; 'abundant compliments': 'smiles and word dripping with niceties and cloaked under joy and



laughter'; 'maybe even time of sharing a meal or drink.' Not to mention the invasion of the 'tech' world!

This doesn't only apply to one's physical home; this also applies to our bodies. We are His living stones; we are the temple. The enemy can enter into our mind, will, and emotions through our 'body gates'; our eyes, ear, nose, mouth, digestive systems; reproductive systems; and through our family's generational portals of wickedness.

Guard! Guard His charge! YHWH is the One who loves us! No one is to be placed before Him! His Word tells us everything we need to know! His Word fully equips us. Test the spirits! Anoint your physical and spiritual dwellings; cover them with the blood of the Lamb; bind any evil spirits that may be associated with any individuals entering your home; pray cleansing prayers over your possessions etc.

We are constantly amid spiritual warfare. Since Hezekiah was having a season of peace and his health had been restored; he let his guard down. That is exactly when the enemy moves in for an attack. He comes in when a believer lays down YHWH's armor instead of 'taking them up'.

Mat 10:16 "See, I send you out as sheep in the midst of wolves. Therefore be wise<sup>a</sup> as serpents and innocent as doves.

Hezekiah had grown complacent. This is where our world is today; days of complacency! Hezekiah was foolish in showing the envoy from Babel all his nation's possessions under his reign. He was flippant as Isaiah prophesied the fall of Jerusalem. He had not only forgotten YHWH, He had forgotten his people; and He had forgotten the future generations; just ask Daniel, Shadrach; and Abednego. Afterall, Hezekiah wasn't going to be around to see the destruction of Jerusalem. Very sad.

### Envoys from Babylon

**Isa 39:1** At that time Merodach-Baladan son of Baladan, sovereign of Babel, sent letters and a present to Hizqiyahu, for he heard that he had been sick and had become strong.

**Isa 39:2** And Hizqiyahu was pleased with them, and showed them the house of his treasures, the silver and gold, the spices and precious ointment, and all his armoury, and all that was found among his treasures. There was not an object in his house or in all his rule that Hizqiyahu did not show them.

**Isa 39:3** And Yeshayahu the prophet went to Sovereign Hizqiyahu, and said to him, "What did these men say, and from where did they come to you?" And Hizqiyahu said,

“They came to me from a distant land, from Babel.”

**Isa 39:4** And he said, “What have they seen in your house?” And Hizqiyahu said, “They have seen all that is in my house; there is not an object among my treasures that I did not show them.”

**Isa 39:5** So Yeshayahu said to Hizqiyahu, “Hear the word of יהוה of hosts:

Prophecy given by Isaiah:

**Isa 39:6** See, the days are coming when all that is in your house, and what your fathers have stored up until this day, shall be taken away to Babel; not a matter shall be left,’ declares יהוה.

**Isa 39:7** And they shall take some of your sons who are born to you, whom you bring forth. And they shall be eunuchs in the palace of the sovereign of Babel.’ ”

Hezekiah’s flippant selfish reply:

**Isa 39:8** And Hizqiyahu said to Yeshayahu, “The word of יהוה which you have spoken is good!” And he said, “Because there is peace and truth in my days.”

**Revelation 9** In Revelation 9, the 5th and 6th trumpets are sounded!

The 5<sup>th</sup> trumpet sounds:

**Rev 9:1** And the fifth messenger sounded, and I saw a star from the heaven which had fallen to the earth. And the key to the pit of the deep was given to him.

**Rev 9:2** And he opened the pit of the deep, and smoke went up out of the pit like the smoke of a great furnace. And the sun was darkened, also the air, because of the smoke of the pit.

**Rev 9:3** And out of the smoke locusts came upon the earth, and authority was given to them as the scorpions of the earth possess authority.

**Rev 9:4** And it was said to them that they shall not harm the grass of the earth, or any green *matter*, or any tree, but only those men who do not have the seal of Elohim upon their foreheads.

**Rev 9:5** And it was given to them that they should not kill them, but to torture them for five months. And their torture was like the torture of a scorpion when it stings a man.

**Rev 9:6** And in those days men shall seek death and shall not find it. And they shall long to die, but death shall flee from them.

**Rev 9:7** And the locusts looked like horses prepared for battle, and on their heads were crowns like gold, and their faces were like the faces of men.

**Rev 9:8** And they had hair like women’s hair, and their teeth were like lions’ teeth.

**Rev 9:9** And they had breastplates like breastplates of iron, and the sound of their wings was like the sound of chariots of many horses running into battle.

**Rev 9:10** And they have tails like scorpions, and stings. And in their tails is their authority to harm men five months.

**Rev 9:11** And they have over them a sovereign, the messenger of the pit of the deep, whose name in Hebrew is Abaddon, but in Greek he has the name Apolluon.

**Rev 9:12** The first woe is past. See, two woes are still coming after this.



**Rev 9:1** And the fifth messenger sounded, and I saw a star from the heaven which had fallen to the earth. And the key to the pit of the deep was given to him.

Who is this **star** that John sees?

John either sees Lucifer being kicked out of the heavens or possibly another demonic Principality such as Abaddon. In **Rev. 12:9** we clearly see the Devil, Satan, cast down from heaven. Some believe that Abaddon and Satan are synonymous; and

others do not.

**Rev 12:9** And the great dragon was thrown out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who leads all the world astray. He was thrown to the earth, and his messengers were thrown out with him.

In **Rev. 9:11-12** we read:

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When Satan is cast down, we see Satan mocked by his evil minions in Isaiah 14:10.

Isa 14:10 “All of them respond and say to you, ‘Have you also become as weak as we? Have you become like us?’

Isa 14:11 Your arrogance has been brought down to She’ol, and the sound of your stringed instruments; the maggot is spread under you, and worms cover you.’

Isa 14:12 “How you have fallen from the heavens, O Hēlēl,<sup>c</sup> son of the morning! You have been cut down to the ground, you who laid low the nations! Footnote: <sup>c</sup>The Shining One.

Let’s look at the definition of ‘Lucifer’:

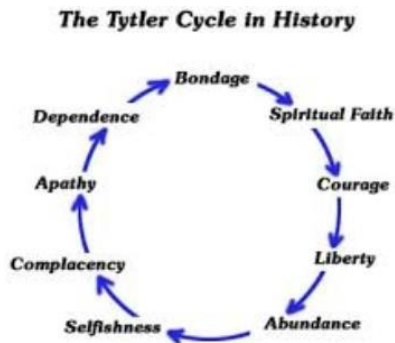
**H1966 הילל hēylēl BDB Definition:**

Lucifer = “light-bearer”

1) shining one, morning star, Lucifer

1a) of the king of Babylon and Satan (figuratively)

## 2) 'Helel' describing the king of Babylon



History repeats itself in a cyclic fashion. What we saw happen in Hezekiah's day; will happen again. Nations are fast approaching complete bondage by the global cabal. Nations just prior to bondage, experience complacency; apathy; and dependency. [See chart]

However, His kingdom of priests, His overcomers, are scattered throughout all the nations. We are His holy set-apart nation. Our brothers and sisters are world-wide.

The Book of Revelation reveals the collapse of worldly systems and bondage during the tribulation; but be of good cheer, for **YHWH [Yahusha in Son] has overcome the world.**

With **the fifth trump of Rev. 9:1**, the enemy, Satan or other Principality, is cast from heaven to earth and is given the key to the pit of the deep. When the pit is opened it isn't pretty. It is a horrific scene for those left on this earth.

Rev 9:2 And he opened the pit of the deep, and smoke went up out of the pit like the smoke of a great furnace. And the sun was darkened, also the air, because of the smoke of the pit.

Rev 9:3 And out of the **smoke locusts came upon the earth**, and authority was given to them as the scorpions of the earth possess authority.

The locust receive orders:

Rev 9:4 And it was said to them that **they**

**shall not harm the grass of the earth, or any green matter, or any tree, but only those men who do not have the seal of Elohim upon their foreheads.**

Rev 9:5 And it was given to them that **they should not kill them, but to torture them for five months.** [Cross-ref Rev. 7:3] And their torture was like the torture of a scorpion when it stings a man.

Rev 9:6 And in those days **men shall seek death and shall not find it.** And they shall long to die, but death shall flee from them.

I contemplate that the Great Tribulation or Great Distress may begin when Satan has been cast down to earth (Rev. 12:13) as he goes to fight with the remnant of the seed of the woman. I understand that when Satan is cast down to earth; this would correlate to the 3rd 'Woe' which would not tie into **Rev. 9:1 the sounding of the 5<sup>th</sup> Trumpet with the star falling from heaven.**

Rev 9:1 And the **fifth messenger** sounded, and **I saw a star from the heaven which had fallen to the earth.** And the key to the pit of the deep was given to him.

The following is a list of groups based on Scripture, that I understand to be present on earth at the beginning of or during the ‘Great Distress’ or the ‘Great Tribulation.’

1. **The woman** is given two wings of a great eagle and flies to her place in the wilderness where she is nourished for 3 ½ years from the presence of the serpent (Satan). (Rev. 12:14)
2. **The remnant of the seed of the woman.** Rev 12:17 And the dragon (Satan) was enraged with the woman, and he went to fight with the remnant of her seed, those guarding the commands of Elohim and possessing the witness of יהושע Messiah.
3. **The 144,000 that were sealed with the seal of Elohim.** Rev 7:14 And I said to him, “Master, you know.” And he said to me, “These are those coming out of the great distress, having washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.
4. The Unbelievers that do NOT have the seal of Elohim and either become believers or they don’t.

When the 5<sup>th</sup> Trumpet is sounded:

- **Lucifer or a Principality or ‘Beast’ is cast down to earth**
- **Locust torment mankind for 5 months without the seal of Elohim – they seek death but cannot find it.** The descriptions of the locust are given in Rev. 9:7 – Rev. 9:11.
- **The messenger of the pit of the deep is king over the locust, whose name in Hebrew is Abaddon, but in Greek he has the name Apolluon.**
- **The First Woe Passes – there are two more woes.**

Rev 9:10 And they have tails like scorpions, and stings. And in their tails is their authority to **harm men five months.**

Rev 9:11 And they have over them a sovereign, the messenger of the pit of the deep, whose name in Hebrew is Abaddon, but in Greek he has the name Apolluon. [Some define Abaddon as ‘the destroyer angel of the Abyss’ – others say he is Satan – At this point, I am keeping them as two separate entities.]

The 6<sup>th</sup> Trumpet is sounded:

Rev 9:13 And the sixth messenger sounded, and I heard a voice from the four horns of the golden slaughter-place which is before Elohim,

Rev 9:14 saying to the sixth messenger who had the trumpet, **“Release the four messengers, those having been bound at the great river Euphrates.”**

Rev 9:15 And the four messengers, those having been prepared for the hour and day and month and year, were released to kill a third of mankind.

Rev 9:16 And the number of the armies of the horsemen was two hundred million, and I heard the number of them.

Rev 9:17 And this is how I saw the horses in the vision and those who sat on them, having breastplates of fiery red, and hyacinth blue, and sulphur yellow. And the heads of the horses were like the heads of lions, and out of their mouths came fire, and smoke, and sulphur.

**Rev 9:18** A third of mankind was killed by these three *plagues*, by the fire and the smoke and the sulphur which came out of their mouths.

**Rev 9:19** For the authority of the horses is in their mouth and in their tails, for their tails are like serpents, having heads. And with them they do harm.

**Rev 9:20** And the rest of mankind, who were not killed by these plagues, did not repent of the **works of their hands**, that they should not worship the demons, and **idols of gold, and of silver, and of brass, and of stone, and of wood, which are neither able to see, nor to hear, nor to walk.** [Psa 115:4-7](#), [Psa 135:15-17](#), [Dan 5:23](#).

**Rev 9:21** And they did not repent of their murders, nor of their drug sorceries, nor of their whoring, nor of their thefts.

- Four evil messengers are let loose that had been bound at the great river Euphrates. [These evil messengers possibly are the bound defeated Principalities that once were associated with Babylon; Medo-Persia; Greece; and Rome.]  
 Dan 10:13 "But the head of the rule of Persia withstood me twenty-one days. And see, Miḵa'ēl, one of the chief heads, came to help me, for I had been left alone there with the sovereigns of Persia.
- These four messengers had been prepared for the specific hour/day/month/year to kill 1/3 of mankind. [x-Ref. 7:1?]
- Their army consists of 200 million

#### Description:

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#### Method of Annihilation:

By three *plagues*, by **the fire** and **the smoke** and **the sulphur** which came out of their mouths.

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These descriptions definitely reflect weapons of warfare entities. The rest of mankind surviving do not repent of their idolatry; demon worship; murders; drug sorcery; thefts; whoring.

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