

LAODICEANS FACE THE COMING WRATH!

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We've been looking at the Letters to the 7 Churches in Revelation. I suggested that they are addressed to the believers and correspond with the last 7 years leading up to Jesus' return.

Last week ... we reviewed **Letter 6 to Philadelphia**. They are promised an **OPEN DOOR** and **escape from the Hour of Trial** coming on the whole world.

Letter 7 is for Laodicea. Not worthy to go through the **OPEN DOOR** — shut out — left behind — must face the Wrath to come in Year 7.

The topic of Wrath cropped up last week — but I was aware that we only just touched on it. Yet **it's so important that I would like to go over it more thoroughly**.

Let's start with the 6th SEAL — the Heavenly Signs — which corresponds with the 6th year.

Revelation 6:12-16

12 I looked when He opened **the sixth seal**, and behold, there was a **great earthquake**; and **the sun became black** as sackcloth of hair, and **the moon became like blood**.

13 And **the stars of heaven fell to the earth**, as a fig tree drops its late figs when it is shaken by a mighty wind.

14 Then **the sky receded as a scroll when it is rolled up**, and **every mountain and island was moved out of its place**.

15 And **the kings of the earth**, **the great men**, **the rich men**, **the commanders**, **the mighty men**, **every slave** and **every free man**, hid themselves in the caves and in the rocks of the mountains,

16 and said to the mountains and rocks, "**Fall on us and hide us from the face of Him who sits on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb!**"

The Great Day of God's Wrath (the Hour of Trial).

Two things occur at the Cosmic Signs:

- 1. THE DAY OF THE LORD — GOD'S WRATH ARRIVES**
- 2. JESUS COMES TO COLLECT HIS SAINTS**

BOTH ON THE SAME DAY!

So the saints are delivered from the Hour of Trial. The **OPEN DOOR?**

Luke 17:22-30

22 Then He said to the disciples, "The days will come when you will desire to see one of the days of the Son of Man, and you will not see it.

23 And they will say to you, 'Look here!' or 'Look there!' Do not go after them or follow them.

24 For as the lightning that flashes out of one part under heaven shines to the other part under heaven, so also the Son of Man will be in His day.

25 But first He must suffer many things and be rejected by this generation.

26 And **as it was in the days of Noah, so it will be also in the days of the Son of Man:**

27 **They ate, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, and the flood came and destroyed them all.** *(The same day)*

28 **Likewise as it was also in the days of Lot: They ate, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they built;**

29 **but on the day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven and destroyed them all.** *(The same day)*

30 **Even so will it be in the day when the Son of Man is revealed.**

THE VERY DAY! SAME DAY!

The world seems to understand that it is God's Wrath. How come? Probably the impact of the warning of the 2 witnesses — and perhaps even the saints who have been preaching the Truth?

The Cosmic Signs of the 6th Seal announce that the WRATH OF GOD HAS ARRIVED.

Revelation 8:1-6

- 1 **When He opened the seventh seal**, there was silence in heaven for about half an hour.
- 2 **And I saw the seven angels who stand before God, and to them were given seven trumpets.**
- 3 **Then another angel, having a golden censer**, came and stood at the altar. **He was given much incense, that he should offer it with the prayers of all the saints upon the golden altar which was before the throne.**
- 4 **And the smoke of the incense, with the prayers of the saints, ascended before God from the angel's hand.**
- 5 **Then the angel took the censer, filled it with fire from the altar, and threw it to the earth. And there were noises, thunderings, lightnings, and an earthquake.**
- 6 **So the seven angels who had the seven trumpets prepared themselves to sound.**

THE 7TH SEAL CONSISTS OF 7 TRUMPETS — WHICH SHOWS THE DESTRUCTION SENT FROM GOD.

These are GOD'S JUDGMENTS.

Today — the world's leaders believe they're "in charge". The Davos crowd ... climate change conferences ... world economic forums — they see themselves as the GLOBAL ELITE?

Bit by bit — **God's Judgment Plagues will destroy them!**

Revelation 8:7

- 7 **The first angel sounded: And hail and fire followed, mingled with blood, and they were thrown to the earth. And a third of the trees were burned up, and all green grass was burned up.**

THE FIRST TRUMPET — THE OPENING SALVO OF GOD'S WRATH — IS FIRE!!

On land ... trees ... grass ... vegetation. We've seen news reports in places like California or Greece — but this may be worldwide — destruction of cities ... homes ... produce in the fields. Everything will look orange or red. Much of the earth will be on fire.

We can see another reference to this:

2 Thessalonians 1:6-10

6 since it is a righteous thing with God to repay with tribulation those who *tribulate* you,

7 and to give you who are *tribulated* rest with us when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with His mighty angels,

8 in flaming fire taking vengeance on those who do not know God, and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

9 These (*the wicked of the world*) shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power,

10 when He comes, in that Day, to be glorified in His saints and to be admired among all those who believe, because our testimony among you was believed.

WHEN JESUS IS REVEALED FROM HEAVEN — WHEN HE COMES IN THAT DAY TO GLORIFY THE SAINTS — IN FLAMING FIRE TAKING VENGEANCE ON THE WICKED

Revelation 8:8-13

8 Then the second angel sounded: And something like a great mountain burning with fire was thrown into the sea, and a third of the sea became blood.

9 And a third of the living creatures in the sea died, and a third of the ships were destroyed.

10 Then the third angel sounded: And a great star fell from heaven, burning like a torch, and it fell on a third of the rivers and on the springs of water.

11 The name of the star is Wormwood. A third of the waters became wormwood, and many men died from the water, because it was made bitter.

12 **Then the fourth angel sounded: And a third of the sun was struck, a third of the moon, and a third of the stars, so that a third of them were darkened. A third of the day did not shine, and likewise the night.**

13 And I looked, and I heard an angel flying through the midst of heaven, saying with a loud voice, **“Woe, woe, woe to the inhabitants of the earth, because of the remaining blasts of the trumpet of the three angels who are about to sound!”**

THE DESTRUCTION OF OCEANS ... AND FRESH WATER IS NO MORE ... MORE COSMIC SIGNS. THE WHOLE WORLD IN DARKNESS — SMOKE EVERYWHERE

Verse 13: **YOU AIN'T SEEN NOTHING YET!! THE WORST IS YET TO COME!**

These 4 Trumpets seem to strike the earth itself ... people are only affected indirectly — up until now!

Revelation 9:1-12

1 **Then the fifth angel sounded: And I saw a star fallen from heaven to the earth. To him was given the key to the bottomless pit. (Abyss/Shaft)**

2 **And he opened the bottomless pit, and smoke arose out of the pit like the smoke of a great furnace. So the sun and the air were darkened because of the smoke of the pit.**

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

4 They were commanded not to harm the grass of the earth, or any green thing, or any tree, **but only those men who do not have the seal of God on their foreheads.**

5 **And they were not given authority to kill them, but to torment them for five months.** Their torment was like the torment of a scorpion when it strikes a man.

6 **In those days men will seek death and will not find it; they will desire to die, and death will flee from them.**

7 The shape of the locusts was like horses prepared for battle. On their heads were crowns of something like gold, and their faces were like the faces of men.

8 They had hair like women's hair, and their teeth were like lions' teeth.

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

10 They had tails like scorpions, and there were stings in their tails. **Their power was to hurt men five months.**

11 **And they had as king over them the angel of the bottomless pit, whose name in Hebrew is Abaddon, but in Greek he has the name Apollyon.**

12 One woe is past. Behold, still two more woes are coming after these things.

These appear to be demonic creatures. They come from the bottomless pit ("shaft of the abyss").

"Bottomless Pit" appears to be a holding place — a type of prison — for evil spirits.

Luke 8:26-31

26 Then they sailed to the country of the Gadarenes, which is opposite Galilee.

27 **And when He stepped out on the land, there met Him a certain man from the city who had demons for a long time.** And he wore no clothes, nor did he live in a house but in the tombs.

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

29 **For He had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man.** For it had often seized him, and **he was kept under guard, bound with chains and shackles; and he broke the bonds and was driven by the demon into the wilderness.**

30 Jesus asked him, saying, "What is your name?"

And he said, "Legion," because many demons had entered him.

31 **And they begged Him that He would not command them to go out into the abyss.** (*"The Deep" — KJV*)

The demons begged not to be sent to the abyss. Some type of fearful holding prison for demons? Satan ends up there though.

Revelation 20:1-3

1 **Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, having the key to the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand.**

2 **He laid hold of the dragon, that serpent of old, who is the Devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years;**

3 **and he cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal on him, so that he should deceive the nations no more till the thousand years were finished.** But after these things he must be released for a little while.

Satan will be imprisoned in the Bottomless Pit for 1,000 years.

2 Peter 2:4

4 **For if God did not spare the angels who sinned, but cast them down to hell and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved for judgment;**

Many angels chained in Tartarus — the pit — prison (see **Jude 6**: “reserved in everlasting chains under darkness”).

When the 5th Trumpet blows ... many of these demonic spirits are released — to plague mankind.

They have a king over them — the Angel of the Bottomless Pit — his name is: “Destroyer”.

Whilst on the topic of the “Bottomless Pit” (mentioned 7 times in the Book of Revelation):

Revelation 11:1-3

1 Then I was given a reed like a measuring rod. And the angel stood, saying, “**Rise and measure the temple of God, the altar, and those who worship there. (Another temple yet to be built)**

2 **But leave out the court which is outside the temple, and do not measure it, for it has been given to the Gentiles.** And they will tread the holy city underfoot for forty-two months. *(Talking of Jerusalem)*

3 **And I will give power to my two witnesses, and they will prophesy one thousand two hundred and sixty days, clothed in sackcloth.”**

Two witnesses prophesy — alienating the Antichrist.

Revelation 11:7-10

7 When they finish their testimony, **the beast that ascends out of the bottomless pit will make war against them, overcome them, and kill them.**

8 And their dead bodies will lie in the street of the great city which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, where also our Lord was crucified. *(Jerusalem)*

9 Then those from the peoples, tribes, tongues, and nations will see their dead bodies three-and-a-half days, and not allow their dead bodies to be put into graves.

10 **And those who dwell on the earth will rejoice over them, make merry, and send gifts to one another, because these two prophets tormented those who dwell on the earth.**

The Beast — from the Bottomless Pit — kills the 2 witnesses.

The Beast is an empire! (The Fourth Beast of Daniel 7)
Represented by the Antichrist or Man of Sin. Yet said to be from the Bottomless Pit?

So ... **almost certainly the Antichrist — the leader of the Beast Empire — is possessed by the evil spirit being from the Bottomless Pit?**

We often see these prophesied Beast Empires described as Chimeric animals. Daniel 7 records lions with wings ... leopard with 4 heads and

wings ... great and terrible beast with huge iron teeth. (This 4th Beast is the one that makes war with the saints and the two witnesses in the end-times).

Logic? **If the 4th Beast (of Revelation 11) comes out of the Bottomless Pit — they all do!!**

So all of the Beasts of Daniel 7 may represent demonic spiritual rulers. It is possible that the descriptions are not so much symbols of human empires — but actual descriptions of powerful demonic beings.

We know that the living creatures (cherubim) around God's throne — have wings ... faces of eagles ... lions ... oxen ... men.

It wouldn't be too surprising if there are other types of spirit beings. Some perhaps only found now in the Bottomless Pit — who knows?

These spirit beings appear to be regional in nature.

Daniel 10:10-14

10 Suddenly, a hand touched me, which made me tremble on my knees and on the palms of my hands.

11 And he said to me, **"O Daniel, man greatly beloved, understand the words that I speak to you, and stand upright, for I have now been sent to you."** While he was speaking this word to me, I stood trembling.

12 Then he said to me, **"Do not fear, Daniel, for from the first day that you set your heart to understand, and to humble yourself before your God, your words were heard; and I have come because of your words. (21 days earlier)**

13 **But the prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me twenty-one days; and behold, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me,** for I had been left alone there with the kings of Persia.

14 Now I have come to make you understand what will happen to your people in the latter days, for the vision refers to many days yet to come."

Gabriel was held back by the “Archon” of Persia (Iran)— spirit ruler. Possibly the same being over Iran today?

Daniel 10:20

20 Then he said, “Do you know why I have come to you? **And now I must return to fight with the prince of Persia**; and when I have gone forth, **indeed the prince of Greece will come.** (*A spiritual battle in the Heavens*)

The “Archon of Persia” (Iran) and the “Archon” of Greece (Javan).

Michael — appears to be the “Archon of Judah”?

Back to Revelation 9. **No point in trying to identify these locusts as modern weaponry.** Helicopters flying in formation — firing off laser guns and missiles.

The answer is: **They are Demonic beings released from the Abyss — led by the Angel known as “The Destroyer”!**

Terrible time — lasting 5 months.

Revelation 9:13-21

13 **Then the sixth angel sounded:** **And I heard a voice from the four horns of the golden altar which is before God,**

14 **saying to the sixth angel who had the trumpet, “Release the four angels who are bound at the great river Euphrates.”**

15 **So the four angels, who had been prepared for the hour and day and month and year, were released to kill a third of mankind.** (*A specific time*)

16 **Now the number of the army of the horsemen was two hundred million;** I heard the number of them. (*Demons*)

17 **And thus I saw the horses in the vision: those who sat on them had breastplates of fiery red, hyacinth blue, and sulphur yellow; and the heads of the horses were like the heads of lions; and out of their mouths came fire, smoke, and brimstone.**

18 By these three plagues a third of mankind was killed— by the fire and the smoke and the brimstone which came out of their mouths.

19 For their power is in their mouth and in their tails; for their tails are like serpents, having heads; and with them they do harm.

20 But 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 demons, and idols of gold, silver, brass, stone, and wood, which can neither see nor hear nor walk.

21 And they did not repent of their murders or their sorceries or their sexual immorality or their thefts.

THE SIXTH TRUMPET

Angels based in the Euphrates? Today the Euphrates flows through Turkey ... Syria ... Iraq ... Persian Gulf. **ISLAMIC COUNTRIES TODAY? These angels are based in the Middle East.**

They kill 1/3rd of “mankind” — 2.5 billion? **Yet — the rest refuse to repent!!** Even after 6 Trumpet Judgments!

And so to **THE FINAL TRUMPET.**

Revelation 11:15

15 Then **the seventh angel sounded**: And there were loud voices in heaven, saying, **“The kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever!”**

Now — officially — God and Jesus are in charge of the earth.

Revelation 11:16-18

16 And the twenty-four elders who sat before God on their thrones fell on their faces and worshiped God,

17 saying:

“We give You thanks, O Lord God Almighty,

**The One who is and who was and who is to come,
Because You have taken Your great power and reigned.**

18 The nations were angry, and **Your wrath has come,**
And **the time of the dead, that they should be judged,**
And **that You should reward Your servants the prophets and the
saints,**
And those who fear Your name, small and great,
And should destroy those who destroy the earth.”

THE 7TH TRUMPET COMPRISES 7 BOWLS OF WRATH!

Revelation 15:1

1 Then I saw another sign in heaven, great and marvellous: **seven
angels having the seven last plagues, for in them the wrath
of God is complete.** *(The wrath of God is finished — brought to
a conclusion)*

**The 7 Bowls of Wrath — one of which is The Battle at
Armageddon.**

It seems those of “Laodicea” will go through much — if not all — of this
— because they were not worthy.

**It is best to be “accounted worthy” — and escape from this Hour of
Trial!**

BEST TO BE READY!

ABADDON - APOLLYON
KING OF THE LOCUST-LIKE
CREATURES FROM THE ABYSS
"LOCUST" SWARM - LIKE HORSES EQUIPPED FOR BATTLE
FACES LIKE MEN - HAIR LIKE WOMEN - LION'S TEETH
GOLD LIKE CROWNS - TAILS LIKE SCORPIONS WHICH
INFLECT HORRIFIC PAIN BUT DON'T KILL





THE 4 BEASTS OF DANIEL 7



ARMY OF 200 MILLION "HORSES" & RIDERS



THE SEVEN BOWLS

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Sores afflict those who accepted the mark of the Beast. Rev. 16:2	Sea turns to blood; all sea creatures die. Rev. 16:3	Rivers turn to blood. Rev. 16:4-7	Mankind scorched by the sun, blasphemes God. Rev. 16:8-9	The Beast's seat of government is afflicted. Rev. 16:10-11	The Euphrates is dried up; world armies gather to Armageddon. Rev. 16:12-16	The earth is utterly shaken. Rev. 16:17-21

