

Revelation Chapter 9

Verse-by-Verse Study Notes

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“Blessed is he who reads and those who hear the words of the prophecy.” —
Revelation 1:3

STUDY NOTES — verse by verse. [Brackets] mark English helper words. Hebrew quoted word-for-word from the Tanakh, never invented. "Lord" = kurios (title), never the Name. Greek in pinned comment; apparatus free below.

Rev 9:1 — א A; P47 lacunose for 9:1-9.

Lit: "And the fifth messenger sounded [the trumpet]; and I saw [a] star out of the heaven having fallen into the earth, and to him was given the key of the shaft of the abyss."

Heb, Isa 14:12 (the fallen shining one): אֵיךְ נָפַלְתָּ מִשָּׁמַיִם הַיֵּלֶל בֶּן־שָׁחַר — "how you have fallen from heaven, shining one, son of dawn"

Rev 9:2 — א A; P47 lacunose for 9:1-9.

Lit: "and he opened the shaft of the abyss, and smoke went up out of the shaft as smoke of [a] great furnace, and the sun was darkened and the air out of the smoke of the shaft."

Heb, Gen 19:28 (the smoke of Sodom): וַהֲנִיחָה עָלֶיהָ קִיטָר הָאֶרֶץ כְּקִיטָר הַכְּבִשָּׁן — "and behold, the smoke of the land went up as the smoke of a furnace"

Heb, Exod 19:18 (Sinai in smoke): וַהֲרִי סִינַי עָשָׂן כָּלֹּ מִפְּנֵי אֲשֶׁר יָרַד עָלָיו יְהוָה — "and Mount Sinai smoked, all of it, because YudHeyVavHey descended upon it in fire, and the smoke of it went up as the smoke of the furnace"

Heb, Exod 10:15 (the land darkened by locusts): וַתִּחְשַׁךְ הָאֶרֶץ — "and the land was darkened"

Heb, Joel 2:10 (sun and moon darkened): שָׁמֶשׁ וְיָרֵחַ קָדְרוּ — "sun and moon are darkened"

Rev 9:3 — א A; P47 lacunose for 9:1-9.

Lit: "And out of the smoke came out locusts into the earth, and to them was given authority as the scorpions of the earth have authority."

Rev 9:4 — א A; P47 lacunose for 9:1-9.

Lit: "and it was said to them that they shall not harm the grass of the earth nor every green thing nor every tree, except the men who do not have the seal of Elohim on the foreheads."

Heb, Ezek 9:4 (the mark on the foreheads): וְהָתִיתָ תָּו עַל־מַצְחוֹת הָאֲנָשִׁים — "and set a mark on the foreheads of the men"

Rev 9:5 — א A; P47 lacunose for 9:1-9.

Lit: "And to them it was given that they shall not kill them, but that they shall be tormented five months; and the torment of them [is] as torment of [a] scorpion when it strikes [a] man."

Heb: none verbally exact for the five-month torment formula; the scorpion-sting is the book's own image.

Rev 9:6 — א A; P47 lacunose for 9:1-9.

Lit: "And in those days men shall seek death and they shall by no means find it, and they shall desire to die and death flees from them."

Heb, Job 3:21 (waiting for death that does not come): הַמַּחְכִּים לְמוֹת — "who wait for death, and it is not"

Heb, Jer 8:3 (death chosen over life): וְנִבְחַר מוֹת מֵחַיִּים — "and death shall be chosen rather than life"

Rev 9:7 — א A; P47 lacunose for 9:1-9.

Lit: "And the likenesses of the locusts [were] like horses having been prepared for war, and on the heads of them as crowns like gold, and the faces of them as faces of men."

Heb, Joel 2:4 (as the appearance of horses): מַרְאֵה סוּסִים מַרְאֵהוּ וּכְפָרָשִׁים — "as the appearance of horses [is] its appearance, and as horsemen so they run"

Rev 9:8 — א A; P47 lacunose for 9:1-9.

Lit: "and they had hairs as hairs of women, and the teeth of them were as [teeth] of lions,"

Heb, Joel 1:6 (lions' teeth): כִּי־גוֹי עָלָה עַל־אַרְצִי עֶצוֹם וְאֵין מִסְפָּר שֶׁבִּיּוֹ שְׁנֵי אֲרָיָה — "for a nation has come up against my land, strong and without number; its teeth are lions' teeth, and it has the fangs of a lioness"

Rev 9:9 — א A; P47 lacunose for 9:1-9.

Lit: "and they had breastplates as breastplates of iron, and the sound of the wings of them as sound of chariots of many horses running into war."

Heb, Joel 2:5 (as the sound of chariots): בָּקוֹל מִרְכָּבוֹת עַל־רָאשֵׁי הַהָרִים — "as the sound of chariots on the tops of the mountains they leap"

Rev 9:10 — א A P47.

Lit: "And they have tails like scorpions and stings, and in the tails of them [is] the authority of them to harm men five months."

Heb: none verbally exact; the scorpion-tail is the book's own image, resuming 9:3, 5.

Rev 9:11 — א A P47.

Lit: "They have over them [a] king, the messenger of the abyss; [the] name to him in Hebrew [is] Abaddon, and in the Greek he has [a] name, Apollyon."

Heb, Job 26:6 (Abaddon uncovered): עָרוֹם שְׂאוֹל נִגְדוּ וְאֵין כְּסוּת לְאַבְדּוֹן — "Sheol is naked before him, and there is no covering for Abaddon"

Heb, Job 28:22: אַבְדּוֹן וּמָוֶת אָמְרוּ — "Abaddon and Death said"

Heb, Ps 88:12 (Hebrew numbering; 88:11 English): הִסְפֵּר בִּקְבֹר חֲסִדְךָ — אֲמוֹנָתְךָ בְּאַבְדּוֹן — "shall your steadfast love be declared in the grave, your faithfulness in Abaddon"

Heb, Prov 15:11: שְׂאוֹל וְאַבְדּוֹן נִגְדוּ יְהוָה — "Sheol and Abaddon are before YudHeyVavHey"

Heb, Prov 30:27 (locusts have no king — the book's deliberate reversal): מֶלֶךְ אֵין לְאַרְבֶּה — "the locusts have no king"

Rev 9:12 — א A P47.

Lit: "The woe, the one, went away; behold, there come yet two woes after these [things]."

Heb: none; the three-Woe structure is the book's own, announced at 8:13.

Rev 9:13 — א A P47.

Lit: "And the sixth messenger sounded [the trumpet]; and I heard one voice out of the horns of the altar, the golden [one], the [one] before Elohim,"

Heb, Exod 30:1-3 (the golden altar of incense; its horns are part of the altar itself): וַעֲשִׂיתָ מִזְבֵּחַ מִקְטָר קְטֹרֶת עֲצֵי שִׁטִּים תַּעֲשֶׂה אֹתוֹ ... אֲמָה אָרְכוֹ וְאַמָּה — "and you shall make an altar for burning incense, of acacia wood you shall make it ... a cubit its length

and a cubit its breadth, square shall it be, and two cubits its height;
from it shall be its horns"

Rev 9:14 — α A P47.

Lit: "saying to the sixth messenger, the [one] having the trumpet:
Loose the four messengers, the [ones] having been bound at the river,
the great Euphrates."

Heb, Gen 2:14 (the Euphrates named): וְהַנָּהָר הַרְבִּיעִי הוּא כְּכַת — "and
the fourth river is the Euphrates"

Heb, Deut 1:7 (the great river Euphrates): עַד־הַנָּהָר הַגָּדֹל נְהַר־כְּכַת — "as
far as the great river, the river Euphrates"

Rev 9:15 — α A P47.

Lit: "And the four messengers were loosed, the [ones] having been
prepared for the hour and day and month and year, so that they shall
kill the third of men."

Heb: none verbally exact for the fourfold time-phrase; the "third of
men" is the trumpet cycle's recurring fraction, cf. 8:7-12.

Rev 9:16 — α A P47.

Lit: "And the number of the armies of the cavalry [was] two myriads of
myriads; I heard the number of them."

Heb, Ps 68:18 (Hebrew numbering; 68:17 English — myriads of
chariots): רָכַב אֱלֹהִים רַבְתִּים אֶלְפֵי שָׁנָאן — "the chariots of Elohim are
myriads, thousands of thousands"

Heb, Dan 7:10 (Aramaic — ten thousand ten thousands): אֶלְף אֶלְפִים
יִשְׁמְשׁוּנָה וְרַבּוּ רַבָּן קִדְמוּהִי יְקוֹמוּן — "a thousand thousands served him, and
ten thousand ten thousands stood before him"

Rev 9:17 — א A P47.

Lit: "And thus I saw the horses in the vision and the [ones] sitting on them, having breastplates fiery and hyacinth-like and brimstone-like; and the heads of the horses [were] as heads of lions, and out of the mouths of them goes out fire and smoke and brimstone."

Heb, Gen 19:24 (brimstone and fire on Sodom): וַיְהִי הַמָּטֵיר עַל־סֹדֹם: — "and YudHeyVavHey rained on Sodom and on Gomorrah brimstone and fire"

Heb, Ezek 38:22 (fire and brimstone in judgment): וְנִשְׁפָּטִי אֹתוֹ בְּדֶבֶר: — "and I will judge him with pestilence and with blood, and overflowing rain and hailstones, fire and brimstone I will rain upon him"

Rev 9:18 — א A P47.

Lit: "By these three plagues was killed the third of men, by the fire and the smoke and the brimstone, the [thing] going out of the mouths of them."

Heb: none verbally exact; the three-plague agency resumes 9:17.

Rev 9:19 — א A P47.

Lit: "For the authority of the horses is in the mouth of them and in the tails of them; for the tails of them [are] like serpents, having heads, and with them they harm."

Heb: none verbally exact; the serpent-tail image is the book's own, cf. the "ancient serpent" of 12:9.

Rev 9:20 — א A P47.

Lit: "And the rest of men, who were not killed by these plagues, not even did they repent out of the works of the hands of them, so that

they shall not worship the demons and the idols, the golden and the silver and the bronze and the stone and the wooden [ones], which neither to see are they able nor to hear nor to walk,"

Heb, Ps 115:4-7 (the lifeless idols): עֲצֵבֵיהֶם כֶּסֶף וְזָהָב מַעֲשֵׂה יְדֵי אָדָם — פֶּה־לָהֶם וְלֹא יִדְבְּרוּ עֵינַיִם לָהֶם וְלֹא יִרְאוּ אָזְנוֹת לָהֶם וְלֹא יִשְׁמְעוּ אָף לָהֶם וְלֹא יִרְיחוּן — "their idols are silver and gold, the work of men's hands" "they have mouths, but they do not speak; they have eyes, but they do not see; they have ears, but they do not hear; they have noses, but they do not smell"

Heb, Ps 135:15-17 (the same idol-polemic, nearly verbatim) Dan 5:23 (Aramaic — gods that do not see nor hear nor know): וְלֹא־לֵהִי כֶסֶף־וְזָהָבָא — וְנִחֲשָׂא פְרוֹזְלָא אַעֲא וְאַבְנָא דִּי לֹא־חִזְיוּ וְלֹא־שָׁמְעִין וְלֹא יָדְעִין שְׂבִיחָתָא — "and the gods of silver and gold, bronze, iron, wood, and stone, which do not see nor hear nor know, you have praised"

Rev 9:21 — א A P47.

Lit: "and they did not repent out of the murders of them, nor out of the sorceries of them, nor out of the sexual immorality of them, nor out of the thefts of them."

Heb: none verbally exact; the fourfold vice-list — murders, sorceries, sexual immorality, thefts — is the book's own closing formula for impenitence, cf. 21:8; 22:15.