

## REVELATION WORD BY WORD STUDY 15 (9:1-21) When Angels Walked the Earth

**Introduction:** If you read this chapter alone, it will appear to be strange and even weird. It talks about "visitors from outer space." Everybody wants to know the teaching of the Bible, so just stay with us in this study and you will know. People have great imaginations and some say they have seen visitors from outer space called UFO's. The Air Force uses scientific inventions (radar, etc.) to defend our country and radar and such devices are used to control weapons. In training, a remote controlled "drone" is used so the pilot can learn how to use his guns and missiles. Often these remote controlled "drones" have been mistaken for UFO's. There has been much study made and many books and movies made about UFO's. We know that human life doesn't live in outer space, after trips into space and even walking on the moon. HOWEVER, although human life doesn't live in outer space, ANGELIC LIFE DOES. Millions and billions of angels do exist and we are going to see some of them in this study.

Angels cannot be seen and YOUR guardian angel (you do have one) cannot be seen, however, they are real. At times God does allow them to be seen. Gabriel was teaching Daniel and Gabriel took on the form of a man so he could be seen. Lot had angelic visitors prior to the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah. Angels became visible at the birth announcement of Jesus Christ. There are many more accounts in the Bible and some people even claim to have seen angels. But usually they are not seen although they are very, very real.

IF you will open your minds, you will understand this 9th chapter. Revelation 9 tells the story of how the Devil will open the bottomless pit and those visitors from outer space will visit earth and do a certain thing that God has designed for them to do as a part of the judgment He is going to bring during the Tribulation. It will be a terrible time. To document this, go to Genesis 6 and there we shall see how the angelic world, led by Satan tried to destroy the human race.

Genesis 6:

v1 - "men" - homo sapiens - like us

- "daughters born" - a population explosion. There's always more girls born than boys.

v2 - "sons of God" - "bene-ha-Elohim" - In Job 1:6; 2:1; 38:7, these same three words are translated "angels" and in every other place in the Bible except right here, translated "angels"...why not here also?

- "daughters of men" - two groups on the earth - angels and the human race.

- "took wives" - You may have read Billy Graham's book about angels and he said that angels didn't co-habit with the human race...well...that was AFTER the flood but BEFORE the flood, angels, who had fallen, tried to destroy the human race. They infiltrated it (Genesis 3:15). The devil didn't like the human race and almost succeeded as he was down to 8 people, Noah, Shem, Ham and Japheth and their wives. This was the ONLY true life left from Adam through Seth for the rest of the world was impure, infiltrated by the evil angels. IF they had succeeded, Jesus Christ would not have been born of a pure virgin. BUT THEY FAILED and this is very clear. The Bible explains itself. Genesis 6 explains Revelation chapter 9.

- The devil tries to destroy the human race. This is where MYTHOLOGY comes from. A great god named Zeus (Greek name) or Jupiter (Latin name) and cohorts with many women and they produced super-humans, such as Hercules and all this comes from the account of Genesis 6.

v3 - "spirit shall not" - Evangelists use this passage, but don't finish it.

- "120 years" - God gives the human race 120 years to get right then He'll cut them off. Meanwhile Satan is trying to destroy the human race.

v4 - "giants" - there were very large men then...very few today

- "sons of God" - fallen angels (bene-ha-Elohim)

v6 - "repented" - to change - The Lord never "repented" in His eternal life. We need to know what this means. This is an anthropomorphism - giving human attributes to God so we can understand what God was doing. God knew what He was going to do all the time. IT MEANS THAT GOD CHANGED HIS PLAN/DIRECTION OF ACTION. God never "repented" as humans do - to change.

v8 - "Noah" - Why did Noah find grace in the eyes of the Lord? The next verse explains.

v9 - "perfect" - Not sinless or spotless. Remember, Noah later got drunk and had some bad chapters in his life. "perfect" here means TRUE BLOOD, TRUE HUMANITY, untainted by the evil angels all the way back through Seth to Adam. Perfect genealogy, not generation. WHEN NOAH AND HIS FAMILY went into the ark, they were the only TRUE LINE from Adam left. God would destroy all the others and put the evil angels in the bottomless pit and they will be released in Revelation chapter 9 to bring tribulation upon the unbelieving human race. THAT'S THE TEACHING. Genesis chapter 6 explains Revelation chapter 9. The angels kept doing what God said NOT to - infiltrating the human race. Have no idea if/how angels reproduce today, IF THEY EVEN DO, but originally they could co-habit with human women but God stopped it. AFTER THE FLOOD, never again has angels been permitted to live with the human race.

Turn to 2 Peter 2:4. This also explains Genesis 6 and Revelation 9.

v4 - "if God" - means a TRUE statement (IF is 2nd class condition)

- "angels sinned" - When? In Genesis chapter 6. They left heaven or their former estate and came to earth and tried to infiltrate the human race and destroy it.
- "hell" - This is really Tartaros. Hell is divided into three sections: Paradise, where the spirits of the believing Old Testament people are. Sheol, where unbelievers of the Old Testament are and then Tartaros, where the fallen angels were placed.
- "reserved" - When released? The next verse. Judgment during the Tribulation

v5 - "saved Noah" - This happened at the time of the flood (repeat verse 4)

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- v6 - "first estate" - These are the angels who rebelled against God and came down to earth and tried to destroy the human race.
- "great day" - time of the Tribulation. (REPEAT DESCRIPTION OF FALLEN ANGELS). The human race, punishment of God, release of the angels, all described in chapter 9 of Revelation.

Back to 1 Peter 3:18.

- "quickened" - made alive. This verse talks about the crucifixion of Jesus Christ. LISTEN NOW.. What did Jesus do between His death on the cross and His resurrection? HE WENT AND PREACHED to the spirits in prison - TO TARTAROS and announced to those fallen, imprisoned angels that they had failed that HE had made it to the cross. They had tried to destroy the human race and to keep Jesus Christ from being born, but had failed.

- v19 - "which" - Power of the Holy Spirit.
- "spirits" - the Genesis 6 angels.

v20 - "God waited" - While God was waiting on Noah, the fallen angels were busy trying to destroy the human race by making it impure so Jesus Christ could not be born as God planned. DO YOU SEE IT NOW? It is very clear. It's not strange or weird is it? The devil didn't want Jesus Christ to go to the cross. He wanted to destroy the human race so no TRUE Christ

could ever be born. IT TOOK A HUMAN BODY TO GO TO THE CROSS - YOU CAN'T KILL GOD, so the Devil did all he could to keep Jesus Christ from being born. The saddest day for the devil was when Jesus Christ was born. Satan/devil almost made it. God allowed the devil just so much then He stopped him.

The Bible will prove itself IF people will stop taking verses out of context.

- "disobedient" - When? The water, the flood - NOW BACK to Revelation chapter 9

## Revelation Chapter 9

v1 - "fifth angel" - Remember that angels are blowing the trumpets sounding judgment. Judgment is coming before Jesus comes back.

- "star fell" - Revelation 12:3, 4 describes the fall of Satan. Actually he will have three falls: one in eternity past, then another in the middle of the Tribulation and his last after the 1,000 year reign of Jesus Christ.

- "him" - Notice it is not IT but a person.

v2 - "he" - angel

- "smoke" - here is an analogy. These angels have been locked up since the flood and they are going to come out (bursting out) and torment the human race.

v3 - "locusts" - another analogy. Doesn't mean actual locusts or looked like locusts. Remember what a swarm of locusts can do to crops and vegetation? They destroyed everything in sight and that's what these angels are going to do when loosed.

- "scorpions" - As a rule, they do not kill although their sting is very painful and agonizing and a person might wish he/she could die, but as a rule their sting is not deadly, just extremely painful. That's what these visiting angels from the bottomless pit are going to do for awhile, persecute and bring torment and pain, but not kill...not for a while.

v4 - "hurt not the grass" - Notice, they are not to harm crops or vegetation. If they were real locusts, they would destroy all vegetation.

- "sealed" - are to persecute UNBELIEVERS. All unbelievers are going to suffer torment like the world has never known.

v5 - "kill" - not yet to kill, but to torment.

v6 - "seek" - so awful will be the torment and pain that people are going to want to die. Remember the Indian tortures of the frontier days when they wanted to torture white people to death slowly? Not a sudden death but a very slow painful death.

v7 - Here is another analogy. What do these angels look like that have been held in prison for so long? Verses 7-10 describe, so let's take a look and see?

- "horses" - Not that they actually LOOK like horses, but have the MOBILITY of horses. One can move about very rapidly from place to place.

- "crown" - remember that crowns stand for authority, power and this they have for it is God allowing it all to happen.

- "faces" - they look and appear as people and can't tell them from anybody else.

- v8 - "hair" - describes their appearance, as beautiful creatures. IT SEEMS that before the flood, all people were attractive, especially the women. After the flood and the scars of sin came, people have lost some of the attractiveness they originally had.  
 - "teeth" - fierce power
- v9 - "breastplate" - The roman soldiers wore the very best, most efficient, protective armourment of ancient times. This speaks of their indstructibility. People will fight against them, but be unable to hurt them.
- v10 - These angels are part of the judgment that is going to fall on the human race and they are beautiful, appear as people (men), are authoratative, powerfjul, fierce and indestructible, bringing extremely painful times upon uinbeleivers during the Tribulation.
- v11 - Describes their leader or ruler.  
 - "Hebrew" - Abaddon, the Greek is Appollyon. This is the leader and he will infiltrate the spirit of the Dictator who will rise from Rome. Revelation 11:7-17:8 describes this. He is the leader of the fallen angels from prison.
- v12 - "woe" - Only one of the several punishments God is going to send upon the unbelievers during the Tribulation. These angels are going to be turned loose to injure mankind. THIS ISN'T SO STRANGE NOW IS IT?
- v13 - "golden altar" - the place where prayers are answered in the Temple of God.
- v14 - "four angels" - Four "super" evil angels having charge of the evil angels in prison. Satan, then Abaddon, then the the multitude.
- v15 - "one third" - After much pain and torment by the angels that had been in prison, the four leaders will not lead the the evil angels to slaughter one third (1/3) of the human race. Unbelievers all over the world will be slain. (1 1/2 billion approximately)
- v16 - Tells us how many evil angels have been in the bottomless pit.  
 - "two thousand thousand" - is two hundred million and they will now begin to destroy lives.
- v17 - "jacinth" - really sapphire.  
 - "mouth" - notice three means of destruction: fire to burn, smoke to suffocate and brimstone, an explosive.
- v18 - By fire, smoke and explosion, one third (1/3) of the human race will die.
- v20 - "repented not" - With a third of the human race slaughtered, yet people will not repent.  
 WHAT IS THE POINT? Our own country has been preached to in every form and in every way imaginable for over 200 years, there are more Bibles etc....there is nobody in this great nation who hasn't had a chance to hear the gospel again and again, yet there is not one fourth (1/4) of the people of this great nation who go to Church. Millions upon millions are greedy for damnation and even during the Tribulation they still won't turn to Jesus Christ - NEGATIVE VOLITION.

The same thing will happen when Jesus rules the earth during the 1,000 years. No war, perfect prosperity, the devil chained up, YET there will be millions who still won't beleive and that's why the devil will be unchained, so he can gather all the unbelievers. THERE ARE SOME who just won't believe, no matter what. So don't go out there and force somebody to join the Church, fill out the little card, be baptized, etc., try to make them "walk the aisle"..IF THEY WON'T COME ON THEIR

OWN FREE WILL, then they will never belong to Jesus or His Church.

v21 - More description of those failing to believe in Jesus.

The 9th chapter of Revelation is the story of how at the end of the Church age there's going to be a period of seven (7) years of Tribulation and 200 million unbelieving, evil angels are going to be released to bring torment upon unbelieving mankind. Terrible agony and finally death to one third (1/3) of the human race.

THAT'S ONLY PART OF THE TRIBULATION..

Aren't YOU glad yhou won't be here?

Stay with us as we continue our study of this great Book of the Revelation.