

Revelation Lesson 99
The Fifth Trumpet & 1st Woe – Part III: The Locust & Their Form

Revelation 9:7-10 And the shapes of the locusts were like unto horses prepared unto battle; and on their heads were as it were crowns like gold, and their faces were as the faces of men. 8 And they had hair as the hair of women, and their teeth were as the teeth of lions. 9 And they had breastplates, as it were breastplates of iron; and the sound of their wings was as the sound of chariots of many horses running to battle. 10 And they had tails like unto scorpions, and there were stings in their tails: and their power was to hurt men five months.

Last time we reviewed the Locust and their power and found out that Edwardo has twice endured their terrible sting! We furthermore learned that these Locust are demonic in nature. Tonight we will see further that they are indeed other worldly!

And the shapes of the locusts were like unto horses prepared unto battle; - Please note that here and in almost all the other points, there are words and phrases: “like unto” or “were as” or “as it were.” We would be very mindful to recall that these words and phrases are describing something.

As to their likeness, John first gives a description of the hideous Demonic locust as being like horses prepared for battle. Gill states: as they are in Joel 2:4 “The appearance of them is as the appearance of horses; and as horsemen, so shall they run.” The horse is a warlike creature, swift, strong, and courageous (See Job 39:21). Locusts sometimes have appeared in the form of armies, and have marched in great order with their leaders before them, and have pitched their camps very regularly; see Joel 2:7 “They shall run like mighty men; they shall climb the wall like men of war; and they shall march every one on his ways, and they shall not break their ranks.”

and on their heads were as it were crowns like gold, - Crowns indicate authority hence any symbolic meaning would indicate that they have power – which the last part of this passage says they do. But the interpretation here indicates that there is something ON the heads of these demonic locust that LOOKS LIKE a crown of gold – NOTE multiple crowns upon each head though.

and their faces were as the faces of men. - Now this is a scary thought – in that the faces will be humanoid. Talk about your frankenstine monster. I found two illustrations that artists drew to show what THEY thought and all I can say is I am GLAD I won't be around when these things start flying sround!

And they had hair as the hair of women, - Now HERE there is description that can be understood rather well. Notice: 1 Corinthians 11:14-15 Doth not even nature itself teach you, that, if a man have long hair, it is a shame unto him? 15 But if a woman have long hair, it is a glory to her: for her hair is given her for a covering.” Here it is stated by Paul the Apostle that women ought to have LONG Hair and Men ought to have SHORT Hair. I mean look at me my hair's so short some of it is invisble! HAHHAHA. But here the indication is that these locust have HAIR and that it is LONG. Now how long is long? I have no idea but nature teaches us. That's one reason why I have my beard – God grows it. I didn't splash miracle grow on there. HE wired it to grow. So I stopped shaving it off. That's just my judgment call on that and I believe it to be a Biblically Correct one. Now as far as my hair – Short. Its not that hard folks.

and their teeth were as the teeth of lions. - The Old Testament Prophet Joel said the same thing about actual locust in Joel 1:6 “For a nation is come up upon my land, strong, and without number, whose teeth are the teeth of a ”lion, and he hath the cheek teeth of a great lion.”

Now the imagery of the Lion points to two things I believe: 1.) The obvious symbolism of Strength and Power and since these locust are Demonic I cannot help but think of the “Devilish” Lion of 1 Peter 5:8 “Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:” So here we see that the noise that will come from their mouths will speak the dinn of the devil for they will shout their battlecry in his power.

And they had breastplates, as it were breastplates of iron; - Here we are told about Demonic Spiritual armour. John plainly says they had breastplates. A breastplate is armour used to protect the inner vital organs (unless you're talking about the breastplate of the High Priest). Then the description is made that the breastplate is likened unto iron. Based on what John is doing here, I'm going with the understanding that it LOOKED like iron.

We as Christians are told about OUR Breastplate in two Scriptures: Ephesians 6:14 “Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness;” and 1 Thessalonians 5:8 “But let us, who are of the day, be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love; and for an helmet, the hope of salvation.” If there is any symbolic application of this Demonic breastplate we could invert the meaning. Consider then that the opposite of Righteousness is WICKEDNESS. Well they certainly have that as a covering. Then in 1 Thessalonians we see the breastplate of faith and love. The Opposite of that would be a breastplate of Disbelief (some say Disloyalty) and Hate. Yep I think demons are in step with that too! Hmmm.

and the sound of their wings was as the sound of chariots of many horses running to battle. - John says he now HEARS the flapping of the wings. (PLAY CLIP) He says that to him it sounds like horses running while pulling chariots into battle. One might add in a battlecry but he did not mention it, so I cannot add it! Terrifying no doubt!

And they had tails like unto scorpions, and there were stings in their tails: - These locusts have tails that look like those of scorpions and John says he sees actual stings in the tails!

and their power was to hurt men five months. - We noted this last time, in that their strength is to hurt lost people for a period of 5 months! Remember unlike the rest, there's nothing figurative in this statement thus woe to the one hearing or reading this AFTER the Rapture and does not have the forgiveness of their sins through Jesus Christ.

Next week we will examine the Locust and their King in LESSON 100!!! THE HALFWAY POINT!