

Revelation  
Lessons 15 and 16  
Revelation 9:1-21

Memory Verse – Revelation 22:8 – *“And I John saw these things, and heard them. And when I had heard and seen, I fell down to worship before the feet of the angel which shewed me these things.”*

Memory Verse for the Next Lesson – Revelation 22:9 – *“Then saith he unto me, See thou do it not: for I am thy fellowservant, and of thy brethren the prophets, and of them which keep the sayings of this book: worship God.”*

Passage to Read for the Next Lesson – Revelation 10:1-11

Review – Taken from Revelation 8

Y	S	P	Y	J	W	P	V	H	S	Z	S	E	U	F	
Z	M	E	S	O	R	A	E	I	M	G	R	C	V	R	seventh
E	G	C	R	A	C	A	Y	N	J	E	E	N	L	E	seal
P	V	A	Y	I	V	E	K	C	M	Y	T	E	Z	S	silence
Z	R	E	H	E	F	J	A	E	X	Q	I	L	N	H	angels
X	R	U	N	T	B	A	G	N	K	X	B	I	O	W	trumpets
S	E	S	U	S	L	K	C	S	S	I	A	S	I	A	censer
G	C	O	A	I	O	A	O	E	L	E	H	L	T	T	incense
V	T	I	W	P	E	X	E	D	N	S	N	T	A	E	prayers
D	O	O	W	M	R	O	W	S	L	S	I	J	E	R	altar
H	T	N	E	V	E	S	G	E	C	W	E	G	R	M	fire
O	R	K	Z	O	M	E	G	I	G	X	B	R	C	Q	creation
O	Y	Q	W	I	A	N	T	R	U	M	P	E	T	S	vegetation
V	E	G	E	T	A	T	I	O	N	V	K	F	Q	Z	oceans
N	R	A	T	L	A	I	H	S	G	Q	J	N	O	V	freshwater

## **Revelation 9:1-21**

The first four trumpets signaled attacks on Creation. The vegetation, the oceans, the lakes and rivers, and the sky above were attacked because these had become the focus of the nature worshippers. Now, instead of indirect attacks on humanity, the last three trumpets signal direct attacks on the “inhabiters of the earth.” Chapter 9 describes two of these last three trumpets.

### **Revelation 9:1-12 – The Fifth Trumpet**

It’s an all too familiar story – Someone leaves it all behind to follow some charismatic leader who seems everything you could ask for – he’s caring, personable, motivating, brilliant, and hard working. Despite warnings from their families and friends, this leader is embraced by hundreds who are then led astray. Eventually, the true nature of the leader is revealed – he’s brutal, abusive, greedy, and extremely dangerous – but it’s too late. Precious years have been wasted, trust betrayed, and sometimes lives destroyed.

During the Tribulation the true nature of Satan is revealed. It is he that opens the pit and sets his demons loose to wreak havoc on his own followers. No longer under the guise of an angel of light promoting religion (II Corinthians 11:1-14), Satan and his demons reveal their utter hatred for humanity in a nightmarish display of malice.

### **Revelation 9:13-19 – The Sixth Trumpet**

The Sixth Trumpet sets loose four demons which enable and inspire an army of 2,000,000 men to attack and kill 1/3 of the population of the earth. John’s description of the nature and weapons of this army is given from his perspective in the First Century A.D. This army moves fast, is armored, and instead of spears and arrows uses weapons that involve fire and smoke.

### **Revelation 9:20-21 – The survivors’ response.**

These two verses describe the effect these judgments had on the survivors.

1. They did not repent (change their mind) about worshipping idols.
2. They did not repent about worshipping demons and the associated behaviors.