

The Eighth and Ninth Plagues – Locusts and Three Days of Darkness

In chapter nine we covered the fifth, sixth and seventh plagues, which were murrain (plague), boils, hail and fire. This chapter was rich with spiritual significance as they were types for the coming spiritual battles we face during the tribulation of the antichrist, which is a *spiritual* tribulation of Satan's *deception* (2 Thess 2, Rev 13, Dan 7-11). The plague killed all kinds of the Egyptian animals while the boils plagued the cattle *and* the people. The hail and fire (that also came with great rain and thunderings) killed and destroyed all that came in its path (man, beast and vegetation). These plagues are stunning types for what we will endure spiritually, for Bible uses hail and fire to warn us about the spiritual deception that is soon coming. However, it will also be used literally when Jesus Christ returns to destroy His enemies. The boils and plague are also spiritually significant because they show us how *spiritually* sick we can get when we reject God's Word, which is the essential spiritual food we need for eternal life (John 6:32-63, 7:37-39). Moreover, through all the plagues, God not only made a separation between Israel and Egypt (Israel was not plagued at all) but He also made the plagues to start and stop 'on command', proving that truly "the earth is the Lord's" (Ex 9:29). As YHVH said through the great prophet Isaiah...

6 Seek ye the LORD while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near:

7 Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the LORD, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

8 For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the LORD.

9 For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.

Isa 55:6-9

Through these many mighty plagues and wonderous works, YHVH is beginning to show the Egyptians who is truly in control and how much higher His thoughts are than their foolish and vain gods they worship. Let us never forget that YHVH is *longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance* (2 Peter 3:9). Therefore, He shows the Egyptians (and the Israelites) His mighty power and ability to do exactly what He says He will, in hopes to bring them to salvation. Yes, He even wants the heathen to repent (Ez 18, 33, Gal 3:14). Thus, He also chastises them, for their own good (Heb 12). Therefore, the plagues are not over with and we shall soon see they will get even more intense. Remember that, by now, the Egyptians have suffered horribly. They lack clean water and food which makes proper hygiene and nutriment difficult. Their natural recourses are quickly being stripped from them, as is their health *and* their trust in the 'mighty' Nile River and other false gods. This is God's way of fighting a very good psychological war. YHVH is not only brining the Egyptians into submission through the physical plagues but He is obliterating their trust in their false gods and proving He has more power over them. As Isaiah would later tell a rebellious Israel...

9 For my name's sake will I defer mine anger, and for my praise will I refrain for thee, that I cut thee not off.

*10 Behold, I have refined thee, but not with silver; I have chosen thee in the furnace of affliction.
11 For mine own sake, even for mine own sake, will I do it: for how should my name be polluted?
and **I will not give my glory unto another.***

Isa 48:9-11

Praise YHVH that He will not allow any other ‘gods’ to have glory because...

*5 For **all the gods of the nations are idols**: but the LORD made the heavens.*

Ps 96:5

Without any further a due, let’s get into this great 10th chapter of the Exodus to learn more about ‘coming out’ of bondage...

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1 And the LORD said unto Moses, Go in unto Pharaoh: for I have hardened his heart, and the heart of his servants, that I might shew these my signs before him:

So, after the great hail mixed with fire was gone, Pharaoh *still* refused to let Israel go. We see here that even his servant’s hearts were hardened by God to make sure that all His signs would be performed. This was important because the servants of Pharaoh would have an impact upon him; meaning, they might be able to persuade Pharaoh to let Israel go. But their hearts were hardened after this so YHVH’s will would be done. And remember the reason is to make Egypt (and Israel) know that He is YHVH, the God above all gods (Ex 7:4-5). He has more power than *anyone* for He is the creator of all (Ps 96:5, Rev 4:11).

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2 And that thou mayest tell in the ears of thy son, and of thy son's son, what things I have wrought in Egypt, and my signs which I have done among them; that ye may know how that I am the LORD.

YHVH wants to make His name famous for *all generations* and truly He did! Here we are, thousands of years later, still learning about the mighty works that YHVH did to Egypt. So important it was to YHVH that Israel remember this monumental event (the mighty plagues He brought upon Egypt) that He instituted remembrance of it into their worship. The 26th chapter in Deuteronomy reveals how a very important reminder of the Exodus was implemented into their worship...

1 And it shall be, when thou art come in unto the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee for an inheritance, and possessest it, and dwellest therein;

2 That thou shalt take of the first of all the fruit of the earth, which thou shalt bring of thy land that the LORD thy God giveth thee, and shalt put it in a basket, and shalt go unto the place which the LORD thy God shall choose to place his name there.

*3 And thou shalt go unto the priest that shall be in those days, and say unto him, **I profess this day unto the LORD thy God, that I am come unto the country which the LORD sware unto our fathers for to give us.***

4 And the priest shall take the basket out of thine hand, and set it down before the altar of the LORD thy God.

*5 And thou shalt speak and say before the LORD thy God, **A Syrian** (i.e., Jacob) **ready to perish was my father, and he went down into Egypt, and sojourned there with a few, and became there a nation, great, mighty, and populous:***

6 And the Egyptians evil entreated us, and afflicted us, and laid upon us hard bondage:

7 And when we cried unto the LORD God of our fathers, the LORD heard our voice, and looked on our affliction, and our labour, and our oppression:

8 And the LORD brought us forth out of Egypt with a mighty hand, and with an outstretched arm, and with great terribleness, and with signs, and with wonders:

9 And he hath brought us into this place, and hath given us this land, even a land that floweth with milk and honey.

10 And now, behold, I have brought the firstfruits of the land, which thou, O LORD, hast given me. And thou shalt set it before the LORD thy God, and worship before the LORD thy God:

11 And thou shalt rejoice in every good thing which the LORD thy God hath given unto thee, and unto thine house, thou, and the Levite, and the stranger that is among you.

Deut 26:1-11

Israel was commanded to bring this tithe once every three years. It was an additional ‘firstfruit tithe’ of their harvest that would help the poor as well as Levites who provided the governmental and religious services, at that time. They were to bring the tithe to God (*only* in the place He chose to put His name in) and when they did, they were to take it to the priest and profess that they indeed inherited the country that YHVH promised to give their forefathers. This would remind each generation that *God keeps His promises*. That’s critical because, as Deut 32:15 tells us, Israel has a bad habit of forgetting God (YHVH) when times are good (*still* do to this day). So, they were then to set the basket down and recite the history of how Jacob/Israel (mistranslated as a Syrian) went into Egypt small in number but God brought them out a multitude and freed them from slavery in Egypt with a strong hand and mighty wonders. And *that’s why* they were able to bring him the tithes of the firstfruits; because God saved their forefathers from slavery and fulfilled His promises. So, *remembering history is an integral part of worshiping God, as is thanking Him for all He’s done for us*. Which is why they were to rejoice in all the good things God had given them. Again, this is critically important because each generation born and raised in the ‘good times’ *easily* forgets their history and thus, they *forget that it is God who blessed them*. This can easily be seen in our generation. As our technology and standard of living has increased exponentially, likewise has our morality decreased because we allow don’t teach our children the truth. Instead, our children are taught lies in school (and even in the Church) that teach them God is not real and that we created all these blessings on our own. But, as Galatians 6 warns us, *we reap what we sew*. We cannot reject our Heavenly Father (or His Son, Jesus Christ) and still reap blessings from Him (Deut 28, Lev 26). That is why we have so many problems in our world today. So many ‘wolves in sheep’s clothing’ have gotten into the

Churches that you will be hard pressed to find a Church that actually teaches God's Word. They twist His Word to create their own doctrines *that make them money* but *starve* their congregation of the precious spiritual truth they need to live. You have only to read chapters like Malachi 2, Ezekiel 13, 34, and Jeremiah 23 to see how much God hates this. Spiritual famine *is a sign of the times* (Amos 8:11, Mth 24, Mk 13, Lk 21, Rev 6:5-8).

So, we see that God hardened Pharaoh's heart (and his servant's hearts) to make sure all the plagues He had predetermined came to pass so that His name (and His power) would be world renown throughout *all* generations. Israel was instructed to teach *each* generation about these mighty plagues to remind them how God freed Israel from bondage to Egypt. Again, this is still relevant (even critical) for us to study today because the plagues *are types* for how we will come out of Satan's bondage at the end of this earth age. Truly, we are living in the last generation of this flesh earth age, as the parable of the fig tree explains (<https://t.me/BibleStudyTruth/950>) (Mth 24:32-35, Mk 13:28-31). Therefore, this Exodus account is a critical type for us to learn from, as we've seen how much it foretells us about the spiritual plagues we will endure during the tribulation of the antichrist, who is Satan (<https://t.me/BibleStudyDownload/345>). So, let's keep digging in our Heavenly Father's Word to see what else this great book of Exodus teaches us...

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3 And Moses and Aaron came in unto Pharaoh, and said unto him, Thus saith the LORD God of the Hebrews, How long wilt thou refuse to humble thyself before me? let my people go, that they may serve me.

Remember, back in the last chapter (Exodus 9:27-28) Pharaoh had 'repented' and asked Moses to intreat YHVH for him (note that Pharaoh well knew who YHVH was by now) and ask that the hail, fire, thunder and rain would go away. He also promised to let Israel go again but... of course God hardened his heart so he did not let them go! Now, YHVH is commanding Moses and Aaron to go speak to Pharaoh yet again and ask him how long he refused to remain prideful and not let Israel go. This is a rhetorical question, of course, because our Heavenly Father knows good and well how long it's going to take. But, nevertheless, Moses and Aaron went again to Pharaoh and ask the question for YHVH...

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4 Else, if thou refuse to let my people go, behold, to morrow will I bring the locusts into thy coast:

Ah, so the true purpose of the visit was to warn Pharaoh of the next plague, which would be locusts. The Companion Bible has a note that says, while the fifth plague was aimed at all kinds of animal worship (the plague killed off all kinds of their cattle), this next plague (of locusts) was directed against their god, Serapis, who was supposed to protect the land from locusts. The fact that these locusts will come and go at Moses' bidding will thus prove the impotence of this false god. And, we shall see, they also are a stunning type for what we will soon be facing...

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5 And they shall cover the face of the earth, that one cannot be able to see the earth: and they shall eat the residue of that which is escaped, which remaineth unto you from the hail, and shall eat every tree which groweth for you out of the field:

6 And they shall fill thy houses, and the houses of all thy servants, and the houses of all the Egyptians; which neither thy fathers, nor thy fathers' fathers have seen, since the day that they were upon the earth unto this day. And he turned himself, and went out from Pharaoh.

Moses warned: these locusts were going to swarm into Egypt and be so thick that one couldn't even see the ground anymore. That means you would be squishing them when you walked. And they would eat up all the 'residue' of what had not been already damaged by the hail. This would be *devastating* to the Egyptians. They had to eat somehow but one plague after another continued to kill their food resources and kill off their people as well. These locusts (like the frogs, gnats and flies did) would invade even the Egyptians houses and would be the worst plague of locusts that Egypt had *ever* experienced (or would ever experience). After issuing the warning, Moses turned around and left without any more being said but...

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7 And Pharaoh's servants said unto him, How long shall this man be a snare unto us? let the men go, that they may serve the LORD their God: knowest thou not yet that Egypt is destroyed?

By now, Pharaoh's servants believe Moses when he warned them something was coming and so they were scared at this news; they thus begged Pharaoh to let Israel go. They knew Egypt was nearly all the way destroyed and something like this would decimate their nation's ability to survive. So, those closest to Pharaoh were starting to put great pressure on him. His response?

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*8 And Moses and Aaron were brought again unto Pharaoh: and he said unto them, Go, serve the LORD your God: **but** who are they that shall go?*

9 And Moses said, We will go with our young and with our old, with our sons and with our daughters, with our flocks and with our herds will we go; for we must hold a feast unto the LORD.

Well, Pharaoh did cave to the pressure from his servants but he still didn't want to let *all* of Israel go. And although they've already been 'down this road' of bargaining before (Exodus 8:25-26), Pharaoh tries again. But Moses stuck to God's command that *all* of Israel was to be freed. This included their young, elderly, all their children and all their animals. This is another good indication that Pharaoh understood that, once Israel left, they would *not* be coming back... because Moses *refused* to leave anyone or anything behind. Of course, Moses reminded Pharaoh that their God (YHVH) *demanded* they go hold a feast to Him in the wilderness. The spiritual lesson for us is that, our Heavenly Father desires **all** of His children to come out of spiritual bondage for He is *longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all*

should come to repentance (2 Peter 3:9). We will soon see how this next plague is a stunning type for the soon to come tribulation of our days...

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10 And he said unto them, Let the LORD be so with you, as I will let you go, and your little ones: look to it; for evil is before you.

11 Not so: go now ye that are men, and serve the LORD; for that ye did desire. And they were driven out from Pharaoh's presence.

The translation in the KJV is a bit difficult to understand in these verses. Consider Moffett's translation...

"Well," said the Pharaoh, "may the Eternal be with you, if ever I let you and your little ones go! Let you go? Plainly you are out for some mischief. No, no! But your males may go and worship the Eternal, since that is what you want!"

So, Pharaoh again refused to let all of Israel go and he clearly realized that they would never come back. He offered to let the men come back because he knew they would come back for their families but if *everyone* left, *they would not come back*. So, he refused again. And he was so ticked about it that he drove Moses and Aaron out of his presence. What was YHWH's response?

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12 And the LORD said unto Moses, Stretch out thine hand over the land of Egypt for the locusts, that they may come up upon the land of Egypt, and eat every herb of the land, even all that the hail hath left.

YHWH told Moses to stretch out his hand and He would send the locusts to Egypt to eat all that the hail left. So...

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*13 And Moses stretched forth his rod over the land of Egypt, and the LORD brought an east wind upon the land all that day, and all that night; and when it was morning, **the east wind brought the locusts.***

14 And the locusts went up over all the land of Egypt, and rested in all the coasts of Egypt: very grievous were they; before them there were no such locusts as they, neither after them shall be such.

15 For they covered the face of the whole earth, so that the land was darkened; and they did eat every herb of the land, and all the fruit of the trees which the hail had left: and there remained not any green thing in the trees, or in the herbs of the field, through all the land of Egypt.

When Moses stretched out his rod over the land of Egypt, YHWH brought an east wind that lasted all that day and all that night. In the morning, there came a massive amount of locusts driven by the east wind. There were so many it darkened the sky and the ground. They ate

everything in their path and thus destroyed the last of what little livelihood Egypt had. The word herb(s) is #6212 and means: *grass* or *any tender shoot*. So, all their grass, trees and any other green thing was eaten up by these locusts.

How did this happen? If you research locusts, you'll find they are identical in appearance to grasshoppers with which they share the family Acrididae. The only difference between the two types of insects is that locusts can exist in two different behavioral states (solitary and gregarious) whereas grasshoppers do not. When the population density is low, locusts behave as individuals, much like grasshoppers. However, when the population density is high (due to massive rain, such as the last plague brought with the hail, fire and thunder) locusts form highly mobile, gregariously behaving bands of nymphs or *swarms of adults*. It is this change from one behavioral state to another, known as *phase change*, that makes locusts such devastating pests.

And from these facts we see the great spiritual lesson our Heavenly Father is warning us through this plague of Egypt. Joel 2 and Revelations 9 both warn us about locusts coming and when one rightly divides God's Word (2 Tim 2:15), we can easily see that the locusts coming in the latter days are not the tiny insect that eats all our physical vegetation. This Exodus account happened literally but is a *type* for the *spiritual* decimation that will happen to our people (true Israel) in these latter days. Our Heavenly Father wants us to know *how* Satan, his fallen angels and evil spirits will consume the minds and hearts of God's children. Because the spiritual destruction is not something we can see with our flesh eyes, He gave us a type (an analogy) to explain just how spiritually destructive Satan and his 'army' are. However, God (YHVH) has control of how much spiritual destruction Satan and his cohorts are allowed to do, which is why *it was commanded them that they should not hurt the grass of the earth, neither any green thing, neither any tree; but only those men which have not the seal of God in their foreheads* (Rev 9:4). The reason they won't hurt grass or trees is because the locusts of Rev 9 are fallen angels, not actual locusts. And they can only hurt those who are not sealed with God's truth. YHVH allows this to come upon our people in these 'latter days' (the generation you are living in is the last generation of this flesh - <https://t.me/BibleStudyTruth/950>) to chastise us for, once again, falling away to other gods. The Song of Moses in Deut 32 testifies to this as well as many other Scriptures. This is why God (YHVH) says that the locust army is His "great army" that He sent among us (Joel 2:25). He will use it to test and chastise His rebellious children (Heb 12).

Joel 1:4 gives us four types of locusts (palmerworm, locust, cankerworm and the caterpillar) which *describe the destroying power* of the spiritual locust army. If you look these four words up in the Strong's Concordance, you'll see they are all locusts, not the cycles of a locust (of which there are only three: egg, hopper/nymph and adult). So again, what Joel 1:4 is describing is simply *the destroying power of the Locust Army*. Our Heavenly Father is warning us, through Joel that: *as the Locust Army matures, it will consume everything until there is nothing left to consume. **He is warning us of a massive spiritual consumption of truth*** and it is evident that this army of locust is working in the world (especially the Christian nations) even today. We can see that it (the 'Locust Army') is reaching maturity by looking at world events, because truth is being destroyed in the minds of our people. Our people are *so confused* that an increasingly amount of them don't even know what gender they are. Thus, this 'Locust Army' destroys our

ability to think, rationalize and reason in truth. It therefore destroys our works, spiritually and physically. Deut 28:38 warns: *Thou shalt carry much seed out into the field, and shalt gather but little in; for the locust shall consume it.* In times of old, people had to farm in order to sustain themselves and their families and a plague of locusts could easily destroy their crops in short order. That is what it is like for us today *spiritually*. Our people are so incredibly confused about what is right and what is wrong (Isa 5:20). How well did our Heavenly Father say it when He said that: *My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge* (Hos 4:6). Indeed, we are. And this confusion manifests to the works of our flesh. This is why God warns us that the *locust army consumes the fruit of our works... because they first consume our mind with lies*, which is where the threat truly lies. You see, this battle of the end days is not a physical battle; it's a battle for the souls of God's children. Satan is called the destroyer (Rev 9:11, Apollyon means the destroyer #623) because he deceives (seduces) God's children into believing lies and lies are what lead to spiritual death (Rom 6, 2 Thess 2:10-12). As Jesus said in Mth 15:16-20 and Mk 7:20-23, sin starts in our heart, so *that is what Satan targets for deception*. Thus, that is the foundation of the great tribulation for it is a spiritual tribulation. While deception manifests itself outwardly (to the physical realm) the bottom line is spiritual.

So, because we are increasingly spiritually deceived by Satan, our hard work is consumed by the locust army through things like taxation, interest payments, and inflation (when looked at from a financial aspect). But never forget, this 'army' has consumed our entire way of life because it has *first consumed the truth out of our minds and the minds of our children*: each generation gets worse and worse (morally) because truth is not handed down from one generation to another like it is supposed to be (Deut 6:7, 12:28, 30:2). In fact, lies are increasingly being taught to our children; so much so that they do not believe in God anymore, don't know what gender they are and are willing to participate in just about any perversion sold to them as 'fun'. Could there be any more proof of the locust armies work in our schools? But sadly, the locust army is also at work in our government (politics), economics and even our Churches. Every aspect of our life is being consumed by Satan's locust army. And, while there are many people who know and suspect something is wrong, they do not know God's Word well enough to know how to stop it (nor do they try very hard to get to know His Word). Change comes first *within yourself* (by kicking out your sins, learning of God's Word and *obeying* it) and then becomes fruitful when you learn how to perform whatever gift our Heavenly Father has given you. If you cannot even kick your own sins out, then don't expect to make any impact for our heavenly Father. We've got to get the beam out of our own eye (Mth 7:3-5) before we can see clear enough to understand how our Heavenly Father wants us to help in the spiritual fight (Mth 25:14-30, Lk 12:49).

But the point to remember regarding the locust army is that, even the casual observer can look at our schools, churches, and governments today and see that they are cursed with cursings of Lev 26 and Deut 28: our children are not learning truth in school (not even the basics of arithmetic, writing and reading), most churches are not teaching the Word of God, and governments are oppressing the people instead of keeping them safe. As the locust army consumes truth out of the hearts of God's children in these latter days, the quicker down the moral slippery slope we go. This is why John Adams (the Second President of the United States) said that: *We have no government armed with power capable of contending with human passions unbridled by morality and religion. . . . Our constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other.* This is why the US Constitution is basically null and

void. It is not being upheld (and cannot be) because we are no longer a Christian majority. The only way to ‘make America great again’ is to *make her Christian again*, which is something that can only happen if the majority of America (and the other Christian nations) would obey the command in 2 Chron 7:14, where God says: *If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.*

Increasingly, we are hearing people talk of a ‘great revival’ coming. But, what most people don’t understand is that **God’s Word does not prophesy of a ‘great revival’ to the truth in these end days**. Rather, **it warns us of a great apostasy** (falling away, 2 Thess 2:3). Most people will think it’s a great revival but the reality is that it will be a great *deception* and, that’s what we must be on guard for. Jesus Christ warned us about people pretending to be Christians and specifically, he warned us about Satan coming to pretend he is God. Jesus called Satan the ‘*abomination of desolation*’ in Matt 24:15 and warns he would ‘*stand in the holy place*’. This is in reference to Daniel 9:27, where we are warned that Satan will *confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate*. Paul warned us (through the second letter to the Thessalonians) of the same thing...

*1 Now we beseech you, brethren, by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and by our gathering together unto him,
2 That ye be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as from us, as that the day of Christ is at hand.
3 Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition;
4 Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God.*
2 Thess 2:1-4

Revelations warns us also that Satan will be kicked out (with his fallen angels) to this earth in Rev 12:7-13 and we must understand that once he is kicked out, the locust army will be in their most destructive phase ever. Joel explains it (through an analogy) this way...

*2 A day of darkness and of gloominess, a day of clouds and of thick darkness, as the morning spread upon the mountains: a great people and a strong; there hath not been ever the like, neither shall be any more after it, even to the years of many generations.
3 A fire devoureth before them; and behind them a flame burneth: **the land is as the garden of Eden before them, and behind them a desolate wilderness;** yea, and nothing shall escape them.*
Joel 2:2-3

The spiritual deception upon the people of the world (everyone not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world - Rev 13:8) will be so complete and all encompassing (within their whole heart and mind) that it’s likened to locusts coming in as they did in the Exodus. It will be a spiritual ‘Garden of Eden’ *before* Satan and his fallen angels come and a spiritual ‘desolate wilderness’ after they come. Again, this is speaking of *what happens to*

their mind (though process) *and heart* (feelings, emotions, intentions). People will believe with all their heart and all their mind that Satan is Jesus Christ, or whatever god they are waiting on; nearly every religion is waiting on a Savior. In other words, most everyone will be totally (100%) fooled by Satan. They will truly think he is the Savior of mankind. They will love his lies and ‘policies’ and believe in them ‘wholeheartedly’. And though the locust army is working *now* (and is hard at it), the spiritual deception (destruction) of people’s hearts and minds now is nothing in comparison to how it will be when Satan is cast out with his fallen angels. I know it’s hard to believe it can get any worse but God’s Word tells us it will. Why? Because Satan is supernatural and is coming with power and ‘solutions’ to all the world’s problems. Remember, he will be claiming to be the Savior of mankind. He’ll not only heal the political deadly wound but will also be able to do *great wonders, so that he maketh fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men, and deceiveth them that dwell on the earth by the means of those miracles which he had power to do in the sight of the beast; saying to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an image to the beast, which had the wound by a sword, and did live* (Rev 13:13-14). Satan will appeal to everyone in every religion and bring the world together *under his rule*. He will control the world government *and* the world *religion*. Everyone will be required to worship *him*. And everyone will do so willingly, *except* those who are sealed by God, Rev 7. These are the ‘ships of Chittim’ that will give him a hard time (Dan 11:30) and the two witnesses who will plague the earth during their testimony (Rev 11). Satan will also severely criticize (we call it ‘trash talking’) the true God (YHVH) in heaven...

5 And there was given unto him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies; and power was given unto him to continue forty and two months.

*6 And **he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme his name, and his tabernacle, and them that dwell in heaven.***

7 And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them: and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations.

*8 And **all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him**, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.*

Rev 13:5-8

The lies that come out of Satan’s mouth will be *so convincing* because (as Eve’s temptation in Genesis 3 reveals), *Satan will promise the world if we only worship him*. We can all keep our own religions; we can all keep our own sins. We just must bow to him and his governmental system and it’s ok to keep perverting yourself to death. He will love you ‘just the way you are’. In other words, Satan won’t come with a pitch fork and red handled underwear. He is stunningly handsome and charismatic on a level we have never seen before (and really cannot even imagine). After all, he used to be the ‘anointed cherub’; he was on the ‘holy mountain of God’ and ‘walked up and down in the mist of the stones of fire’ (Ezek 28:14). God even said he *sealest up the sum, full of wisdom, and perfect in beauty* (Ezek 28:12). Satan even wore a priest’s breastplate with the stones of Israel... *until iniquity was found* in him (Ezek 28:15). So basically, Satan is an amazing spiritual angel (perhaps the best God ever made, short of Jesus Christ Himself) but he is now incredibly wicked and deceitful. He is *a liar, and the father of it* (John

8:44). We **must** prepare our minds for this kind of ‘supernatural experience’. And the first order from our Heavenly Father is to clean out our own sins (Rom 12:1-3) and then put on the spiritual armor so we can stand against the devil and his lies (Eph 6). Further details of Satan’s locust army can be read in Revelations 9 and in Joel 2. The studies below will also give you further insight into this spiritual army and what to be prepared for.

The Locust Army

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So, the spiritual, satanic, army is likened to a plague of locusts and that is why it’s so important to understand. *We must be aware of the coming spiritual threat*, for Satan won’t be coming in through warfare but promises of peace and prosperity (Daniel 11:21, 32-24) which is why our Heavenly Father warns us about those promise of peace without Him (Jer 6:14, 8:11). Never forget what Jesus told us happens when He returns: *the entire world will know it...*

21 For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be. (the locust army, Joel 2, Rev 9, Rev 13, 2 Thess 2, Mk 13, Lk 21)

22 And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened. (Rev 9:5, 10)

23 Then if any man shall say unto you, Lo, here is Christ, or there; believe it not. (2 Thess 2:1-4)

24 For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect.

25 Behold, I have told you before.

26 Wherefore if they shall say unto you, Behold, he is in the desert; go not forth: behold, he is in the secret chambers; believe it not.

27 For as the lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.

28 For wheresoever the carcase is, there will the eagles be gathered together.

*29 **Immediately after the tribulation** of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken:*

30 And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.

31 And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

Matt 24:21-31

Jesus Himself told us that when He returns it'll be as obvious as lightning in the sky. Moreover, He warned us that the great tribulation comes *before* His return (vs 21). This is the tribulation of the antichrist, *is Satan himself and his fallen angels which are part of the locust army* that will make the spiritual deception so severe. The Kenites (<https://t.me/BibleStudyDownload/251>) and the propaganda tools (their "tails", Rev 9:19, 12:4) such as the "four hidden dynasties" of economics, religion, education and politics, are also part of that locust army, as is anyone who pushes Satan's evil agenda (knowingly or unknowingly, this is what the 'mark of the beast' in Rev 13 is all about). This also includes things like tv, social media, entertainment, schools and even churches that keep people in spiritual bondage through the lies taught and pushed as though they were truth. Again, the locust army is explained in Joel 1 to devour (spiritually) in stages and in Daniel 7 we are given more insight into the the consuming stages as it describes world powers (beasts) when the four winds blow. Meanwhile, Rev 13 gives us more insight into the fourth beast of Daniel (world power), which will develop (when Satan and his fallen angels are here) from aspects of the other three 'beasts' (lion, bear and leopard are all part of the fourth beast, which is also described in detail in Rev 13). So, it's important to remember that the spiritual decimation from the locust army does not happen all at once. It has been ongoing for years (decades); the Bible warns us it comes in stages. And, while people's morals seem bad *now*, it is going to get *much* worse once Satan is cast out of heaven to this earth (2 Thess 2). The 'woes' of Revelations also warn us of the worst of the stages for they are the most spiritually decimating when Satan and his fallen angels are here.

Notice though that, in Mth 24 (verses above), Jesus said the days of the tribulation of the antichrist would be *shortened*. Rev 9:5,10 tells us the locusts only have power to spiritually hurt men five months (from seven years), so we know that's how long Satan's tribulation has been shortened to and it's also why he's so pissed when he gets kicked out of heaven (Rev 12:12). This account in Matthew is important because, in it, Jesus tells us (in verses 21-26) that the tribulation of the antichrist (Satan and the rest of the locust army) comes *before* the true Jesus returns. Jesus then gives us details as to how obvious it'll be when He actually returns (verses 27-31). As lightning streaks across the sky, so too will the signs of His return be. And, as Mth 13:47-50 tells us, Jesus' angels will gather everyone up and separate the good from the bad; Isaiah 24:21-23 tells us the same thing. That's why Jesus tells us in Mth 24:29-31 that *after* the tribulation of the antichrist, His angels will gather the elect from the four corners, meaning from all around the world. ***This is the only gathering of the elect of Jesus Christ; there will be no Rapture of Christians 'to the sky' at any time, not before or after Jesus' return.*** (Special study on this here: <https://t.me/BibleStudyDownload/334>). Paul gives more insight into this gathering and change of bodies (from flesh to spiritual) in 1 Cor 15:52.

So, the Scriptures clearly warns us that a spiritual army of fallen angels (with Satan as their head) and all their deceptive tools (we call propaganda) will come upon the earth shortly before Jesus

Christ's Second Advent. And (after 'campaigning' for 2.5 months, Dan 9:27) the entire world will 'wonder' after Satan, his fallen angels and the government he puts together (that will include 10 earthly leaders and 10 of his fallen angels (read up on this in the special study: The Scarlet Beast with Seven Heads and Ten Horns - <https://t.me/BibleStudyDownload/336>) ... all that is except those who are written in the book of life, meaning they are sealed with God's seal of truth (Rev 7, Ezekiel 9, 13:8, 14:1).

So, this plague of locusts that came upon the Egyptians is a very good reminder (and timely at that) of what we face today and, it is a lesson we should *not* forget to prepare for (study up on this: Oil Needed; Be Sure You're Ready - <https://t.me/BibleStudyDownload/286>).

Exodus 10

*16 Then Pharaoh called for Moses and Aaron **in haste**; and he said, I have sinned against the LORD your God, and against you.*

17 Now therefore forgive, I pray thee, my sin only this once, and intreat the LORD your God, that he may take away from me this death only.

Once again Pharaoh 'repented' when things were bad. So, he called Moses and Aaron in 'in haste' and asked them to beseech YHVH to take away the 'death'. The Companion Bible notes that this word 'death' is a figure of speech (metonymy) which uses one name or noun for another to which it stands in certain relation. Meaning, that the word death is put for the plague which caused it. In other words, Pharaoh was simply asking Moses to beseech YHVH to remove the plague (the locusts) which Moffett translates it as a 'deadly pest'.

Exodus 10

18 And he went out from Pharaoh, and intreated the LORD.

19 And the LORD turned a mighty strong west wind, which took away the locusts, and cast them into the Red sea; there remained not one locust in all the coasts of Egypt.

Once again Moses 'intreated' YHVH for Pharaoh and asked the plague be removed. And, as requested, YHVH made a mighty strong wind (this time from the west) which took all the locusts away and 'cast' them into the Red sea. Amazingly, there remained *not one locust left in all the coasts of Egypt*. Not only did YHVH do this *immediately* upon Moses' request but there wasn't even *one* locust left! It is no wonder why these plagues are called God's mighty wonders. (Ex 3:20, 4:21, 7:3, 11:9, Duet 4:34, 6:22, 26:8, Neh 9:10, Ps 106:7, 135:9, etc.)

Exodus 10

20 But the LORD hardened Pharaoh's heart, so that he would not let the children of Israel go.

But of course, Pharaoh didn't let Israel go because YHVH hardened his heart, as He said He would do back in Exodus 4:21 and 7:3. So...

Exodus 10

21 And the LORD said unto Moses, Stretch out thine hand toward heaven, that there may be darkness over the land of Egypt, even darkness **which may be felt**.

22 And Moses stretched forth his hand toward heaven; and there was a **thick darkness** in all the land of Egypt **three days**:

23 They saw not one another, neither rose any from his place for three days: but all the children of Israel had light in their dwellings.

There was no warning on this plague. Even though Pharaoh did not promise to let Israel go, he still did not let them go. So, Moses would stretch his hand towards heaven and darkness would come upon the land of Egypt (*only*). Interestingly, this darkness is said to be a kind of darkness that '*may be felt*'. The word 'felt' is #4959, it's a primitive root that means: **to feel of**; by implication, to **grope**. The word 'thick' is #653 and means: *duskiness*, figuratively, *misfortune*; *concrete*, *concealment*. So, for three days there was a 'thick' darkness upon the land of Egypt *only*. Goshen, where Israel lived, was unaffected by the darkness, which makes this plague all the more amazing because the darkness was so thick that no one left their houses at all! While they likely had candles and lanterns, the darkness was still so thick that it was difficult to move around so people just stayed put. This means that the lights from the sun, moon and the stars would have been somehow covered from Egypt (*only*) during that time. Looking again to the possibility of God using an earthquake to cause most (or maybe all) the plagues, we see the likelihood that this darkness could have come from the ash cloud that was a result of a volcano and subsequent hailstorm an earthquake produces. Interestingly, ash has been found in the Nile Delta from the Santorini volcano which erupted in 1500 BC. This ash cloud would have explained why the darkness could be 'felt' and why no one would want to leave their houses. It would have been, no doubt, quite a distressing time for the Egyptians.

After suffering through their water being contaminated, animals dying, boils, flies, gnats, hail and fire, locusts... and now for it to be insufferably dark, *all day and all night for three days straight*... it would have been quite frightening. Especially since they wouldn't have known when the darkness would go away. By now, trust in their gods was likely all gone and they were probably beginning to believe that the God of Moses was real. It is times like these (when people are at their lowest) that there is opportunity to let the light (truth) shine. God allows the darkness (hard times) to come for the purpose of chastising His children into repentance. Never forget that God (YHVH) *is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance* (2 Peter 3:9). He truly does not get any delight in seeing anyone die (especially *spiritually* dying); He doesn't even want the wicked to die, but to repent (Ezek 18:32, 33:11). The only individuals who have been condemned to death yet are Satan and his fallen angels who refused to come to earth through a flesh body (Ezek 28:38, Heb 2:14, Rev 20:10, 14, Gen 6, Jude 6, 13). God has given us the entire Millennium in hopes that many of the wicked will truly repent (Ezek 44, Rev 20:4-6).

However, this 'thick darkness' was also an example for us, living in these 'end days' for we too face a 'thick darkness', but it is *spiritual* in nature. We're warned of it, of course, many places in the Scriptures. And while many people think the tribulation will be full of physical calamities,

the truth is that the true tribulation is nearly all spiritual, *because* the tribulation IS Satan and his fallen angels coming to earth and pretending to be the Savior of mankind. And, because Satan will come and heal the deadly political wound, the entire world will follow him and his system of governance *with zeal* (Rev 13:3-4). Daniel 11:21, 32-34 tells us Satan obtains the kingdom with flatteries, which means he'll make an amazing political (and religious) campaign to convince people that he is truly the savior and there is none other. He'll do great wonders (even being able to make lightning down from heaven in the sight of men) and have all the answers to world 'peace' and prosperity (Rev 13:13-14). So, the true 'tribulation' won't be a time of horrible calamities and death like so many preachers claim (because they don't rightly divide God's Word, 2 Tim 2:15). The true tribulation is spiritual in nature because people will be tempted to worship the devil (Satan, Rev 20:2) as though he were God himself (2 Thess 2). In other words, ***the world being seduced into worshipping Satan as God IS the tribulation that the Bible warns us of in these 'latter days'*** (2 Thess 2, Mth 24, Mk 13, Lk 21, Rev 13). The physical calamities (such as given in Exodus) are simply *examples* of the *spiritual* desolation that is not only to come, but is coming upon us *now* (1 Cor 10:11). Therefore, **light and darkness are given as analogies for truth (understanding) and lies (deception).**

What is darkness? It's the absence of light, of course. What is the light? God's Word and Jesus Christ are the light (John 1, 12:46, Ps 119:105, Ps 119:130, Isa 8:20) and all those who follow them are the 'children of the light, and of the day' (1 Thess 5:5). Thus, the truth is always likened to light and lies are always likened to darkness...

19 And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.

*20 For **every one that doeth evil hateth the light**, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be reproved.*

*21 But **he that doeth truth cometh to the light**, that his deeds may be made manifest, that they are wrought in God.*

John 3:19-21

People are most often tempted to sin when they think they won't been seen doing it. This can easily be seen in the world of politics (and even in many Churches too) where people pretend to be morally upright and righteous but in their private life, they are quite depraved individuals. Those who truly love God's Word strive to do what's right no matter where they are, who they are around, or what they are doing; so, they don't mind the light (exposure) whereas those who do what's wrong *hate exposure (the light)*. Just think about how hard some politicians work to keep the truth about their evil deeds known. They'll even resort to having people mysteriously killed and then bribe the coroners into saying it was suicide, even though they were killed with a bullet in the *back* of their head. Evil hates the light. That's why the Word of God (and Jesus) are attacked so severely.

I Therefore seeing we have this ministry, as we have received mercy, we faint not;

2 But have renounced the hidden things of dishonesty, not walking in craftiness, nor handling the word of God deceitfully; but by manifestation of the truth commending ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God.

3 But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost:

4 In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.

5 For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord; and ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake.

2 Cor 4:1-5

The 'locust army' of (which is: Satan, his fallen angels, evil spirits and all the worldly propaganda mechanisms, including his children the Kenites and the four hidden dynasties of economics, education, politics and religion) works hard to blind your mind to the truth; that's why the Word of God calls them "lost". They are spiritually lost when they cannot see truth. What's the mission of those who follow Jesus Christ?

15 And I said, Who art thou, Lord? And he said, I am Jesus whom thou persecutest.

16 But rise, and stand upon thy feet: for I have appeared unto thee for this purpose, to make thee a minister and a witness both of these things which thou hast seen, and of those things in the which I will appear unto thee;

17 Delivering thee from the people, and from the Gentiles, unto whom now I send thee,

*18 **To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me.***

Acts 26:15-18

Helping people see the truth is our mission. And the analogy of light being used to refer to the truth (which Jesus taught and lived) verses the darkness being likened to lies (which Satan teaches and lives and will do so in his role as the antichrist) is clearly explained in the Word of God. **The power of Satan is darkness, which is turning people away from the truth while the power of God (Jesus) is to turn people to the truth (light).** Never forget that Satan is such a good liar (John 8:43-44). He is able to twist God's Word and confuse people so they cannot tell a truth from a lie. That's why we shouldn't try to argue with him (or anyone purporting his lies, Jude 9). It's also why we are supposed to study God's Word for ourselves (2 Tim 2:15) and test the spirits against God's Word (1 John 4:1) to see what is truth verses what's lies. We're also warned by Jesus (Mth 24, Mk 13, Lk 21) that many people will come in His name to lead us astray. This means many people claiming to be Christians (especially ministers) are actually not bringing us the truth; that's something we must be on the look out for. As it is written...

2 For I am jealous over you with godly jealousy: for I have espoused you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ.

*3 But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, **so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ.***

4 For if he that cometh preacheth another Jesus, whom we have not preached, or if ye receive another spirit, which ye have not received, or another gospel, which ye have not accepted, ye might well bear with him.

2 Cor 11:2-4

*13 For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, **transforming** themselves into the apostles of Christ.*

*14 And no marvel; for Satan himself is **transformed** into an angel of light.*

*15 Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be **transformed** as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works.*

2 Cor 11:13-15

The words ‘transforming’ and ‘transformed’ are both #3345 which means: to transfigure or **disguise**. In other words, Satan and his fallen angels come **disguised** as *angels of light* and *ministers of light* (Rev 12, Isa 14, 2 Thess 2). That’s why Jesus warned us of *false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves* (Matt 7:15).

The ‘doctrine’ of lies that Satan and his fallen angels bring when they are kicked out of heaven (Rev 12:7-13) is what the ‘thick darkness’ is going to be. The Bible uses analogies of physical darkness to explain to us what this spiritual darkness (deception) is going to be like...

1 Blow ye the trumpet in Zion, and sound an alarm in my holy mountain: let all the inhabitants of the land tremble: for the day of the LORD cometh, for it is nigh at hand;

*2 A day of **darkness and of gloominess**, a day of clouds and of **thick darkness**, as the morning spread upon the mountains: a great people and a strong; there hath not been ever the like, neither shall be any more after it, even to the years of many generations.*

*3 A fire devoureth before them; and behind them a flame burneth: the land is **as the garden of Eden before them, and behind them a desolate wilderness**; yea, and nothing shall escape them.*

Joel 2:1-3

We can read nearly the same warning in Zephaniah 1:14-18 but here, Joel warns us this ‘day of darkness and of gloominess’ is a ‘day of clouds’ and of ‘thick darkness’... just as the ninth plague of Egypt was. And the warning is for what happens shortly before the ‘day of the LORD (YHVH), (for it is ‘nigh at hand’). And what happens due to this day of darkness, gloominess, and thick darkness? Verse 3 tells us that fire will burn up the land before them (which is likened to the Garden of Eden) and a desolate wilderness after the fire. That is how convincing Satan and his fallen angels will be. The deception in people’s minds will be *so thick* of darkness (lies) that their minds before Satan’s coming is likened to the Garden of Eden but afterwards, their minds are likened to a desolate wilderness. Paul warns us...

*For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the **darkness** of this world, against **spiritual wickedness** in high places.*

Ephesians 6:12

We must understand and remember that the war we fight is not ‘flesh and blood’ but against *spiritual* wickedness in high places (it all stems from Satan) ... *the war is spiritual*. Thus, the ‘thick darkness’ the ninth plague warns us of is *deception*. **The spiritual darkness is also the ‘locust army’**, who are Satan, his angels, their evil spirits and their propaganda tools (Revelation 12:9, 16:13). So much more could be said upon this topic of darkness, but it’s truly another time. For more studies on the light verses the darkness, check out the following links...

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Exodus 10

24 And Pharaoh called unto Moses, and said, Go ye, serve the LORD; only let your flocks and your herds be stayed: let your little ones also go with you.

Once again, Pharaoh tried to bargain with YHVH. And it’s not surprising he didn’t want their flocks and herds to go... that’s all Egypt had left!

Exodus 10

25 And Moses said, Thou must give us also sacrifices and burnt offerings, that we may sacrifice unto the LORD our God.

*26 Our cattle also shall go with us; there shall not an hoof be left behind; for thereof must we take to serve the LORD our God; and **we know not with what we must serve the LORD, until we come thither**.*

Moses stuck to the commands that God (YHVH) had given him. All the people and all the animals had to be freed from Egyptian bondage. Not even one animal was to be left behind. This reminds us that it truly takes everything we’ve got to serve YHVH. Or, as Jesus put it: all our heart, soul, mind and strength (Mk 12:30). Moses also claimed he didn’t know what would be needed to serve YHVH until they got to the area they were to make sacrifices. This was true for it was not until they were on Mt. Sinai that YHVH gave them His laws (Ex 19-20).

Exodus 10

27 But the LORD hardened Pharaoh's heart, and he would not let them go.

Moses’ answer angered Pharaoh and YHVH used it to harden his heart so he wouldn’t let Israel go. So, we see, through our example of Pharaoh, that the things which harden our heart is sin within our heart... such as pride, anger and lust (all traits Pharaoh had).

Exodus 10

28 And Pharaoh said unto him, Get thee from me, take heed to thyself, see my face no more; for in that day thou seest my face thou shalt die.

29 And Moses said, Thou hast spoken well, I will see thy face again no more.

Pharaoh was pretty ticked by this time and told Moses to get out and never come back. He was madder than a 'wet hen' because Moses keeps demanding *everything* and *everyone* in Israel be set free. So mad, in fact, that he even threatened death to Moses. However, he would call them back after the next plague hits and finally let them go. Moses, knowing God's plan well by now, simply agreed with Pharaoh and left.

So, this chapter explained the increasing hardships the Egyptians endured from God (YHVH), but it was truly for their betterment because, by the time the Israelites left, they would finally have some respect for the one true God, who is the God of Abraham, Isaac and Israel – YHVH. This chapter was also incredibly important because it gave us physical examples of what the spiritual deception will be like in these 'latter days' and it is apparent the darkness and locust army are already at work consuming truth, morals and integrity out of the hearts of God's children, especially those of true Israel who live in the Christian nations of 'the west'. But we must never forget to *persevere* in preparation for the last phase of the locusts, when the darkness will be so thick you can feel it... it will be the time of the 'tribulation of the antichrist', which is the time when Satan himself is kicked out of heaven to this earth and pretends to be the savior of mankind.

This is the tribulation and the temptation to worship Satan will be so strong that everyone will fall for his sweet lies and promises... all that is except for those who've taken the time to spiritually (and physically) prepare for the spiritual locust army and thick darkness. And it is by *persevering* our Heavenly Father (by studying His Word each and every day, thinking upon it throughout the day and learning to implement it into our heart, mind, soul, words and actions) that we prepare for the day of the locusts and thick darkness. In other words, we must learn to actually do God's Word instead of just claiming we are a Christian but don't actually obey Him. We cannot obey our Heavenly Father if we are ignorant of His Word nor if we don't actually look at how it applies to us, and allow the Holy Spirit to convict us of our sins. Therefore...

*11 Let us **labour** therefore to enter into that rest, lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief.*

*12 For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and **is a discernor of the thoughts and intents of the heart.***

13 Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in his sight: but all things are naked and opened unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do.

14 Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession.

15 For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin.

16 Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

Heb 4:11-16

AMEN.