

Part 10 – The Destruction of the Locusts

In part 9 we learned of three plagues that God brought upon the Egyptians to prove that He is more powerful than their *false* gods. And He also caused them to despise *the very things they worshiped* by making the Nile River bloody (and stinky) and then causing a massive number of frogs to harass them. And He even caused flies to harass them on top of that. Thus, we learned how God uses His nature to fight against His enemies, and this is a *very* effective form of warfare! It's something mankind dreams of doing (and even attempts to do, but without the ability to *control* it like our Heavenly Father does). Again, it shows that He is the *Supreme* God over *everything*; and that's because *He is our Creator*. He *alone* has full power over His creation; and *that's* the 'hidden truth' behind the reason why the Psalmist is pointing to these historical plagues. And, prophetically, this tells us that it doesn't matter how many miracles the antichrist (Satan) will do when he's here, none of them can 'hold a candle' to what our Heavenly Father can do (and will do). That's why God will give His two witnesses (as it's recorded of in Rev 11) the power to (again) bring amazing plagues upon the world when they are testifying against Satan and his wicked 'beast' governing system. So, the plagues not only teach us of God's amazing power over His creation, but they also warn us what *will be coming* upon the world, yet again. And the purpose is the same: to witness to the world that the Lord (Yehovah = YHVH) is the God above all gods and the Lord above all lords. And that is why He *alone* should be worshiped, loved, feared and revered. And just as *all* the people in Egypt (from Pharaoh to the least of the people) experienced the mighty plagues - but Israel (who lived in Goshen) were protected from *all* the plagues – so too will all the people of the world experience the plagues from the two witnesses but God will protect those who love, *and obey*, Him from the future plagues (from the two witnesses, Rev 11) as well. But, the Psalmist is not, by far, done explaining the plagues of Egypt...

Psalms 78

46 He gave also their increase unto the caterpillar, and their labour unto the locust.

This verse is referencing the eighth plague God Almighty brought upon the Egyptians. The word '**increase**' here means *a crop* and is figuratively used *for wealth* as well (#2981). And the word '**caterpillar**' means *the ravager* (i.e. a locust) (#2625) and comes from a word that means *to eat off* (#2628). The word '**labour**' then means *to toil*; hence, *a work, produce, property (as the result of labor)* (#3018) and the word '**locust**' simply means (not surprisingly) *a locust* (from its rapid increase) (#697). So, let's take a look at what the Exodus account tells us about this plague...

Exodus 10

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.

The Lord (YHVH) told Moses to stretch out his hand and He would send the locusts to Egypt that would eat all that the hail left. So...

Exodus 10

*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, the Lord (YHVH) brought an east wind that lasted *all* that day *and all* that night. And then, in the morning, there came a *massive* amount of locusts driven by the *east* wind. There were *so many* that they darkened the sky and the ground and they ate *everything* in their path, thus destroying 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. But, 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 former 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 that *will* be 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* destruction that will happen to our people (yea, the entire world) 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 (YHWH) 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. The Lord (YHWH) allows this to come upon our people in these ‘latter days’ [i.e. the generation you are living in **is** the *last* generation of this flesh: <https://t.me/BibleStudyTruth/950>] *to chastise us* for (yet 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 (YHWH) says that the locust army is **His** “great army” that **He** sends among us (Joel 2:25). He will use it to test, and chastise, His rebellious children (Heb 12).

Joel 1:4 also 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 hearts and 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) [<https://t.me/BibleStudyAudios/139>]. 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 [<https://t.me/BibleStudyGodsWord/362>]. 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’ (which

Jesus warns us of in Mth 24:21) 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*. Thus, 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, or 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). True 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 [<https://t.me/BibleStudyGodsWord/441>]. 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 [which you can learn more about here: <https://t.me/BibleStudyDownload/521>]. 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. [Mth 24:21]
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 and devouring every 'green thing' (those who have truth in their heart and mind), just as they did in the Exodus. Truly, even the moral mess the world is in now will look like a spiritual 'Garden of Eden' *before* Satan and his fallen angels come; because, after they get here, it'll be like a spiritual 'desolate wilderness'! 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 - and 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 part of 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. While it's hard to believe people's morals can get any worse, 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 will also 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* - 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, he was **Once Was a High Priest** [<https://t.me/BibleStudyDownload/423>] and well knows *how to act like it* (2 Cor 11:13-15). 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). So, while the ‘locust army’ has been working on our people for a while, the coming ‘locust army’ is going to be *much* worse. The 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 <https://t.me/BibleStudyDownload/333>

You Will See Clouds and Wheels, Part 1 <https://t.me/BibleStudyDownload/392>

You Will See Clouds and Wheels, Part 1 <https://t.me/BibleStudyDownload/393>

Antichrist, Satan or Man <https://t.me/BibleStudyDownload/345>

Do No Be Deceived <https://t.me/BibleStudyDownload/235>

So, the spiritual (satanic) army is likened to a ‘plague of locusts’ that will spiritually ‘eat away’ at the truth in our heart and mind - and *that* is why it’s so important to understand what’s coming. *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 who 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 warned us that, when He returns it'll be as obvious as lightning in the sky. And He also warned us that the great tribulation comes *before* His (the true Jesus) return (vs 21). So, **the** tribulation of the antichrist IS *Satan himself and his fallen angels coming to the earth* to deceive everyone into worshipping Satan, and partaking in his wicked 'beast' governing system. And thus, Satan and his fallen angels are the latter part of the locust army; and they will thus make the spiritual deception *destructive*. But, the 'locust army' also includes the 'tares' [as this study explains, <https://t.me/BibleStudyDownload/251>], the propaganda tools (their "tails", Rev 9:19, 12:4) - such as the "four hidden dynasties" of economics, religion, education and politics - as well as *anyone* who pushes Satan's evil agenda (knowingly or unknowingly). But the locust army 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.

And 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 consuming stages, as it describes world powers (beasts) that rise up after the 'four winds' blow [<https://t.me/BibleStudyDownload/203>]. Meanwhile, Rev 13 gives us more insight into the fourth beast of Daniel 7 (world power), which will develop (when Satan and his fallen angels are here). 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 the 'locust army' is the most spiritually decimating when Satan and his fallen angels are actually here on earth.

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 that's likely 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 24 is also 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 on earth 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 [<https://t.me/BibleStudyDownload/263>].

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).

Thus, the Psalmist of this great 78th Psalm is giving us a very good warning of what lies ahead (the future locust's destruction) by reminding us what has already happened when God plagued Egypt with the 'caterpillar' and the 'locust'. And while the spiritual destruction of our people has been ongoing, it's going to get *far worse* and ***that's what we have to prepare for***. 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. You can study up on this here: **Oil Needed; Be Sure You're Ready** – [<https://t.me/BibleStudyDownload/286>]. Never forget that God has commanded the 'future locusts' *not* to hurt the grass of the earth, tree or any green thing but *only* those who do NOT have the 'seal of God' IN their 'forehead', which means their mind (Rev 9:4)! You can learn more about this in the following studies...

The Four Winds and the Sealing of God's Elect <https://t.me/BibleStudyDownload/203>
The Seal Of God in Your Forehead <https://t.me/BibleStudyDownload/475>

So, as close this study, let us always remember...

And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.

Rev 12:11

*3 For **this** is the love of God, **that we keep his commandments**: and his commandments are not grievous.*

*4 For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and **this** is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith.*

1 John 5:3-4

*57 But thanks be to God, **which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ**.*

*58 Therefore, my beloved brethren, **be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord**.*

1 Cor 15:57-58

We'll pick this up in part 11...

AMEN.