

# SYMBOLISM vs. LITERAL

- *Abbadon*, king of the demons in the Abyss
- Locust-like creatures but were NOT locusts
- Harmed everyone on Earth except for the 144,000 sealed Believers of the 12 tribes
- The symbolic is mixed with the literal
- 3 “woe” judgments are also Trumpet judgments 5, 6, and 7



# VOICES FROM THE ALTAR

- The 6<sup>th</sup> Trumpet judgment is also the 2<sup>nd</sup> Woe
- Heavenly Altar of Incense, or Alter of Burnt Offering? Both have horns
- 4 horns represent all-inclusive power
- A place of sanctuary from human and divine wrath
- Exodus 21:14
- Sanctuary not for murderers, so the Altar in Heaven refuses sanctuary and instead calls forth wrath
- God is finally avenging the martyrs under the Altar





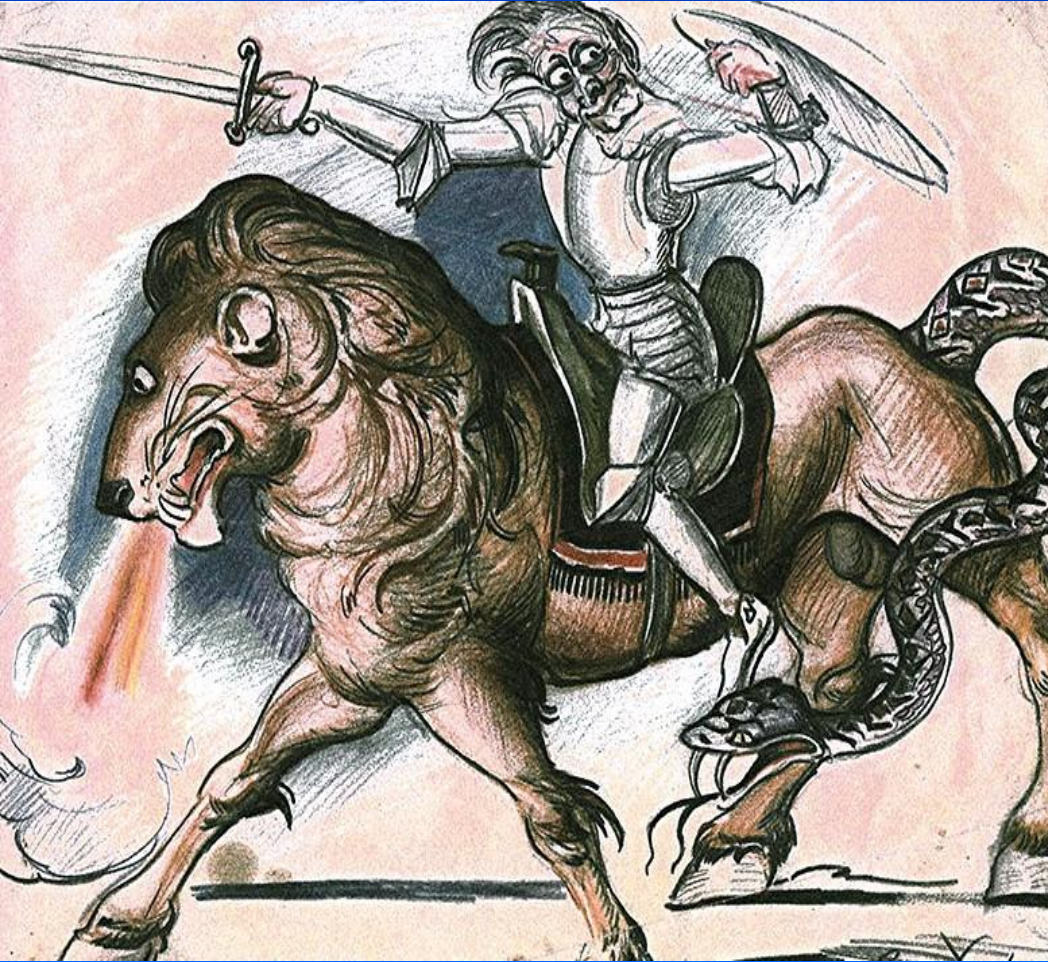
## Loose the four angels

- The 4 angels, like the demons of the Abyss, were restrained against their will
- Euphrates River 1700 miles long, is the northern boundary for the ideal Israel (of the future)
- Genesis 15:18 A promise of God to Abraham
- 2 Samuel 8:3 David attempts to establish the promise



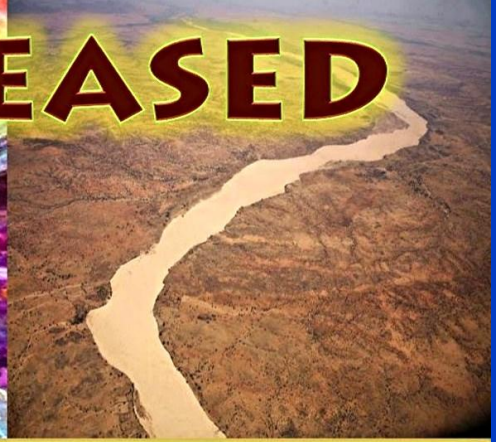
- Purpose of the 4 angels is to arrange for the killing of one-third of the Earth's population
- A demonic army of 200 million will be the tool
- Israel will be the target of this vast army
- The horses, but not the soldiers, are described
- These are NOT actual horses, but only the best words John could find to describe what he saw

# THE POWER OF DECEPTION



- Fire, smoke, and sulfur are called “3 plagues”
- Serpents are symbolic of evil
- Chief characteristics of Satan are he is a liar and a deceiver
- Deceit symbolized as darkness
- God’s Word illuminates the truth
- Deceit is a bigger threat to life than the barrel of a gun

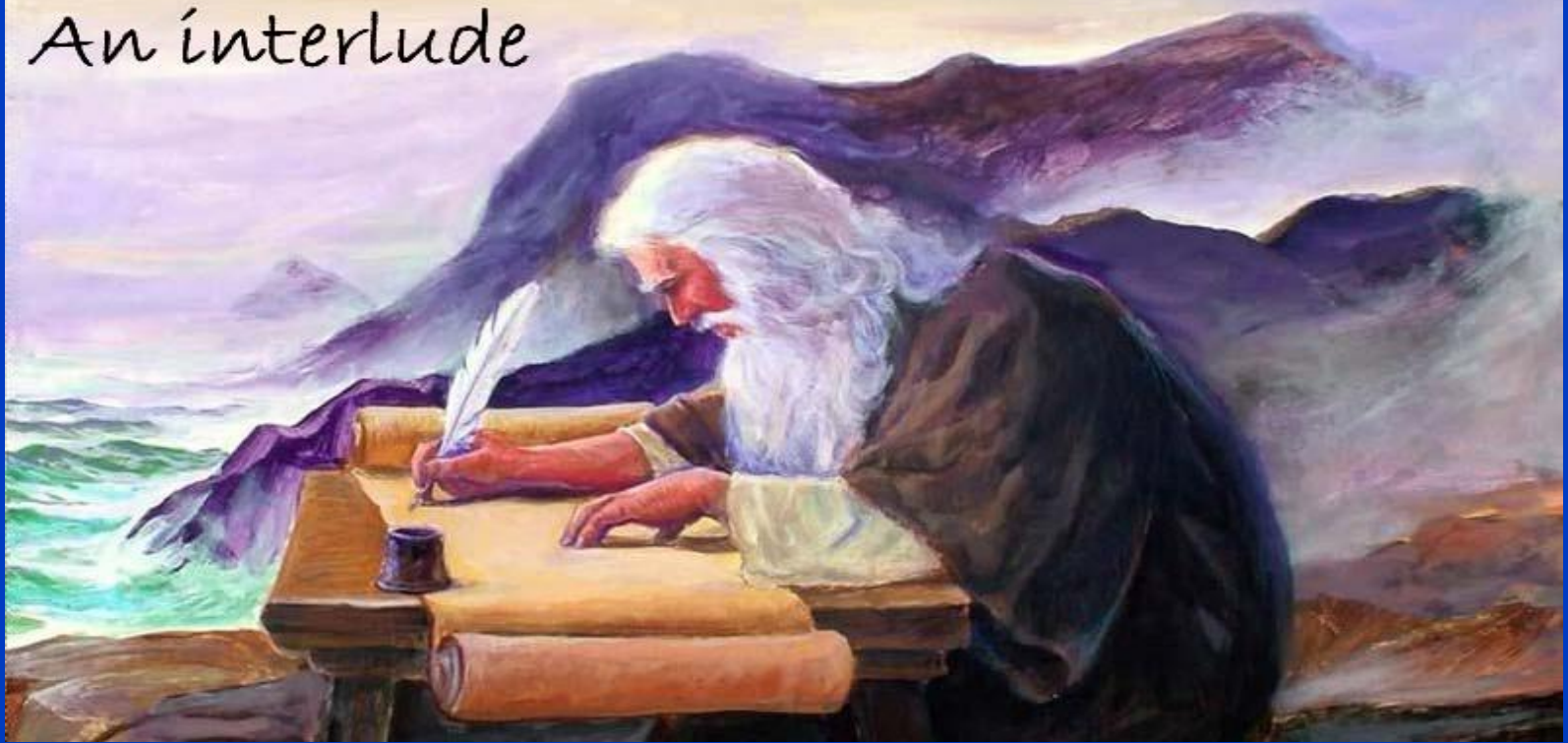
# 4 ANGELS RELEASED



- Despite being obvious that God's wrath is behind the destruction, most of mankind continues to rebel
- 3 plagues were intended as a warning
- Some will come to belief, but will NOT be protected
- Idolatry blinds people to the truth, and hardens them against God.....like Pharaoh

# REVELATION CHAPTER 10:

## An interlude



- Same pattern occurs in both Seals and Trumpets:
- 6 judgments.....Interlude.....7<sup>th</sup> judgment
- No chapters or verses until 1000 years after John
- Interludes are either actual chronological interruptions or these are additional things happening in parallel

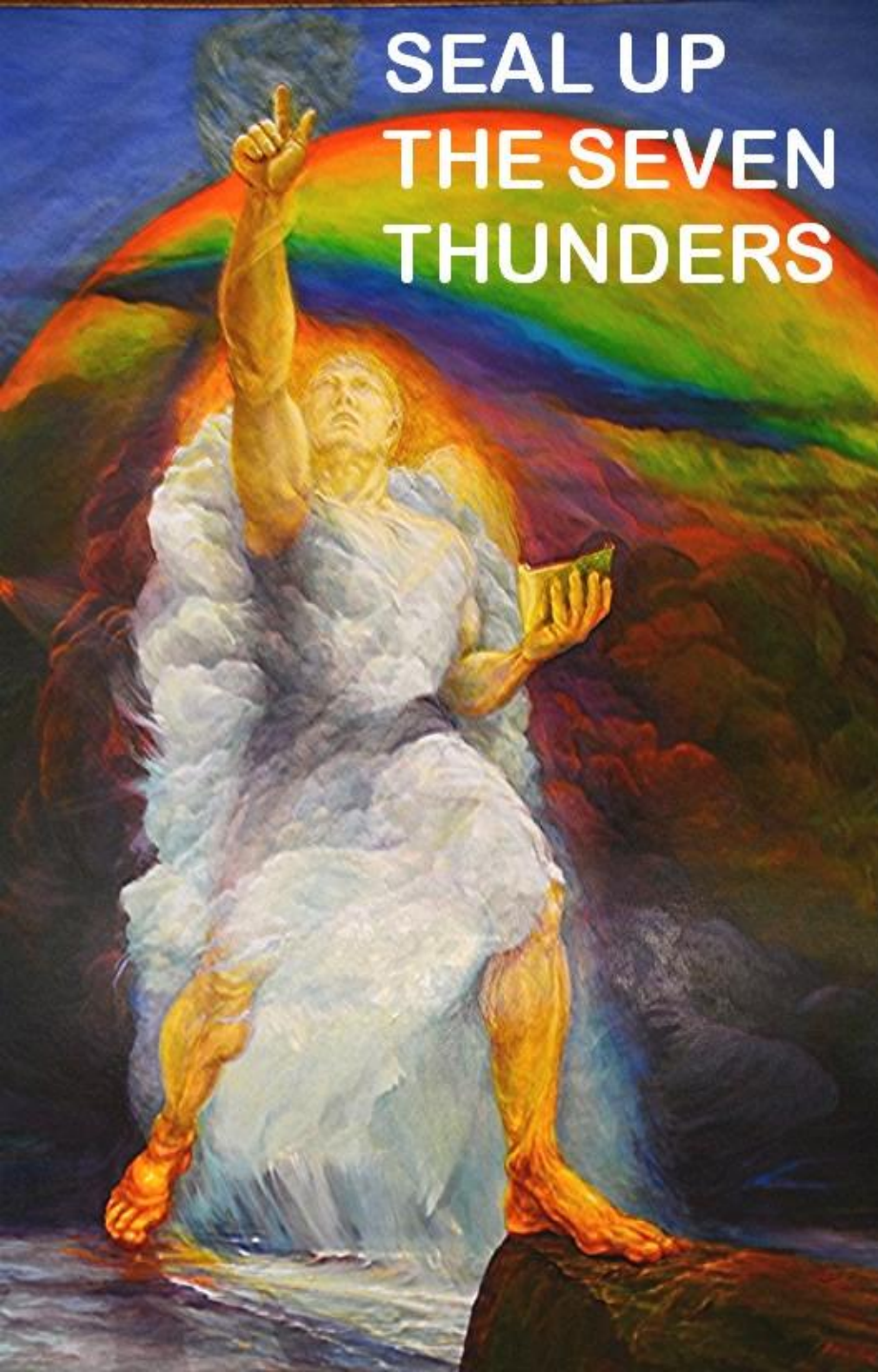
# THE MIGHTY ANGEL

- Rev. 5 mighty angel was at God's throne
- Should say "legs" like pillars, not "feet" like pillars!
- ***Podes*** = feet
- ***Skele*** = legs
- ***Reglayim*** = legs or feet
- Descriptions of the mighty angel are like those of God
- He is the Angel of The Lord (or YHWH) of the OT
- Has a little scroll in his hand
- One foot on the ocean, the other on land means sovereignty over the Earth





# SEAL UP THE SEVEN THUNDERS



- John's job was NOT to interpret but to write down the visions Rev.1:19
- Daniel also told to seal up what he heard Dan. 12
- The One, Ancient One, God the Father different titles for the same "person"
- Mighty angel swears to carry out what he's been assigned to do
- No further delays
- Hidden plan of God is the Good News



# TWO SIDES OF THE GOD-COIN

- What we see happen in Revelation is what Daniel was told would happen at the End Dan.12:4 – 9
- God's secret plan is that final redemption is coming, but so is God's wrath
- A promise made even earlier in Deut.32:39 – 43
- The vengeance for the martyrs has begun in Chapter 10

**WRATH**  
**of**  
**GOD**

- Too many Pastors, Bible Teachers, and hucksters say they know when The End is coming
- Some say they've found a secret Bible code
- Possibly what John was told NOT to write down would have told us the day, month, and year
- Chapter 9, the 4 angels were held back until exactly a certain day, month and year
- Matthew 24:32 - 42

