

Lesson 26

Islam in Revelation 9

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Islam is an important subject of Bible prophcey. Revelation chapters 9-11 are one of the places in the Bible where Islam is the subject. In those chapters we learn about the activities of Islam in history, and we also learn about Islam's role in our time. In this lesson we will look at those three chapters, as we chart Islam's activity through our dispensation.

The 5th Trumpet and the 1st Woe

Revelation 9:1-12

AD 606- Beginning of the 5th Trumpet

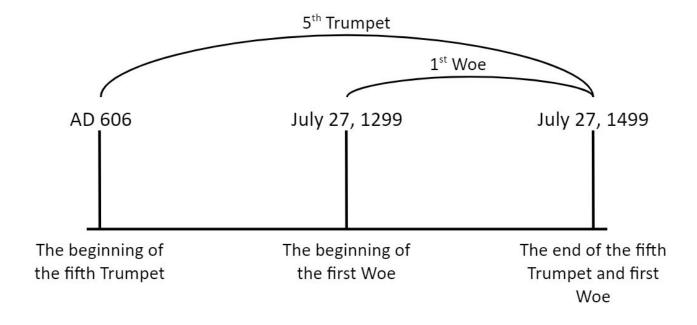
The fifth Trumpet began in AD 606 when Mahommedism began to rise. This was the work of a Jew and an exiled monk more than Mahommed himself. The principal worker was the monk who can be represented by a star that "fell from heaven unto the earth" (Revelation 9:1). He opened the bottomless pit and the smoke of his doctrine darkened, or covered, the sun and airthe truth. At first he spread the error peaceably but when that failed to work, he began to consider more violent measures- the locust. The Turkish armies of Mohommed tormented people with their sudden and violent attacks, but they didn't hurt Jews or Christians- the grass, green thing, and trees (Revelation 9:4). The Turkish armies were described in Revelation 9:7-10. In verse seven they are described as "horses prepared unto battle". The Turkish armies were horsemen, more generally so than any other army. "On their heads were as it were crowns like gold." The Turkish soldiers wore yellow turbans. In verse eight it says "they had hair as the hair of women". The soldiers wore their hair in long braids- each type of braid signifying their rank. They fought with javelins which the Bible describes as the "teeth of lions". In verse nine they are described as having breastplates. The Turks carried shields with them into battle. "The sound of their wings was as the sound of chariots of many horses running to battle." The Turkish army, when advancing on an enemy, sounded like chariot wheels. In verse ten they are described as having scorpion tails. Each soldier carried a weapon in which they were so skilled that they could behead their enemy even in close combat. With every detail lining up, we know that it is these Turkish soldiers being described in Revelation 9.

July 27, 1299- Beginning of the 1rd Woe

On July 27, 1299 the first Woe began. The Arabs had been disjointed and without a ruler, but near the end of the 13th century, Othman came into the scene. Othman brought everyone together and established a compact and organized government. Soon after, the Ottoman troops invaded Nicomedia: their first attack on Rome. This marked the beginning of the 5 months (Revelation 9:5) that they were to torment people. The first Woe however didn't last for just 5 months. We know that according to Miller's 10th rule, a day in Bible prophecy is a year in real life, we also know that Biblical months are 30 days long. If we were to do the math, we can see that 5 months, which would be 150 days, equals 150 years. Therefore we mark the beginning of the 150 year long Woe on July 27, 1299.

July 27, 1449- End of the 5th Trumpet and the 1rd Woe

The first Woe ended on July 27, 1449. It was 150 years from the beginning of the Woe on July 27, 1299. This date is also the end of the fifth Trumpet. The Woe was the activities of Islam, from the time they had a king foward 150 years; in that time they attacked (hurt) but did not destroy (kill) eastern Rome. We know that the 5th Trumpet ends here also because in Revelation 9 the sixth Trumpet and 2nd Woe immediately follow the first Woe, so the fifth Trumpet must end when the 1st Woe ends: on July 27, 1449.



The 6th Trumpet and the 2nd Woe

Revelation 9:13-11:14

July 27, 1449- Beginning of the 6th Trumpet and the 2nd Woe

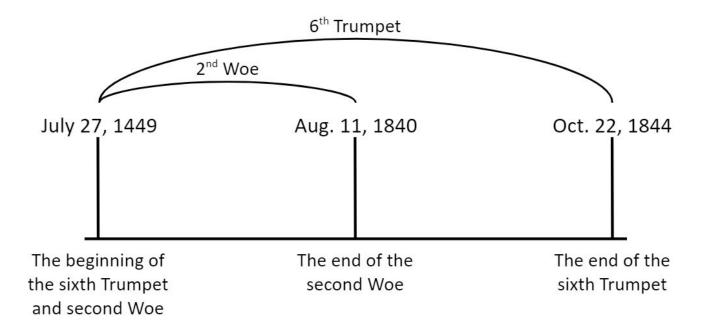
The sixth Trumpet and second Woe began on July 27, 1449. It was to last for 391 years and 15 days. We know it was to sound for 391 years and 15 days because in Revelation 9:15 it says the angels "were prepared for an hour, and a day, and a month, and a year". In Bible prophecy, a day equals a year so the year in verse fifteen would be 360 days or 360 years. The month would be 30 days or 30 years. The day would be one year. The hour is 1/24 of a day or 1/24 of a year so it would be 15 days. Add the 360 years with the 30 years with the 1 year and the 15 days and you have 391 years and 15 days. This was to extend to August 11, 1840. The Turkish armies are described in Revelation 9:17-19. Verse 17 describes the upgrade the army went through. Verse 18 says fire, smoke, and brimstone issued out of the horses' mouth. This is describing the use of guns. Smoke came out of the barrel when the gun was fired and it was fired besides the horses' mouth. In verse 19 the tails of the horses are described as serpents which had heads that hurt people. This is also talking about guns: a long barrel like a snake that had heads- bullets- that hurt people. The point of this torture was to lead men to repent but they did not. Under this Woe the eastern Roman empire fell.

August 11, 1840- End of the 2nd Woe

The 2nd Woe ended on August 11, 1840. The first Woe was the Ottomans, and the second Woe was too, so something must have happened to the Ottomans to end the second Woe. The second Woe began on July 27, 1449 and Revelation says that the Woe is 391 years and 15 days long, therefore it must end on August 11, 1840. These were the calculations Samuel Snow used to predict that the Ottoman empire would fall on August 11, 1840, and it came to pass. On that very day, Turkey (the Ottoman empire) placed itself under the control of Christian nations, fulfilling the prophecy. Now that the Ottoman empire had surrendered, it didn't have much power anymore, and thus the 2nd Woe ended.

October 22, 1844- End of the 6th Trumpet

October 22, 1844 is the end of the 6th Trumpet. We are told by William Ellis Foy, a prophet in Millerite history, (in 1842) that he was told in a vision that the 6th Trumpet was still sounding (CEWF 17.2). In Revelation 10, which we know is August 11, 1840 (which is still in the 6th Trumpet), the angel says that "there should be time no longer". This statement refers to the end of the time periods in 1844; so the time periods that lead to 1844 (October 22nd) are part of the 6th Trumpet. The 6th Trumpet finished on October 22, 1844- that's when the 7th Trumpet began. The 6th ended when the 7th began, just like the 5th ended when the 6th began. Therefore the 6th Trumpet outlasted the 2nd Woe (which ended on August 11, 1840) by about four years.



The 7th Trumpet and the 3rd Woe

Revelation 11: 15-19

October 22, 1844- Beginning of the 7th Trumpet

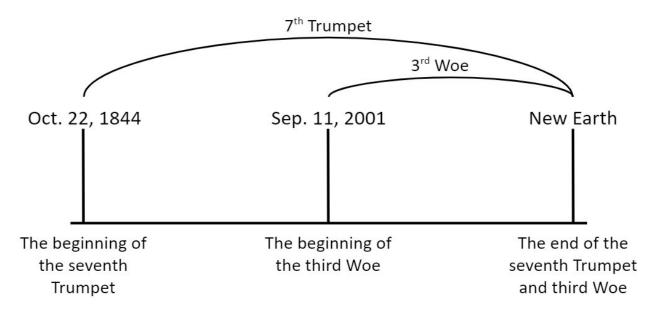
The seventh Trumpet began on October 22, 1844. During the seventh Trumpet Modern Rome will be crushed. This is described in Revelation 11: 15-19. In verse 19 it says "the temple of God was opened" and the temple was opened on October 22, 1844. This proves that the seventh Trumpet began on October 22, 1844.

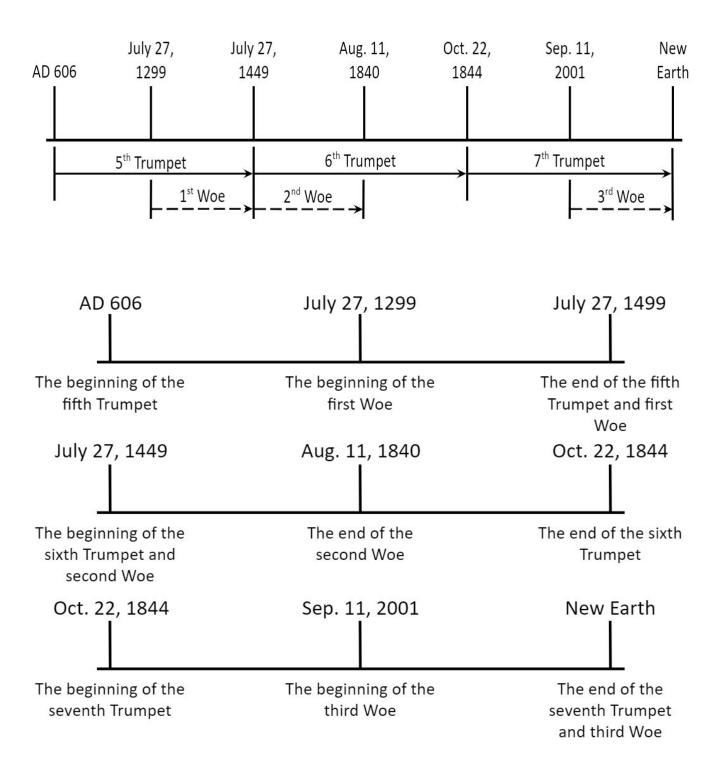
September 11, 2001- Beginning of the 3rd Woe

September 11, 2001 marked the beginning of the 3rd Woe. We know that the first and second Woe were the Ottoman empire, which was Islam. Bassed on a tripple application of prophecy, if the first Woe was Islam, and the second Woe was Islam, the third Woe must be Islam. That means we have to see the activities of Islam in our time to mark the beginning of the third Woe. We all know that on 9/11 Islam attacked the USA. This was the activity of Islam that began the third Woe. Revelation doesn't tell us when the third Woe will end so we can expect to see Islam throughout our whole history.

The New Earth- End of the 7th Trumpet and the 3rd Woe

The 7th Trumpet and the 3rd Woe end in our time. The 3rd Woe, like we have seen, and like the first two Woes, is the activities of Islam- specifically radical Islam against the King of the North. According to Revelation 11, the 7th Trumpet includes the 2nd Advent and the Lake of Fire. And we know that the activities of radical Islam will continue for as long as possible (even after the Close of Probation). So the 7th Trumpet and the 3rd Woe will end at the New Earth when everyone will have received their reward.





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