

REVELATION: Lesson 98
Chapter 9, Terrifying Creatures from Hell

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We learn several things from this chapter of Revelation.

- Living creatures come forth from the fires of Hell to torment men upon the Earth. In Hell's fire, these creatures were not consumed by the fire.
- In Luke 16:24 the rich man was tormented in the flames of Hell. He could speak, think, thirst, and feel pain and regret. He was not turned to ashes in that eternal fire (Jude 7, Mark 9:43-44). Heed the warning of Revelation 9; Hell is not a place where you want to be.
- Living forever in fiery torment is not impossible. God protected Daniel's three companions in the fiery furnace. They felt no pain, no discomfort, and did not even smell of smoke (Dan 3:27).
- These creatures did not bow to God and ask for mercy. Neither will any man, no matter how long he's been suffering in Hell. After a thousand years in Hell, Satan will continue his work against God (Rev 20:7-8). A man's nature cannot be changed apart from the Holy Spirit of God. You've got to become a new creature by the blood of Jesus Christ and the convicting power of the Holy Spirit.

GOD'S UNIQUE CREATURES



Pangolin



Megamouth Shark



Duck-billed Platypus



Tarsier



Scorpion Locust

Lev 11:21-22 God gave the common locust to man for food (**Matt 3:4**).

Exod 10:3-15 Locusts eat vegetation; the locusts in Revelation 9 do not. The locusts in Egypt ate all the green grass and Egypt is still a wasteland to this day. These also were a unique type of locust sent by God that were never seen again (Exod 10:14). The Egyptians would not repent.

Prov 30:24-28 Locusts have no king (vs 27). The Locusts in Revelation 9:11 have a king. They are specially designed locusts sent by God to torment Christ-rejectors after the Church is gone.

Isa 28:14-22 People think they'll be safe from judgment by hiding in all kinds of lies (religion, philosophy, excuses, viewpoints). God said there is a clear line (vs 17). On one side is Jesus Christ, "a **tried stone, a precious corner stone, a sure foundation**" (vs 16). On the other side is death and hell (vs 15).

"for I have heard from the Lord GOD of hosts a consumption, even determined upon the whole earth" (vs 22).

God gave man a clear warning that He was going to send a “**strange work**” and a “**strange act**” (vs 21) upon the earth which would fall upon those who followed lies and would not cross the line to join with the precious cornerstone, the Lord Jesus Christ (1 Peter 2:4-7).

Definition of “**Strange:**” — *Not before known, heard, or seen; new.*

The judgments of the seven seals, seven trumpets, and seven vials certainly qualify as “strange.”

Have you heard the report? (vs 19), are you on the right side of the line? Don’t wait another minute! You do not want to be here to experience God’s strange work, especially knowing what it is and why it’s happening.

Isa 8:19-22 The wizards and sooth-sayers will try and convince you that you can get the truth (about Heaven, about God, about the afterlife) by talking to the dead.

If you don’t get the truth from God’s word (vs 20) and believe it, you’ll end up in peril, hunger, despair, dimness of anguish, and be driven to darkness (21-22).
