

THE LOCUSTS (Revelations 9 v 1-12)



“Then out of the smoke locusts came upon the earth.” (Rev. 9 v 3)

INTRODUCTION

This paper is the continuation of our publication [“Tell Us When These Things Shall Be”](#) which is a study of Revelations. In the first paper we explain that Revelations 9 is prophetic of the first DAY (30 AD to 1029 AD) of the three DAYS until Christ returns. We will assume the reader is familiar with the first paper.

METHODOLOGY

Gematria is the [numerical value of Greek and Hebrew letters](#). This allows us to calculate the numerical value of Bible words and Bible verses. Using [Bible Numbers](#) we can [connect the numerical value of verses to Bible chapters](#) and to a unique meaning for each number. These topics are covered in depth on our site.

THE REVELATION OF JOHN

John had a vision of other worldly creatures, chimera locusts, which he describes in Rev. 9. What John saw was something in the spiritual realm. We do not expect to ever see such creatures in broad daylight. The creatures are real but they exist in the spirit realm. The spirit realm influences what happens on Earth. Our job is to interpret the spiritual characteristics of what John saw using the tools of Bible exegesis so that we might recognize the effects when they appear on Earth.

In the same way, Daniel had a vision of a male goat charging across the surface of the earth without touching the ground (Dan. 8 v 5). He explains the prophecy: the male goat is the kingdom of Greece (Dan. 8 v 21).

The Locusts appear in the 1st DAY after Christ. The Locusts never leave. They reappear periodically.

COMMON LOCUSTS

Behavior and characteristics of the normal locust we see on Earth: (source Wiki)

- The difference between a locust and a grasshopper is locusts have a periodic swarming phase
- Under normal conditions a grasshopper lives a solitary life
- Under conditions of drought serotonin in the grasshopper brain triggers dramatic changes
 - They breed intensely; they socialize in large swarms; they migrate over great distances
 - Bands of nymphs and adults rapidly strip fields of crops, consuming voraciously
- Locusts change color, eat much more, and breed more easily than grasshoppers
- Locusts are present in every continent on Earth except Antarctica
- An outbreak of famine and disease often follows a plague of locusts; locusts are a threat to human life

THE STAR FALLEN FROM HEAVEN

“Then the fifth angel sounded. And I saw a star fallen from Heaven to the Earth. To Him was given the key to the bottomless pit.” (Rev. 9 v 1)

Prophetically locust swarms represent a movement of people who lead normal lives that are suddenly animated by a common cause to act in unison and for a season to cause mayhem.

In the case of John’s vision the origin of the locust infestation is **“a star fallen from Heaven to the Earth”**.

We propose ‘Heaven’ to mean the highest strata of national rulers or spiritual guides or both.

The ‘Star’ is a person with rare pedigree and notable accomplishment (or a cultural site precious to devotees) that loses his (its) place at the heart of the social order by means of a dramatic coup.

The faction in society who revered the star are deeply aggrieved by the death of their idol.

“The key to the bottomless pit” was given so that in future days the demise might be avenged on the perpetrators with overwhelming fury.

GEMATRIA

The Gematria of Rev. 9 v 1 is 12,350. After subtracting 10 revolutions of 1189 the remainder is 460. Bible Number 460 means WANTON CRIMES. The 460th Bible chapter is Job 24. Verse 22 says **“God draws the mighty away with his power”** and **“He rises up”**. By the grace of God a star is born to lead. Verse 24 says He is **“exalted for a little while then... gone”**. How were his days cut short? Verse 14 says **“The murderer rises with the light... in the night he is like a thief”**. Where did the rivals come from? They are swept into high office by the victories and virtues of the star (or his family or his forefather). They bask in the light but as soon as night comes, as soon as the burst of glory passes, they are jealous of the star and plot his downfall.

SMOKE AROSE OUT OF THE PIT

“And he opened the bottomless pit and smoke arose out of the pit like the smoke of a great furnace. So the Sun and the air were darkened because of the smoke of the pit”. (Rev. 9 v 2)

There is a Bible story concerning a great furnace. Daniel had risen to the highest level of the court of King Nebuchadnezzar. His rivals convinced the King to utter a decree for all to bow down to an idol. They knew this would implicate Daniel's closest friends: Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. The King ordered the three Hebrews to be thrown into a great furnace and for the heat to be stoked up seven times higher than normal.

But the fire did not burn the three believers. So the King made a decree that anyone who speaks against the God of the Hebrews be cut in pieces and their houses be made an ash heap. The valiant men who obeyed the King's order to throw the blameless Hebrews into the furnace died from the heat.

The Sun is a prophetic type of the [Holy Spirit](#). The work of the Holy Spirit convicts men of sin and guilt.

The Pit is the place where the angels who rebelled against God were chained in dungeons of darkness. These are the ones who left their appointed station, came down to Earth, married the daughters of men, and bred giants who oppressed the people mercilessly. (Gen. 6, Jude 6)

The fallen angels who rebelled against God never leave the Pit. What Rev. 9 v 2 says is smoke rises out of the Pit which darkens the Sun and the air. The hero in verse 1 was not cast into the Pit. The star fell from Heaven to Earth. The Pit is located under the Earth. But as a result of his fall smoke arose out of the Pit.

The injustice done to the hero has a negative effect on moral behavior in the wider society. During the time the hero was in leadership the nation kept to high ethical and spiritual standards. When the hero is stripped of his position the people no longer restrain destructive impulses.

GEMATRIA

The Gematria of Rev. 9 v 2 is 12,742. After subtracting 10 revolutions of 1189 the remained is 852. Bible Number 852 means GOD REVEALS THE KING OF KINGS. The 852nd Bible chapter is Daniel 2.

In Daniel 2 King Nebuchadnezzar has a dream. Daniel tells the King both the dream and the interpretation. The dream is a prophecy of a succession of kingdoms. Daniel tells him **“You O King are a King of Kings”** (v 37). Although Nebuchadnezzar honored Daniel and the God of the Hebrews he continued to worship other gods.

Clearly Daniel is the star of the story. It is not the dream of Nebuchadnezzar that is the big news. It is the spiritual worthiness of Daniel that astonishes not only the King but the whole Court.

In the vision of John we expect to see a great King of Kings appear: the founder of a dynasty; one with spiritual conviction; but one who lacks judgment. In particular, one who pronounces a death sentence on souls of worthy men. In the sunshine of Daniel the Kingdom prospers. But darkest night is ahead.

LOCUSTS COME OUT OF THE SMOKE

“Then out of the smoke locusts came upon the Earth. And to them was given power, as the scorpions of the Earth have power.” (Rev. 9 v 3)

What is the power of scorpions? They are a tiny arachnid that inflicts great pain. If there are scorpions underfoot men watch their steps.

Scorpions hide themselves in tunnels in the ground or under the bark of trees. At night they come out to hunt. Their primary diet is insects.

Scorpions prefer arid lands but they can be found in many biomes. Scorpions can withstand intense heat.

Scorpions can be found on all continents except Antarctica.

Only 25 species of the total 2,500 species have venom strong enough to kill a man.

Scorpion species are divided into four families: six-eyed, eight-eyed, ten-eyed, and twelve-eyed.

Scorpions may be ground-dwelling, tree-loving, rock-loving, or sand-loving.

GEMATRIA

The Gematria of Rev. 9 v 3 is 9,928. After subtracting 7 revolutions of 1189 the remained is 605. Bible Number 605 means CITY DOOMED. The 605th Bible chapter is Psalm 127.

Smoke indicates a spiritual atmosphere of lawlessness. It may not yet be total anarchy. There might still be law and order by force of arms or other bondage to keep people under control.

Psalm 127 says “**Unless the LORD guards the city the watchman [policeman] stays awake in vain**” (v 1). Evil is cunning. Like scorpions evil comes out under cover of darkness to hunt. If there is corruption of the highest level of authority in the land, if the spiritual and moral leaders are deposed unjustly by rivals, the LORD will not guard the city. Quite the opposite, the LORD will authorize the release of Locusts to punish the city.

Scorpions aren't warm blooded animals. They are cold blooded arachnids. They don't care about human suffering. They inflict pain and torment without the slightest conscience. It is their nature.

The supernatural spirit of the Locusts in John's vision will manifest on earth through human agency. Humans will behave worse than animals. A predator will hunt to satisfy hunger. Locust-people will persecute their victims out of a lust for vengeance. They will inflict torment and suffering because when their hero was taken away torment and suffering was inflicted on them.

History is full of examples of vengeance causing wars and civil wars. Rebel factions arise to wrest control from the powers that be. Locusts are different: they exist only to punish. After a season they vanish.

THE SEAL OF GOD

“They were commanded not to harm the grass of the earth, or any green thing, or any tree, but only those who do not have the seal of God on their foreheads” (Rev. 9 v 4)

The ‘Grass of the earth’ is the common people. The Locusts won’t kill them.

‘Any Green Thing’ is agriculture the common people rely on to supply food. Locusts don’t target that.

A ‘Tree’ is frequently interpreted as a nation in the Bible (Eze. 31). Locusts aren’t Imperialists. They don’t seek to bring down nations to increase the dominion of their own people.

So what are Locusts after? What historical examples display these characteristics?

One historic example is piracy in the Caribbean. It’s not a perfect analogy.

Pirates have existed on the high seas since the invention of ships. The typical pirate preys on poorly armed merchant vessels with the goal of stealing goods. They are motivated by profit not vengeance. They will restrain their killing instinct and barter with their victims. Pirates aren’t imperialists.

The Pirates of the Caribbean are a special case. For a time in the 16th Century pirates were able to obtain a ‘lettre de marque’ which gave them the legal right under the authority of a sovereign power to privateer: to attack enemies of the sponsoring sovereign whether that power is formally at war with their enemy or not.

This is one aspect of the Locust typology. They aren’t a sovereign nation with a diplomatic status among world powers that has to formally declare war in order to attack. They don’t attack everyone. Like a privateer they focus their attacks on specific targets.

Another example would be partisan military units operating as part of a resistance movement. Like scorpions underfoot they are small, hide in the daytime, come out to hunt at night, and cause pain but are not powerful enough to defeat the enemy. These fighters are motivated by hatred based on grievance.

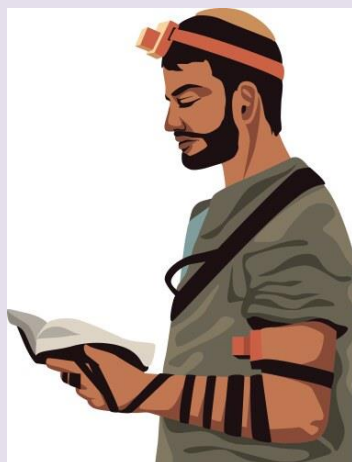
The verse says the ‘lettre de marque’ for Locusts specifies the target as any that do not have ‘the seal of God on their foreheads’.

GEMATRIA

Rev. 9 v 4 is composed of 32 Greek words. The last 16 words which pertain to the seal of God have a Gematria of 13,345. After subtracting 11 revolutions of 1189 the remainder is 266. The 266th Bible chapter is 1 Sam 30 which is the account of an Amalekites raid on Ziklag, which was David’s home base. David and his men rescue their wives and children by a surprise attack on Amalek.

The Amalekites are a semi-nomadic people without permanent land of their own. They are the sworn enemies of Israel and raid Israelite territory at whim. They raid for profit and operate similar to pirates.

David and his men are Israelites operating as privateers under the authority of the Achish a Philistine Prince of Gath (1 Sam. 27). David was given Ziklag as a home base by Achish. Although Judah is the enemy of the Philistines and Achish has given him authority to attack Judean towns, David won't attack Judah. David attacks others and tells Achish he has attacked Judah. He doesn't attack Judah because they are his countrymen. David doesn't attack Judah because they are the people of God. In Judah there are those who are devout. They pray with a 'Seal of God on their foreheads'.



A Jewish man praying with signs on his arms and a memorial between his eyes, i.e. on his forehead. He is obeying the Torah command of Deuteronomy 11 v 18.

David is very much fulfilling the Locust prophetic type in this account. He has found a 'Tree' to harbor his men, the dominion of Gath. He won't attack the 'Grass', the people, or 'Any Green Thing', the property, of Gath. Like a Locust David raids lands in the general vicinity. David won't attack people devoted to his God.

IMPORTANT: David is a Hebrew who worships Jehovah. The definition of 'True God' to David is Jehovah. Therefore to David those protected by the 'Seal of God' are devout Jehovah believers. The manifestation of Locusts in John's prophecy, being an evil chimera creature, are not likely to be Jewish. Locusts will be devoted to a diety (or a pantheon) and are duty bound not to attack people who devoutly practice the same faith.



A Hindu man with a Bindi, a blood spot, on his forehead.

Ever since the mark of Cain in earliest history a blood spot on the forehead has been adopted as a sign of God's protection in India.

THE TORMENT OF A SCORPION

“And to them it was given that they should not kill them, but that they should be tormented five months: and their torment [was] as the torment of a scorpion, when he strikes a man.” (Rev. 9 v 5)

The sting of a scorpion rarely kills a human. However, it can be intensely painful. So the scorpion sting of the Locusts, which torments but does not kill, fits the typology.

The news in the verse is the torment lasts five months. A biblical month is 30 days, so five months is 150 days. We assume a prophetic ‘Day’ is a year. So the torment will last 150 years.

The Locusts do not kill common people, the prophetic ‘grass’ (or some translations say ‘hay’).

The Locusts torment ‘a Man’, or ‘an Adam’, which is a nation’s leadership.

The Locusts have found a ‘Tree’, a nation or a territory, which harbors them. Of course they won’t torment this place. From their safe home base they strike out to torment the leadership of an enemy nation.

Why would Locusts seek to torment a nation’s leadership? They are motivated to avenge a grievance, most likely the murder of a hero or mistreatment of a sacred site. They don’t fault the common people. They don’t even fault the nation. They blame the nation’s leadership who plotted the dirty deed.

How could Locusts torment a national leadership if they don’t kill the people or bring down the nation?

What is precious to a nation’s leadership? Their gold, national relics, heritage buildings, military, and high officials.

Like privateers we expect Locusts to plunder treasuries and ransom individuals and cities to drain gold away from rich powerful elites they despise.

Like partisans we expect Locusts to target military forces with surprise attacks to inflict wounds. For example they might target a remote garrison with overwhelming strength then melt away into the night.

Like the ideological nemesis they are we expect Locusts to target cultural or religious sites which are core to the national spirit of the adversary. To desecrate those sacred places and sacred objects would shame those sworn to protect them. For example if a nation venerates their flag, then the Locusts would burn flags.

Raids and battles have collateral damage. In the conflict between Locusts and the national leadership they hate, some people and some of their farms will be harmed.

The important insight of verse 5 is the scourge of the Locusts will only last for a season, 150 years. After that the Locusts disappear. Like natural locusts, they will reappear in history. Later in this paper we will identify the prophetic fulfilment of the 1st Millennium Locusts and a candidate for the reappearance of Locusts.

MEN WILL SEEK DEATH BUT NOT FIND IT

“And in those days shall men seek death, and shall not find it; and shall desire to die, and death shall flee from them.” (Rev. 9 v 6)

This is a mysterious verse. Fortunately we have the Gematria to guide us to the interpretation.

The Gematria of verse 6 is 13,415. We can parse this into two numbers: 13 and 415. We can then interpret the meaning as either 13 ‘meets’ 415 or 415 ‘follows’ 13.

The 13th chapter of the Bible is Genesis 13 - the separation of Abram and Lot. **“Now the land was not able to support them that they might dwell together, for their possessions were so great...” (v 6)** Abram said **“Please separate from me, if you take the left I will go right. Or if the right I will go left” (v 9).**

The 415th chapter of the Bible is Nehemiah chapter 2. Nehemiah is the cup bearer of King Nebuchadnezzar. He is sad in the presence of the King. The King asks him why he is sad. **“... Why should my face not be sad, when the city, the place of my fathers’ tombs, lies waste, and its gates are burned with fire” (v 3)**

Here is the spiritual atmosphere of the prophetic time under consideration. Genesis 13 tells us there has been abundant accumulation of wealth and chattels by the powers that be. The day witnesses the glory of the court of great kings.

Nehemiah 2 tells us the higher the tower of power rises above the earth, the more prone it is to breaking off. Nehemiah leaves the court to rescue a far off city that has been ravaged. Genesis 13 has another parting of ways: Abram and Lot separate.

Nehemiah is sad. He is grieved ‘to death’ so to speak. He wants the city of his national heritage to be restored from its state of pillage. A cultural site, the **‘city of my father’s tombs’**, has been struck as if by Locusts. He would rather die than live with the pain, the torment, his soul endures. But instead he must face a prolonged struggle to restore the city. [From Rev. 9 v 5 we know it will be a 150 year struggle].

After 11 revolutions of 1189 the remainder of 13,415 is 336. The Bible Number 336 means REDEDICATE TO HOLY LIFE. The Locust event will test the hearts of those in national leadership. Some, like Lot, will seek restoration of wealth and chattels. Some, like Abram, will seek restoration of cultural heritage and religion. The days of the Locust scourge will be a time of chaos. Nations will divide into ideological camps. Some nations will split into smaller nations. With discord and dispute among national leadership the community of nations and provinces within nations will fail to rally together to fight the common foe for quite some time.

Those who chose to resist the Locusts at personal expense, like Nehemiah, will face an uphill battle to make progress towards national restoration.

LIKE HORSES PREPARED FOR BATTLE

“And the shapes of the locusts like to horses prepared to battle; and on their heads as it were crowns like gold, and their faces as the faces of men.” (Rev. 9 v 7)

The Gematria of verse 7 is 20,880. After 11 revolutions of 1189 the remainder is 336. The spiritual number 336 means VOW TO EARTHLY KING. The 336th Bible chapter is Ecclesiastes 8.

Ecc. 8 v 8 says **“...no one has power in the day of death; there is no release from that war.”**

The horse is the Bible type of a war machine. In ancient times horses were not ridden for pleasure. Their purpose was to draw chariots. An expensive animal to keep, horses were owned by kings and nobility. The common people relied on oxen and donkeys to pull carts and to plow fields.

The Locust desire for vengeance is as insatiable as the appetite of natural locusts for leaves. This will be a perpetual conflict. The Locust can't win because their purpose is to torment not to kill. The Locust will never quit hostilities because their will to fight is relentless.

The Gematria of **‘horses’** in verse 7 is 450. The Bible number 450 means HOPE OF LIFE AFTER DEATH. The Locusts are very religious. They embrace warfare because their belief is warriors devoted to a righteous cause are rewarded in the next life. In their mind the hero's unjust death is sufficient basis for a righteous cause.

The word **‘crowns’** in verse 7 is better translated ‘wreaths’: the wreath of a victor. On their heads were **‘wreaths of gold’**. The Locusts celebrate many victorious in their campaign to pillage and ransom the hated enemy leadership for gold and precious artifacts.

The Gematria of **‘wreaths’** in verse 7 is 1136. The Bible number 1136 means HEARTS HARDENED BY SIN. The Locusts are merciless. Like so many men in history who join armies and experience the blood and gore of battle the Locusts lose natural human sensitivity to hurting others. Believing their war is justified they will commit notorious atrocities and feel no shame.

The Gematria of **‘faces’** in verse 7 is 1331. Bible number 1331 means WILL I FIND FAITH ON THE EARTH? After one revolution of 1189 the remainder is 142. The 142nd Bible Chapter is Numbers 25 which is the account of the zeal of Phineas who spears the Midianite woman and the Israelite in the tent.

When Phineas did so the plague ended. Here is the clue of the downfall of the Locusts. Phineas was a priest, the son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron. The Locusts will perish only when they lose their faith: when they change their religion.

How will the Locusts lose faith? They will be defeated in battle, die by a spear thrust through, causing them to question the supremacy of their God. Ecc. 8 v 2 says **“... Keep the King's command for the sake of your oath to God.”** If their ‘God’ is null and void the warriors are released from their oath.

WOMEN'S HAIR, LION'S TEETH

“And they had hair as the hair of women, and their teeth were as [teeth] of lions.” (Rev. 9 v 8)

Hair is the glory of a woman (1 Cor. 11 v 15). What is a woman's glory? Children: especially Male heirs.

The Locusts are holy warriors. They are the stuff of legend. They keep their vow. They fight valiantly against more powerful opponents. They face death without fear.

The Gematria of 'hair' in verse 8 is 1211. After 1 revolution the remainder is 22. The 22nd Bible Chapter is Genesis 22 in which Abraham takes his son Isaac up Mount Moriah to sacrifice him to God. The Bible number 1211 means DEAD IN CHRIST RISE FIRST AND MEET THE LORD.

A holy warrior is sworn to fight to the death. A man who is constantly fighting cannot raise a family. He dies without an heir. This was the reality of Abraham climbing Mount Moriah.

After the Locust scourge the Locusts will not perish. Their seed will be honored. From this stock of men will come generations of offspring. Their hair will be long like woman's hair. This is how God blessed Abraham after He saw his willingness to sacrifice Isaac (Gen. 22 v 17).

When the Locusts first appear they are evil chimera creatures. But they change their religion. During the period of the scourge they will be spiritually DEAD. After they change their religion to worship the true God, Yahweh, they will RISE: they will emerge as national leaders committed to the faith. Ultimately they will MEET THE LORD: see Jesus face to face.

The Gematria of 'teeth' in verse 8 is 699. The 669th Bible Chapter is Isa. 20. The Bible Number 699 means ASSYRIA ATTACKS CAPTURES ASHDOD. Ashdod was the northernmost of the five cities of the Philistines.

In Isa. 20 the prophet Isaiah is instructed by the LORD to walk barefoot and naked as a sign against Egypt and Ethiopia. Isaiah 20 says **“So shall the King of Assyria lead away the Egyptians as prisoners and the Ethiopians as captives, young and old, naked and barefoot, with their buttocks uncovered...” (v 4)**

Aha! Now we know why the Locusts don't harm the 'Grass', the common people. The Locusts are slavers!

What is the life of a slave? Torment! A desire to die, but death escapes them!

How many teeth does a Lion have? An adult lion has 30 teeth. The Bible Number 30 means BLOOD.

However, a pride of lions will have up to six females. The females do the hunting. As far as the prey is concerned the lion, the male lion ruling the pride, has 180 teeth [6 X 30]! The Bible Number 180 means SIN BRINGS A CURSE. Lions hunt antelopes, buffalos, zebras, etc. What is the sin of the prey species? Over-population. If the migratory animals over-populate they over-graze and potentially destroy the ecological system that supports all life on the savannah. This brings us back to Rev. 9 v 6 which maps to Genesis 13. The root cause of the division of Abraham and Lot was over-abundance of livestock.

BREASTPLATES OF IRON, SOUND OF CHARIOTS

“And they had breastplates, as it were breastplates of iron; and the sound of their wings [was] as the sound of chariots of many horses running to battle.” (Rev. 9 v 9)

The breast is the seat of the heart, the reigns of the will and the emotions. These Locusts had breastplates of iron: very hard hearts.

The Greek word **qwrakas** translated ‘breastplate’ can also be translated ‘cuirasse’ which is both a breastplate and a backplate tied together. The cuirasse encompass the whole torso up to the neck in iron.

The Gematria of verse 9 is 19,421. After 16 revolutions of 1189 the remainder is 397. The Bible Number 397 means LAW OF MOSES AND PASSOVER CHANGED. The 397th Bible Chapter is 2 Chron. 30: the remarkable account of Hezekiah’s calling of all Israelites to observe the Passover one month after the prescribed time. It was observed on the 14th day of the 2nd month. Moses said to observe it on the 14th day of the 1st month. Even more bizarre the LORD blessed the feast. A very great assembly gathered. They ate the Passover contrary to what was written. Yet many sanctified their hearts to the LORD and were healed.

When the Locusts change their religion and accept Jesus is the Messiah, they won’t fit the mold of the typical Christian of that era. In the 1st Millennium the Catholic Church ruled over believers through a hierarchy of Cardinals, Bishops, and Priests. European believers were trained to follow strict Catholic rules concerning worship in chapels and cathedrals.

The new Locusts won’t fit into the Catholic system. They won’t see their duty to be the slaves of the Catholic Church. They will see their duty to be continuing their warlike ways for the glory of God.

Under the influence of the new Locusts the legacy Christianized nations will be more aggressive in expanding influence through wars. They will be more willing to declare war on other Christian nations. They will be more willing to declare war on infidel nations.

Following the Locust scourge we will see two contrary things at the same time: increase in zeal for Christ and increase in violence in the name of Christ.

Locusts are fliers. The new Locusts will be restless to be on campaign. Instead of the historical missionary traveling abroad with a message of the love of God, the passion of Christ, and the offer of salvation the ‘**sound of their wings**’, the cry of the new Locust zealot, will be ‘**the sound of chariots of many horses running to battle**’, calling Christian soldiers to holy wars.

This is counter to the teaching of Jesus to his disciples. It is opposite to the martyrs of the Christian faith who accepted persecution at the hands of the Romans rather than take up arms against them. Like the perverted Passover celebration of Hezekiah the LORD will bless the misfits and grant a revival. The Locust holy warriors will bring disrepute to the name of the LORD. But what father has not suffered children who go astray?

TAILS LIKE SCORPIONS

“And they had tails like scorpions, and there were stings in their tails: and their power [was] to hurt men five months.” (Rev. 9 v 10)

The Gematria of verse 10 is 12,760. After 10 revolutions of 1189 the remainder is 870. The Bible Number 870 means DECLARE THE SPIRIT OF GOD UNCLEAR. The 870th Bible Chapter is Hosea 8.

Verse 10 has 21 Greek words. It can be parsed into three sections of 7 words each.

1st Section: **“And they had tails like scorpions and stingers”**. Gematria 3795. Remainder 228. Bible Number 228 means PRIEST FOR HIRE. 228th Bible Chapter is Judges 17. This is the account of Micah making a molded image, a shrine, and an ephod. He hired a traveling Levite to be a priest at his shrine for 10 shekels of silver per year. Micah believed by renting a priest for his home he was pleasing the LORD.

The tail is the end of the creature. So the last days of the ex-Locusts will feature a corrupted priesthood that torments true believers. They go so far astray they can't return to the faith. Hosea 8 says **“From their silver and gold they made idols for themselves that they may be cut off”** (v 4)

The apostasy will feature 'priests for hire' in religious movements invented by crafty men. No one will serve God. Lip service will be paid to God's Word. Religious men will work for pay not for God's glory.

2nd Section: **“was in their tails and the”**. Gematria 2995. Remainder 617. Bible Number 617 means NO PLACE TO RUN FROM THE RULER. 617th Bible Chapter is Psalm 139. The Psalmist bemoans: **“Depart from me... bloodthirsty men. For they speak wickedly against You; Your enemies take your Name in vain”** (v 19)

The professional priests will eventually ignore even the plain teachings of the Bible and espouse doctrines and practices antithetical to the faith.

3rd Section: **“their authority to hurt the men five months”**. Gematria 2970. Remainder 25. Bible Number 25 means PAYMENT FOR SIN. 25th Bible Chapter is Genesis 25. The Gematria of the word **‘to hurt’** is 254 which means DEMON POSSESSION. The Gematria of the next word **‘the’** is 970 which means DAYS OF DISTRESS UNEQUALLED SINCE CREATION.

Genesis 25 is the account of the death of Abraham. Isaac and Ishmael bury him in a cave. Esau and Jacob are born to Rebekah. Esau grows to be a skillful hunter and sells his birthright to Jacob for a pot of red stew.

Abraham is a Bible type of the One True Faith. Abraham died. The One True Faith was no longer present on the Earth. The people of God, the descendants of Abraham were separated into family groups that barely talked to each other. The official church is riven by schisms. The body of Christ is cut to pieces.

The last vestiges of the True Faith represented by Jacob live in fear of his brooding, violent and irreverent brother Esau who stands before him in line for leadership of the people.

THE ANGEL OF THE BOTTOMLESS PIT

“And they had a king over them, the angel of the bottomless pit, whose name in the Hebrew tongue [is] Abaddon, but in the Greek tongue has [his] name Apollyon.” (Rev. 9 v 11)

The Gematria of verse 11 is 11,703. The remainder after 9 revolutions of 1189 is 1,002. The Bible Number 1,002 means HE WHO HONORS THE SON, HONORS THE FATHER. The 1,002nd Bible Chapter is John 5.

John 5 is the account of the pool of Bethsaida where invalids waited for the water to be stirred by an angel in the belief the first to enter stirred water would be healed. The invalids were in an angelic trap. The invalids could not raise themselves up to enter the water. And so they were never healed. They died in their sin.

Rev. 9 v 11 has 20 Greek words. We can parse the verse into two 10 word parts.

1st Part: **“And they had a king over them, the angel of the bottomless pit, whose name”**. Gematria 5845. Remainder 1089. Bible Number 1089 means SATAN MASQUERADES AS AN ANGEL OF LIGHT. 1089th Bible Chapter is 2 Cor 11. Paul addressing the saints wrote: **“such are false apostles, deceitful workers...”** (v 13) who **“bring you into bondage... devour you... take from you... exalts [them]self... strike you in the face”** (v 20)

The words ‘Abaddon’ and ‘Apollyon’ mean destruction. And what is the Angel of the Bottomless Pit destroying? He is destroying the people of God. Bondage will do that. In a prison of religion saints are in an angelic trap. A ministering angel (a priest or a paid pastor) is their overlord. Duty bound to serve the warden of the prison they aren’t free to serve God. No amount of religious works will heal them. Without the power of the Holy Spirit they can’t escape the bondage. But in a prison the Holy Spirit is resisted.

2nd Part: **“in the Hebrew tongue [is] Abaddon, but in the Greek tongue has [his] name Apollyon.”** Gematria 5858. Remainder 1102. Bible Number 1102 means CARE FOR THE WEAKEST MEMBERS OF THE BODY. 1102nd Bible Chapter is Ephesians 5. Jesus came to the Pool of Bethsaida and healed a man who had been infirm for 38 years and healed him. He said to him **‘Rise, take up your bed and walk’** (v 8). As dreadful as the angelic bondage is for millions of saints trapped in religious systems, some will be healed and come out of them.

The tongue is a Bible type of a public speaker. Ephesians 5 warns of those who **‘deceive you with empty words’** (v 6). This is Abaddon. This is Apollyon. God does not desire His people to assemble around teachers in temples [figuratively ‘porches with pillars’ at the pool of Bethsaida], resting on pews [figuratively ‘beds’], and remaining silent and immobilized forever. God desires holy living and vibrant community life among the saints. God desires every saint to be a minister exercising spiritual gifts to the rest of the saints.

Ephesians 5 also instructs the remnant who escape the angelic trap of religion to be moral paragons in the world: models of modesty (v 3), clean speech (v 4), sobriety (v 18), submission (v 34), and lay ministry (v 19).

Who is **‘the King over them’**? Who is the Angel of the Bottomless Pit? He must be the lord of all fallen angels, none other than Satan himself: the crafty deceiver who works mischief with words.

SUMMARY OF JOHN'S LOCUST PROPHECY

Key points of interpretation revealed by Gematria:

Verse 1 (<u>Fallen Star</u>)	Fall of a hero / sacred place causes grief and spurs a thirst for vengeance
Verse 2 (<u>Smoke from Pit</u>)	Society no longer can restrain destructive impulses.
Verse 3 (<u>Locusts from Smoke</u>)	Locusts are a punishment for sin at the highest level of government.
Verse 4 (<u>Seal of God</u>)	Locusts are religious zealots. Their love/hate is rooted in religion.
Verse 5 (<u>Torment of Scorpion</u>)	Locust plague will last 150 years. They seek gold and treasure. They will desecrate sacred sites and heritage buildings.
Verse 6 (<u>Men will seek Death</u>)	Locusts will rock nations and intensely grieve the patriotic and pious men among the highest leadership. There will be no quick fix for the woes.
Verse 7 (<u>Like Battle Horses</u>)	Holy warriors who commit notorious atrocities. Hope for an afterlife reward. Final defeat in battle causes them to change their religion.
Verse 8 (<u>Women's Hair, Lion's Teeth</u>)	Locusts will enslave many captives. Locusts will have a long posterity. After they change religion their sons will rise in society.
Verse 9 (<u>Sound of Chariots</u>)	Ex-Locusts will be zealous for their adopted faith. They will also influence society to hastily resort to violence to resolve differences.
Verse 10 (<u>Tails like Scorpions</u>)	Ex-Locust influence will permeate their religion. Priests will become heartless torturers blinded by zeal.
Verse 11 (<u>Angel of the Pit</u>)	Religion will become a prison for the saints. They will labor like slaves. Religious factions will fight each other like devils. Satan rules over it.

Isn't the study of the Gematria of Bible verses powerful? Look at all the insights derived from the numerical value of the letters of the words in the verses in the first half of Rev. 9.

Now we will turn to prophetic fulfilment of the Locust prophecy of Rev. 9. According to our analysis in the first paper "[Tell Us When These Things Shall Be](#)", a study of Revelations chapters 1 to 8, Rev. 9 falls into the period of 30 AD to 1029 AD: the 1st Millennium AD.

If our analysis is correct we should be able to look back and see the Locusts appear in history. If we find such a fulfilment it will be a validation of our analysis in the first paper and our analysis in this paper.

Can you guess what the fulfilment of the Locust prophecy was in history?

FULFILMENT OF THE LOCUST PROPHECY: VIKING RAIDERS OF EUROPE



Hair like women; Faces like men

The Norse settled in Scandinavia and Denmark. They had laws, art, architecture, and a pagan religion distinct from their European neighbors: the Celts, Balts, and Slavs. The Norse were hardy frontiersmen, expert sailors and shipwrights; in the West they were famous as warriors, in the East they were famous as traders.

Scandinavia was divided into a half dozen minor Norse clans scattered along the coasts and islands of the Baltic Sea. They raided each other periodically. There was no Viking nation per se. Government was tribal and clans were led by local chiefs.

The Norse established support camps along their trade routes to provide relief on their voyages. The camps grew large enough to become self-sufficient bases with settled populations. In this manner Norse influence expanded beyond Scandinavia down the rivers which empty into the Baltic. By portage they traveled to the rivers which empty into the Black Sea. From there they traded as far as Baghdad and Constantinople.

Although they were frontiersmen they had a taste for luxuries. They traded handcrafts, furs and amber for weapons, fine fabrics, silver, and gold. Items with high value to weight and volume were sought after as trade goods because they were easy to transport in small ships.

The Norse directed their attention away from continental Europe. Immediately South of Denmark were the powerful and aggressive Saxons. The Danes built large forts across the land to resist them.

THE EXISTENTIAL THREAT OF CHARLESMAGNE

Charlemagne became Catholic King of the Franks in 768 AD. He prided himself as protector of the papacy. The Lombards were pagans from Northern Europe who had invaded Northern Italy. Charlemagne kicked them out in 774 AD and annexed their territory.

From 772 to 804 AD Charlemagne fought the Saxons. He destroyed the Irminsul – literally ‘the great pillar’ – an object venerated by Germanic pagans. It was their version of Yggdrasil - the legendary tree the Norse -

believed to support the skies. The Old Norse version of 'Irmin' is Jormunr, a name of Odin. This act of sacrilege became a stench to the Norse and all pagans of Northern Europe.

Charlemagne defeated the Saxon clans one by one. He was determined to see Saxony tamed. He issued decrees to inflict capital punishment on anyone observing pagan practices. At Verden he ordered the beheading of 4,500 Saxons. In 785 AD Widukind, a rebel chief, was baptized. Saxony was pacified.

VERSE 1 PROPHECY – A STAR IS FALLEN

Up to the time of Charlemagne the Norse behaved as usual. Like grasshoppers scattered across the fields they conducted their affairs with attention to local concerns much as they had done for a thousand years.

Suddenly a number of stars in pagan high society fell. All the chiefs of the Saxon clans were killed or converted. Irminsul was desecrated. A tree that held up the sky had fallen.

These events galvanized the Norse fighting spirit. It was clear the foreign Catholic religion and its kings were bent on destroying paganism and pagans. A Locust spirit infused the Norse people. It wasn't triggered by chiefs talking to chiefs and organizing a plan. Such cooperation wasn't the Norse way. This was a spiritual event whose origin was straight from the Pit of Hell.

VERSE 2 PROPHECY – SMOKE FROM THE PIT

The grievance of the Norse cannot be understated. They were fighting mad. Prior to Charlemagne the Norse conducted few raids into continental Europe. They avoided conflict and settled only remote islands.

VERSE 3 PROPHECY – LOCUSTS OUT OF THE SMOKE

The Norse were drawn into swarms like locusts. They sailed long distances in large numbers and wreaked havoc wherever they landed. They could not defeat Catholic armies in set piece battles. They used hit and run tactics. Like partisans they appeared out of nowhere, raided and pillaged, then disappeared in the night.

In 793 AD the Norse attacked a Catholic monastery at Lindesfarne on the North Sea coast of Britain. They plundered treasured relics, killed monks, and took captives. Peter Ackroyd writes: "The monasteries of Lindesfarne and Jarrow were not attacked at random; they were chosen as examples of revenge. The onslaught of the Christian Charlemagne on the 'pagans' of the north had led to the extirpation of their shrines and sanctuaries. The great king had cut down Jôrmunr, the holy tree of the Norse people¹. What better form of retaliation than to lay waste the foundations devoted to the Christian God?" (Wiki: Lindesfarne)

Was this venom and devastation warranted punishment for sin? Charlemagne was warned by his close advisor Alcuin of York that God's word should not be spread by the sword but by persuasion. There was

¹ It was definitely holy to the Germanic pagans. Did the Norse consider it their holy tree? The author isn't sure. In any event it was a revered symbol of paganism across all of Northern Europe.

already evidence of pagans converting from hearing the preaching of the gospel. The Germanic Chatti tribe had converted from the preaching of St. Boniface.

Alcuin was correct. Charlemagne, also known as the 'Butcher of Saxons', had committed a gross travesty of the faith taught by Jesus and set forth in the New Testament². Were his motives truly to protect the papacy and expand the faith? Or was he an aggressive King intent on expanding his own imperial domain?

Even worse, the papacy supported Charlemagne and did not rebuke his wrongdoing. Catholic Europe was going to pay the price of God's judgment for this sin for 150 years.

VERSE 4 PROPHECY – SEAL OF GOD

It should be clear the Norse had departed from their pattern of isolated raids on villages and embarked on a new phenomenon of large fleets striking large targets.

We don't see Norse raids of this scale on the remaining pagan lands to the East or on the fringes of Western Europe. We only see raids on Catholic cities and Catholic sacred sites.³

It is clear the Norse do not see the Celts, Balts, or Slavs as the existential threat. The Age of the Viking Raiders began as a holy war against the foreign religion.

VERSE 5 PROPHECY – TORMENT OF SCORPION

After the death of Charlemagne the kingdom of the Franks was split into three. Britain was loosely organized and internally divided. There was no state with a navy that could intercept the Vikings.

The LORD had ordained that Catholic Europe suffer an extended punishment. The Vikings would raid with impunity and the suffering they brought had no respite.

Throughout the Age of Viking Raiders, approximately 800 to 950 AD, no coastal town or city on a navigable river was safe. In vain local lords took precautions of building scattered military outposts.

VERSE 6 PROPHECY – MEN WILL SEEK DEATH

In 845 AD the Norse laid siege to Paris. A fleet of 120 Viking ships, carrying thousands of warriors, sailed up the Seine River, defeated the small defending army, and extracted a ransom of 7,000 French livres, approximately 2,500 kg, of gold and silver from Paris. The Norsemen hung prisoners of war on the river bank.

In England the Danes overwhelmed the British. They settled in the usual Norse style and whole territories came under Norse sway. Remaining British territories paid the Danes an annual tribute: 'Danegeld'.

² The followers of Jesus asked '**Lord, should we strike with the sword?**' One cut off the right ear of the servant of the High Priest. Jesus healed the ear. He was then taken away by the mob. (Luke 22 v 49-51)

³ There were Norse raids

VERSE 7 PROPHECY – LIKE BATTLE HORSES

As the period of Viking Raiders progressed the old Norse tendencies of negotiating deals and establishing trading relationships gradually reduced their appetite for large scale raiding. It wasn't necessary to raid if vassal states were paying tribute. In fact, raiding them only put the tribute at risk.

A trained horse doesn't care who his master is. Such a horse will go to battle ridden by a Norseman or ridden by an Englishman. Likewise, the Norse were fickle. At one moment they could be whipped into a frenzy to kill. At another moment they could smell the flowers and fish cod.

Full of superstitions the pagan Vikings were spooked by the testimony of Christians. During the siege of Paris a plague broke out in the Viking camp. Some of the Christians prisoners counselled the Norse to fast which they did. And the plague went away. This miraculous healing shocked the leaders of the expedition.

Captured Christian slaves became the wives of Norsemen. They were more likely to tell their offspring the stories of the Bible than pagan myths. Loyalty to the old ways became diluted in Norse society.

After many decades of increased interaction with continental Europeans it dawned on Norse society at large there was something to this Christian religion. Missionaries were given permission to travel in Norse lands. Chapels were founded in Norse cities.

Resistance to the foreign religion crumbled when the Norse lost the Locust script and sent armies to conquer and occupy nations. After prolonged wars they were defeated in battle. Their chiefs were baptized as Catholics. The Locust scourge vanished.

VERSE 8 PROPHECY – WOMEN'S HAIR, LION'S TEETH

As far as a Lion's teeth go, the Norse continued collecting slaves up to their Catholic conversion. Not only did they prize captives as war brides they traded slaves as a commodity. The Norse established outposts on the frontiers expressly for slave markets. Dublin was one such place.

As predicted according to our interpretation of Women's Hair, the Norse chiefs became enriched from the immense spoil they collected from raiding and ransoming cities. At the start of the Age of Viking Raiders Norse chiefs were scattered and insignificant on the world stage. In the 8th Century there were 9 petty realms in Western Norway. Halfway through the Age of Viking Raiders, In 872 AD, Norway was united. Harald Fairhair became its first king.

The descendants of the Viking Raiders would be more distinguished than merely the kings of Denmark, Norway, and Sweden. In 911 AD Rollo, a Norse Viking chief who ruled settlers and locals in Normandy, swore fealty to Charles III of West Francia. The mixing of French and Norse ethnicities brought forth the Normans. They spoke French but they maintained the martial ways of the Norse.

The ex-Locusts, the Normans, famously conquered England after the victory at the Battle of Hastings in 1066 AD. The Normans also founded the Kingdom of Sicily under Roger II in 1130 AD.

In keeping with the Norse taste for luxuries, Norman kings were noted for lavishness in their courts. Their pass times were martial: hunting and hawking. Greedy for gain at all times they tempered their ambition with cunning so the reward would be worth the risk.

The Normans were not mean brutes. They spoke eloquently. They designed and built remarkable castles.

VERSE 9 PROPHECY – SOUND OF CHARIOTS

The Norse did not worship stone or wooden idols as the North German pagans did. Religious sites were located at sacred springs, special groves of beech trees, or isolated hill tops. Missionaries simply built chapels on those places and the memory of the old gods faded away.

The migration of Norse to settle in regions of Catholic Europe resulted in clans having Christian relatives on the frontiers. This softened the attitude towards the new faith back in the home country.

Contrary to how Christianity spread in Roman Europe where the lowest tier of society was the first to convert, in Scandinavian countries the kings and nobles were the first to convert. This accelerated state tolerance of Christian preaching, Christian buildings, and Christian voices at court.

The most striking example of ex-Locust religious zeal was the Normans who featured in the campaigns of the Crusades. They also participated in the Reconquista of Iberia. From the earliest contact of Vikings with Arabs and Moslems in the Far East it was evident Vikings were revolted by their culture and religion⁴.

VERSE 10 PROPHECY – TAILS LIKE SCORPIONS

The Crusades and the Reconquista were holy wars. Catholics and Moslems fought in these conflicts for over a hundred years. Crusaders became infamous in the imagination of Moslems for the barbaric slaughters of innocent civilians.

In the first Crusade Antioch was besieged. A guard opened the gate to the city. The Crusaders entered and massacred the inhabitants, mostly Moslems but also some non-Catholic Christians. After the successful siege of Jerusalem in 1099 AD the Crusaders spent two days massacring the inhabitants and pillaged the city.

On the third Crusade Richard the Lionheart had more than 2000 prisoners beheaded. He was a direct descendent of William the Conqueror and he was the Duke of Normandy. Many more examples could be cited of the barbarity and cruelty of ex-Locusts. The fact Crusaders did this in the name of Christ makes it more heinous. Such acts poisoned the Moslems to the preaching of the Gospel forever.

⁴ Imagine after a thousand mile journey over land and sea a Viking tries to find a drink in a Moslem city.

VERSE 11 PROPHECY – ANGEL OF THE PIT

According to our Gematria Analysis the Angel of the Pit is a religious spirit. In keeping with the Locust personality he is incapable of dialogue or diplomacy. His method for dealing with opposition is to kill them.

Until the Locusts appeared around 800 AD there were people sincerely moved by compassion for the lost who went forth into pagan lands preaching Jesus under the Catholic banner. Ex. St Patrick in 5th Century.

After the Locusts appeared the Catholic Church hardened. Eventually it reached the point of being murderous. Jesus said if anyone hates his brother he is guilty of murder. In 1054 AD the Catholics and the Orthodox ex-communicated each other. Disagreement over words was all it took.

Before the 12th Century Catholics dealt with those deemed to be heretics by prison or ex-communication. To counter the spread of Catharism local Churches formed the first councils of inquisition. Henceforth heresy was treated as tantamount to treason and the death penalty was justified.

In 1276 AD 170 Cathars were captured. After a two year trial 100 of them were burned at the stake. In the following centuries the Inquisition would kill countless people. Many who died were condemned as witches.

In 1415 AD Jan Hus, a Catholic priest with reformist views, was burned at the stake. With the publication of the Bible in the common tongue it was a matter of time before saints realized Catholic doctrine was seriously out of line with Scripture on numerous important points. Calls for reform would become more frequent.

Luther translated the Bible into German. In 1517 AD he nailed 95 theses to the door of the church in Wittenburg. Protestantism spread from Germany and Switzerland across Northern Europe. In 1534 AD Henry VIII put an end to papal jurisdiction in England.

In 1534 AD at the Council of Trent Catholicism drew its line in the sand. The hierarchy of the Church, the sacraments, its religious orders and its doctrine were inviolable. Compromise with Protestants was rejected.

In 1555 AD the Peace of Augsburg attempted to reconcile differences by legitimizing Catholic and Protestant states. Enthusiasm for Protestantism would spread beyond the states in the Holy Roman Empire.

From 1562 to 1598 AD Catholics severely repressed the Protestants in France. 4 million people died from violence and disease. There were mob massacres, official persecutions and nine separate wars.

From 1618 to 1648 AD Wars of Religion erupted. Protestants and Catholics killed one another with gusto. It was a pox on both your houses. 4 million to 8 million people died from battle and disease across Europe.

All this mean-spirited un-Christian religious fanaticism with its bloody consequences was predicted by the Apostle John in the Book of Revelations. It was the last vestiges of the Locust plague that was loosed on Europe when Charlemagne began killing Saxons to force them to convert in 793 AD.

REOCCURRENCE OF THE LOCUST PLAGUE



We have a modern word for Locusts: Islamic Terrorism. They behave very much like Biblical Locusts:

1. Religious fanatics who believe they are justified to force conversion by the power of the sword
2. No conscience against shedding blood whatsoever
3. Like scorpions they prefer arid lands
4. Target heritage cultural sites for demolition
5. Take captives for slavery or to trade for ransom
6. Set up bases in remote hinterlands – from there launch long distance strikes
7. Look to a heavenly reward for martyrdom (etc.)

What caused the reappearance of Locusts in our generation?

This is debateable. Possibly it could be granting the Jews a homeland in the Holy Land. The second holiest site in Islam is a mosque in Jerusalem. The mosque was not destroyed like the Irmisul but the land it sits on was removed from Islamic administration. Possibly it could be the forced relocation of Palestinians.

In modern times America became a post-Christian society. It pushed a culture of secular humanism and liberal morals across the world into lands with traditional world views and religious sentiments. This version of America is regarded as an existential threat to those who embrace fundamentalist Islam.

America is guilty of using extreme measures against civilian populations to force capitulation of its enemies. The U.S. dropped two nuclear bombs and erased two cities in Japan with deadly consequences to civilians. The U.S. carpet bombed Indo-China. The U.S. used napalm and chemical agents to devastate lands beyond the frontlines of their conflict with the Viet Cong.

America used drone attacks on targets in neutral countries. Desiring to kill one enemy leader or commander they were willing to destroy entire wedding parties or other social gatherings of civilians.

Islamic terrorism lost steam when Emir Baghdadi declared a Caliphate. Once the movement diverts from its core mission to owning land and collecting taxes the fighters will transition to ex-Locusts. Today sects not aligned with Baghdadi still exist and continue the resistance.

CRIMES AGAINST HUMANITY



On October 7, 2023 armed men from the Hamas terrorist group stormed across the border of Israel and raided a settlement. They killed, raped, and took captives. The Israeli Defense Force could not stop them.

In response Israel vowed to destroy the leadership of Hamas and invaded Gaza with their army. They knew the Locusts were hiding underground in bunkers and tunnels. They knew it would take a long time to explore and neutralize the tunnels. The tunnels under Gaza may be the largest fortress complex ever built.

Gaza is a small strip of coastal land that contains a number of built up urban centers. Urban war favors the defender. Hamas had baited their enemy into a potential Stalingrad trap. A long urban war that would bleed Israel and produce limited gains.

Israel knew this. So Israel decided to bomb the urban areas into rubble. They commanded civilians to leave the urban areas where they were conducting military operations. Some civilians fled. Some civilians stayed.

Over the course of time the bombing destroyed vital infrastructure for the survival of civilians. Power plants, hospitals, schools, food markets were wiped out. Tens of thousands of civilians have died and more injured from the shelling. Lack of food and water has produced a famine. Lack of medicine, sanitation, and safe accomodation has spread disease. Neutral aid workers and media have been repeatedly targeted and killed.

World opinion has turned against Israel for these crimes against humanity. Many consider the Gaza war to be an organized genocide to eliminate Palestinians so Israel can settle the land or subjugate it forever.

World opinion doesn't matter. Rulings of the court in the Hague don't matter. What matters is the LORD God who is Judge of All the Earth. What the military planners and the political leadership of Israel don't take into account is the LORD is the defender of poor. There is no justification for deliberately killing innocent civilians. When a nation kills innocent people en masse like this the One who is grieved the most is Almighty God.

Israel could have spent its own blood to conduct its war against Hamas. It chose the convenient route of spending the blood of Palestinian civilians: elderly, women and children. This is akin to eating the forbidden fruit. Adam and Eve will leave the Garden. A new wave of Locusts avengers will spawn and cause mayhem.