

UNRAVELLING THE BOOK OF REVELATION | SESSION 32



# THE FIFTH AND SIXTH TRUMPETS

(REVELATION 9:1-21)



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The first four trumpets are the supernatural acts of God through nature. **The fifth and sixth trumpets are the supernatural judgments of God released through demonic beings.** Revelation 12:12 tells us that in the final three-and-a-half years, Satan and his demons will be cast down onto the earth. By the fifth and sixth trumpet, the whole world will be full of darkness!

Why does God allow this? He wants unbelievers to have a foretaste of how terrible hell is. So that hopefully they will repent, turn to the Lord and be saved! For His desire is that none should perish but that all should come to repentance (2 Pet. 3:9).



The fifth and sixth trumpets are released to torment and kill people. The fifth trumpet of demonic locusts torments those without the seal of God but does not kill. The army of horsemen in the sixth trumpet will kill one-third of the world population.

The fifth and sixth trumpets will be the last chance for unbelievers to repent and turn to the Lord before the wrath of God is poured out through the seven bowls. During this period, there will be two categories of unbelievers. The first category consists of those who have taken on the Mark of the Beast. They are reprobate, meaning their hearts are so hardened that they cannot repent. Revelation 14:9-11 tells us clearly that those who have taken on the Mark of the Beast (including believers) will be destined for the Lake of Fire!

The second category of unbelievers are those **who have not taken on the Mark of the Beast**. God in His mercy is turning up the heat for this group so that they can see the reality of how horrible hell is. **The fifth and sixth trumpet would be redemptive for some of them.** However, the last two verses of Revelation 9 tell us that despite God's mercy, **many still refused to repent — this shows us how evil and wicked human hearts are!**

A simple outline of the **fifth trumpet** in Revelation 9:

Verse 1 and 2 tells us **the origin** of the demonic locusts.

Verse 3 to 6 tells us **the effects** of the demonic locusts.

Verse 7 to 11 gives us **the description** of the demonic locusts.







## **SIX THINGS ABOUT THE FIFTH TRUMPET**

### **1. The locusts of the fifth trumpet are demonic beings.**

There are **four characteristics** that make it clear that **they are not natural locusts**:

- a. They come from the bottomless pit** (Rev. 9:1-2) — Certain demons are being chained up in hell, reserved for judgment or to be used as agents of judgment (2 Pet. 2:4).
- b. They have the ability to differentiate between those who have the seal of God and those who do not** (Rev. 9:3).



c. **The eight descriptions** of these locusts tell us that they are not natural (Rev. 9:7-10).

**I. They are like horses prepared for battle** — they move very swiftly.

**II. They have crowns like gold on their heads** — they are supreme in battle and no one can resist them.

**III. Their faces are like the faces of men** — they have human abilities such as intellect.

**IV. They have hair like women's hair** — their appearance is like human beings and they have hair.

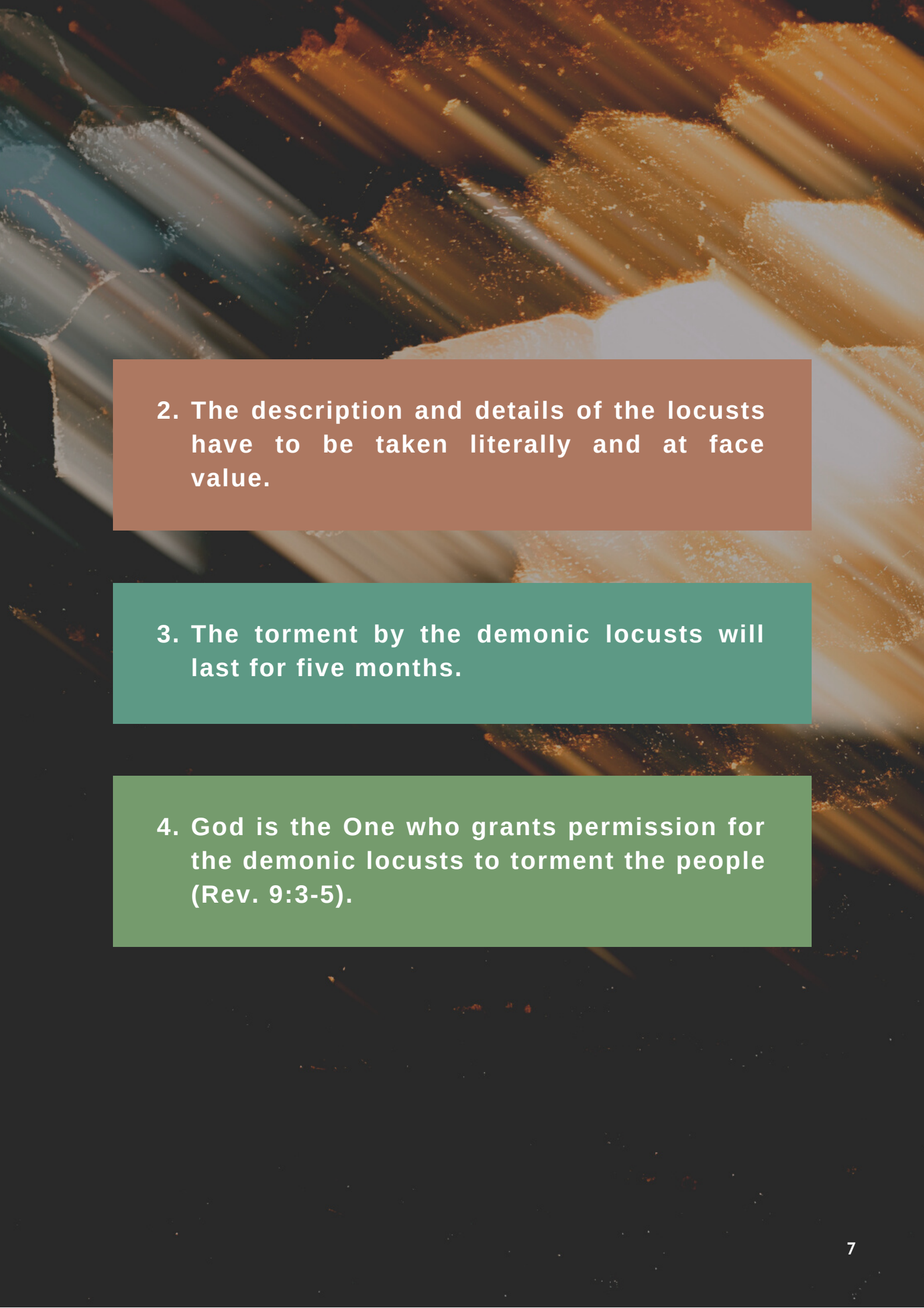
**V. They have teeth like lion** — they have terrifying ability to tear apart their prey.

**VI. They have breastplate of iron** — this speaks of their durability in battle.

**VII. The sound of their wings are like sounds of chariots** — their approach creates terror like a mighty army in battle.

**VII. They have tails like scorpions** — their tails are their main weapon for tormenting men.

d. **They have a king** — the king has a demonic name. He is a high-ranking principality.



**2. The description and details of the locusts have to be taken literally and at face value.**

**3. The torment by the demonic locusts will last for five months.**

**4. God is the One who grants permission for the demonic locusts to torment the people (Rev. 9:3-5).**



**5. There are strategic and divine limitations imposed on these locusts.**

God draws the boundaries and the demonic locusts can only act within the perimeters of what God allows them to.


There are four boundaries:

- a. The demonic locusts are not supposed to hurt the grass or trees.**
- b. They are only allowed to hurt human beings without the seal of God.**
- c. They are given a time frame of five months to torment human beings.**
- d. They can only torment, but they cannot kill.**

**6. All the saints with the seal of God are not subjected to this judgment.**

This is the **Goshen principle**, where **there will be a distinction** between believers who have the seal of God and the unbelievers (Exo. 8:22-23).





One interesting fact about this demonic locust judgment is that **the torment and pain inflicted upon men will be so bad that men will seek death, but they cannot die!**

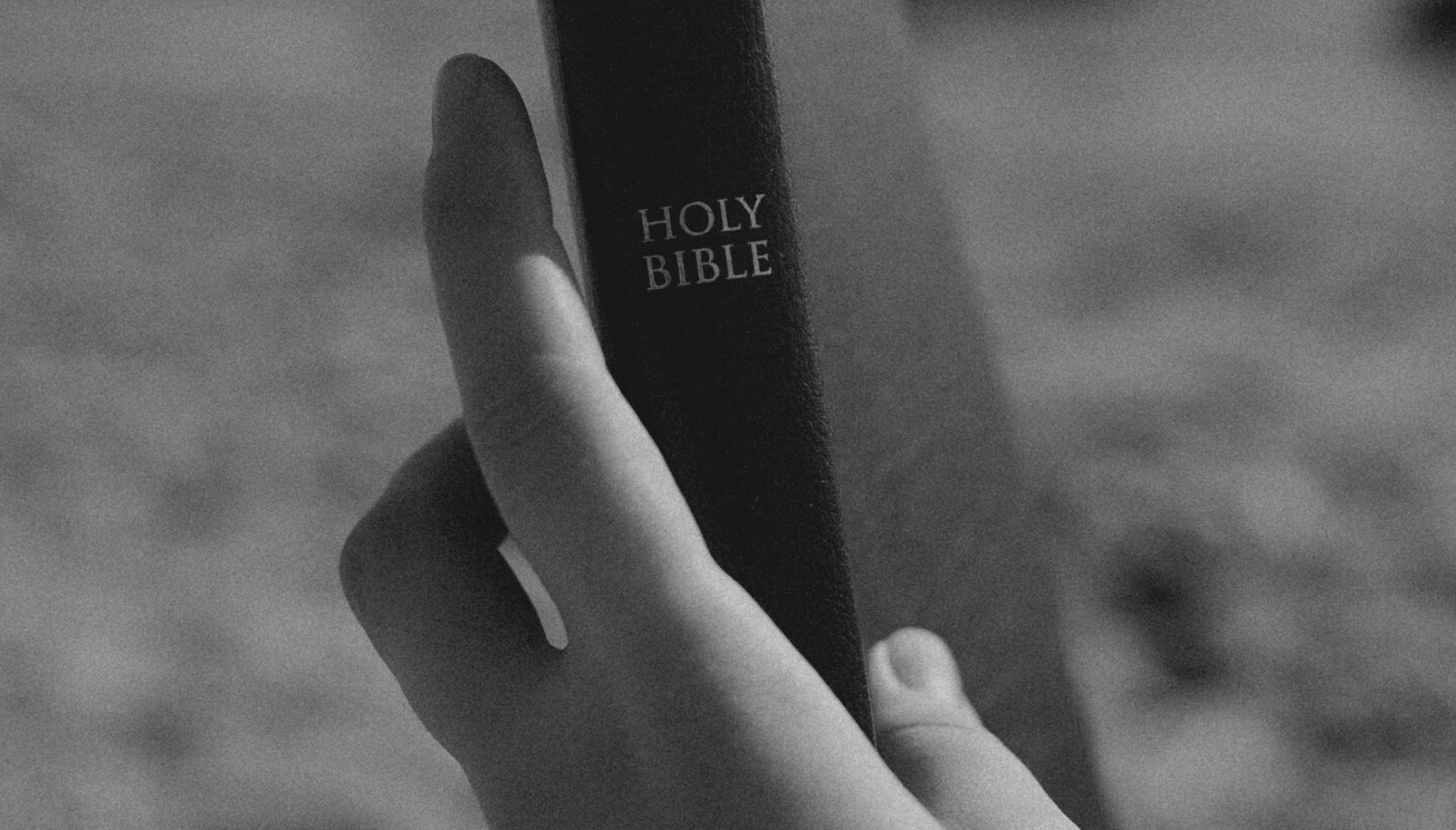
Moving on to the sixth trumpet, there are two key things about this trumpet judgment:

1. **At the sixth trumpet, sin will reach the highest level** — this is called the fullness of iniquity (Dan. 8:23).

There will be four major sins that are manifested at their highest level — murder, sorcery, immorality and theft (Rev. 9:21).

2. **It is the release of Demonic Horsemen that will kill one-third of mankind on the earth** (Rev. 9:16-18).

Taken together with the sixth seal which had killed one-quarter of the world population, this means that half of the world population would have died by the end of the sixth trumpet!



Revelation 9:13 describes the voice of God coming from the four horns of the golden altar that is before the Lord. The altar of God is the place where the prayers of the saints are being collected. It is their prayers that release and initiate the blowing of the sixth trumpet. The horns of the altar speak of the mercy of God that is released at the place of intercession.

The sixth angel has two roles — he is commissioned by God to **blow the trumpet** and to **release the four angels bound at the river Euphrates to kill a third of mankind**. The army of two hundred million horsemen will kill by fire, smoke and brimstone from their mouths, as well as by their tails which were like serpents' heads.





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This reveals the extent of their wickedness, evil and the hardness of their hearts. In fact, they were brought to the highest level of iniquity which manifested through four major sins — murder, sorcery, immorality and theft.

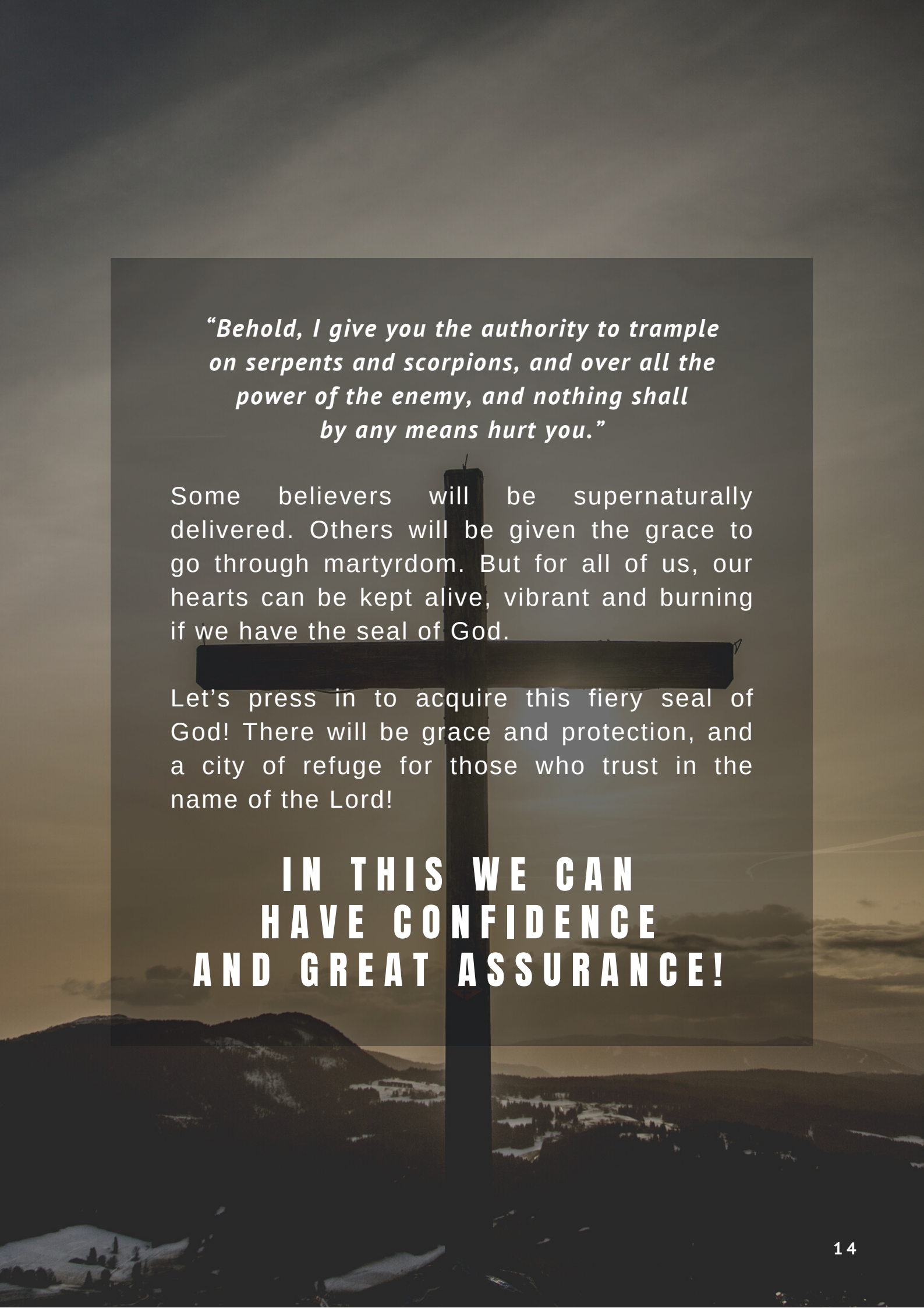






Murder will be common. Christians and Jewish people will be persecuted and martyred. There will be evil Satanic and demonic worship involving sorcery and sexual immorality. Man will openly worship Satan and demons will be openly manifested. Sexual perversions will reach the highest level. People will be openly robbed and the possessions of those being persecuted will be forcibly taken away.

But our Lord already knows all that is going to happen. He assured the 70 disciples in Luke 10:19 and His words still hold true for us in the End Times,



*“Behold, I give you the authority to trample  
on serpents and scorpions, and over all the  
power of the enemy, and nothing shall  
by any means hurt you.”*

Some believers will be supernaturally delivered. Others will be given the grace to go through martyrdom. But for all of us, our hearts can be kept alive, vibrant and burning if we have the seal of God.

Let's press in to acquire this fiery seal of God! There will be grace and protection, and a city of refuge for those who trust in the name of the Lord!

**IN THIS WE CAN  
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