

Revelation 9:1

Three Heavenly Signs

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Revelation 15:1

Israel

Satan

Seven
~~Strikes~~
Consequences

Law of Identity: Defining the Words

- Words: The most overlooked but vital aspect of any discussion, defining the words; Meanings determine consequences
 - Whoever defines words, defines the discussion; i.e., controls outcome {Examples: Homer's Greco-Romanism; Critical Theory}
 - Father works by words; i.e., Christ-Jesus, Logos {Word-Essence}, Satan has no power except in words (Ge 3:1-5; Is 14:16-17; Jn 1:1-5)
 - Words control action; i.e., physical weapons – actions-goals defined by words: War declaration-Treaties {Court trials only words}
- Sign {σημεῖον, sēmeíon}: Confirmatory, authenticating token; usually visual; Revelation gives *three heavenly signs*

Three *Signs* of Heaven: Clarifying the *Signs*

- This chapter begins, "I saw another *sign* in heaven" linking it previous signs {Another {ἄλλος, allos} means same type or kind}; *heavenly* - given or allowed by Heaven's Throne: Father-Son {No consequences = No change}
 - Revelation's *signs* do not refer to constellations or physical phenomenon visually occurring in the heavens: Space or atmosphere
 - They do refer to a series of ongoing historical events *allowed* by Father-Christ-Spirit {heaven} defined in His Word {Bible}
- Woman: *True*, believing, Israel giving birth to Immanuel {*False* Israel chose Him as Paschal Lamb} (Mt 26:62-68; Re 12:1-2, 5-6)

Wrath of God: Finished?

- People perceive *apparent* contradictions because they do not understand meaning of the original words {Exegete}
 - Complete {τελέω, teleō}: Nothing more to add; context defines extent of finality {No such concept as perfection; translator additive}
 - First Age: Introduced God, Creation, Satan, Man and Sin; Ended with reshaping Earth preparing for Second Age
 - Second Age: Builds toward coming Messiah, Paschal Lamb, Ascension of Lamb and preparing for Lamb's return {New Covenant Salvation}
 - Third Age: Establishment of Messiah's Kingdom rejected by Satan - Lost Man resulting in this Creation's end: Sin completes its judgment
 - What does it mean the wrath of God is completed when Third Age obviously rebels, sins, against Father-Son? Everyone *realizes* Christ!
- Each aspect of Seven Messenger's denotes consequences of sin
 - Punishment: Judicial penalty designed to inflict pain, suffering and/or loss; rehabilitation not an element; this is how the Lost views God
 - Discipline: Training by variety of methods to produce *self-control* and guidance to specific goals; Saved are images of Jesus
(1q 5:22-23; Col 1:15; 3:10)

Wrath of God: Accountability

- Bible clearly shows Trinity disciplines those whom Christ loves: *Saved* (He 12:7-11)
- Bible clearly shows Trinity does not punish Lost for sin; Christ *gives them up* to make the world they desire (Ro 1:18-28)
- Bible clearly shows each person will account for what they do in this life when separated from the body (Lk 16:22-31)
- Antichrist/False Prophet, Greco-Romanism, aided by Judeo-Christianity, has built and continues to build a world system that rejects God enslaving itself to Satan; Armageddon is not for freedom but Control of world system
- Each messenger reveals a consequence of sin; many of which we already *enjoy* today in an increasing measure
- This is not punishment; it is *mercy* giving people what they want; complete experience of a world without Christ (2Th 2:3-12)

Three Signs: Bringing All Together

- Israel developed to bring forth Messiah; a priesthood revealing Christ for salvation (Ex 19:5-6; Is 61:6)
 - *False* Israel joins Antichrist until he destroys them; no longer needed while *True* Israel called and preaches Gospel while killed by world
- Satan rejected Son bringing *freedom, sin*, to angels and Man to establish a *better* kingdom with himself as king (Is 14:12-14)
- Seven messengers reveal consequences of sin removing the *no one told me* excuse: Satan, *False* Israel and Lost Gentiles
 - No longer can Man claim ignorance; all mysteries revealed fulfilling *Seventh Trumpet* (Lk 8:10; Re 10:5-7)
 - Completed - aorist passive voice: Completed in eternity past; God's wrath caused by sin, not God (Ep 1:3-14)
- To emphasize completion, Christ reveals final chorus of Moses' Song (Ex 15:1-18; De 31:30-32:43)
 - As our time grows worse, Christians gain *hope*; today's discipline results in bettering us for eternity future (Ro 8:22-26)