

Ouachita Baptist University

## Scholarly Commons @ Ouachita

---

Vaught Sermon Notes: A Study of the Book of Revelation

W.O. Vaught Archive

---

6-14-1981

### An Invasion from Outer Space

W. O. Vaught

*Ouachita Baptist University*

Follow this and additional works at: [https://scholarlycommons.obu.edu/vn\\_revelation](https://scholarlycommons.obu.edu/vn_revelation)



Part of the [Biblical Studies Commons](#), and the [Liturgy and Worship Commons](#)

---

#### Recommended Citation

Vaught, W. O., "An Invasion from Outer Space" (1981). *Vaught Sermon Notes: A Study of the Book of Revelation*. 12.

[https://scholarlycommons.obu.edu/vn\\_revelation/12](https://scholarlycommons.obu.edu/vn_revelation/12)

This Sermon Notes is brought to you for free and open access by the W.O. Vaught Archive at Scholarly Commons @ Ouachita. It has been accepted for inclusion in Vaught Sermon Notes: A Study of the Book of Revelation by an authorized administrator of Scholarly Commons @ Ouachita. For more information, please contact [mortensona@obu.edu](mailto:mortensona@obu.edu).

## AN INVASION FROM OUTER SPACE

A STUDY OF THE BOOK OF REVELATION  
NUMBER 15  
REVELATION 9:1-21

Dr. W. O. Vaught, Jr.  
Immanuel Baptist Church  
Little Rock, Arkansas

REVELATION 9:1-21 "And the fifth angel sounded, and I saw a star fall from heaven unto the earth: and to him was given the key of the bottomless pit. And he opened the bottomless pit; and there arose a smoke out of the pit, as the smoke of a great furnace; and the sun and the air were darkened by reason of the smoke of the pit. And there came out of the smoke locusts upon the earth: and unto them was given power, as the scorpions of the earth have power. And it was commanded them that they should not hurt the grass of the earth, neither any green thing, neither any tree; but only those men which have not the seal of God in their foreheads. 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 striketh a man. And in those days shall men seek death, and shall not find it; and shall desire to die, and death shall flee from them. And the shapes of the locusts were like unto horses prepared unto battle; and on their heads were as it were crowns like gold, and their faces were as the faces of men. And they had hair as the hair of women, and their teeth were as the teeth of lions. 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. And they had tails like unto scorpions, and there were stings in their tails: and their power was to hurt men five months. And they had a king over them, which is the angel of the bottomless pit, whose name in the Hebrew tongue is Abaddon, but in the Greek tongue hath his name Apollyon. One woe is past; and, behold there come two woes more hereafter. And the sixth angel sounded, and I heard a voice from the four horns of the golden altar which is before God, Saying to the sixth angel which had the trumpet, Loose the four angels which are bound in the great river Euphrates. And the four angels were loosed, which were prepared for an hour, and a day, and a month, and a year, for to slay the third part of men. And the number of the army of the horsemen were two hundred thousand thousand: and I heard the number of them. And thus I saw the horses in the vision, and them that sat on them, having breastplates of fire, and of jacinth, and brimstone: and the heads of the horses were as the heads of lions; and out of their mouths issued fire and smoke and brimstone. By these three was the third part of men killed, by the fire, and by the smoke, and by the brimstone, which issued out of their mouths. For their power is in their mouth, and in their tails: for their tails were like unto serpents, and had heads, and with them they do hurt. And the rest of the men which were not killed by these plagues yet repented not of the works of their hands, that they should not worship devils, and idols of gold, and silver, and brass, and stone, and of wood: which neither can see, nor hear, nor walk: Neither repented they of their murders, nor of their sorceries, nor of their fornication, nor of their thefts."

Get ready to concentrate for in this study we are going to have an invasion from outer space. We have had many reports from various sources saying disks or space objects have been seen, something like an invasion from Mars. The U. S. Air Force has used remote controlled objects that move through the air so they can test their radar systems. Some people have seen these objects and they immediately conclude that they are objects from outer space. Of course, it is only their imagination and results in misinformation. Light can hit clouds in a certain way and it appears to the eye as a disk or some floating strange object. Someone reports what he has seen and one tells another and people just know they are being bombarded from another planet. Now there is life outside our planet, but it is not human life. Life outside our planet is angelic life. There are billions and billions of angels. We don't know how they were created, but they were created higher than man. The Bible declares this in many places. There are no in-between creatures, in between man and angels.

There is a fantastic amount of material in the Bible about angels. There is a place somewhere in the center of the earth where many of the creatures have been in prison since Genesis 6. They are waiting to get out for they have a job to do. These creatures are superior to man and they are invisible to man except when God wants them to take on human form and be seen. Once an angel took on human form in order to teach Daniel. Angels took on human form and came to Sodom and Gomorrah and destroyed it. So these creatures can be seen occasionally, as God wants them to be seen. Before we study this ninth chapter of Revelation let us turn to Genesis 6 for some study.

These are the same angels who have been locked up, incarcerated since the flood. These angels had to do with the civilization before the flood. Civilizations are different from dispensations, and we have four civilizations--

1. The anti-deluvian civilization. From Adam to Noah
2. The post-deluvian civilization.
3. The Millennial civilization.
4. The Eternal civilization.

Apparently just before the flood the Devil concentrated his angelic attack on the earth and attempted to destroy the human race and build for himself a kingdom. The great thing that stuck in Satan's craw was the statement the Lord made in Genesis 3:15 "And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel."

Satan knew that when Christ would go to the cross and die for the sins of the world he couldn't go as God, for God cannot die. Satan knew that if Christ ever died on the cross he would have to become a man in order to die. It was his humanity that was crucified and his human body was buried and his human body arose and ascended and sat down at the right hand of God. His deity was present, to be sure, but deity cannot be crucified and deity cannot die and deity cannot be buried. In Genesis 3:15 we have the fantastic promise of the humanity of Christ, the Virgin Birth. Satan caught on to this and the only way he could stop Christ from going to the cross was to destroy the human race. Christ had to have humanity in order to become our Saviour, and this meant a human mother. So if Satan could invade the human race and destroy it, then he would cut Christ off from the cross. So Satan infiltrated the human race and was well on the way toward the destruction of the race when God stopped him. Some of the most important parts of the Bible are the lists of the "begats" and there is a very important line which starts with Seth and goes down through Noah. The rest of the anti-deluvian race was infiltrated with angels. They were half man and half angel and this adds up to what we might term "Superman. . . Thus Satan was well on his way to destroy the pure human race. We have picked up this idea in mythology. In mythology we are always reading about some super-character like Zeus coming to the earth and living with some beautiful woman.

GENESIS 6:1 "And it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born unto them" Here we see an account of a population explosion. Always in a population explosion there is an excess of females.

GENESIS 6:2 "That the sons of God saw the daughters of men that they were fair; and they took them wives of all which they chose." The Hebrew of the phrase "Sons of God" is very interesting and very important. The Hebrew is "Beni--Ha--Elohim". This phrase, "Sons of God" refers to angels and never to pure humanity. In Job 1:6 and 2:1 and 38:7 this phrase is used for angels. "Sons of God" are not people but angels, fallen angels. They saw the daughters of men that they were fantastically beautiful and they took them wives of all which they chose. So here is the beginning of the great Satanic plot to destroy humanity on the earth. Later on Jesus would say that angels neither marry nor are given in marriage and in that statement he was speaking of the limitation God placed on them following the flood.

GENESIS 6:3 "And the Lord said, My spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he also is flesh: yet his days shall be an hundred and twenty years." This is God's reaction to this plot of Satan to destroy the human family. "My Spirit shall not always strive with man". The 120 years here refers to the amount of time God would give them to repent, and it refers to the time when Noah would build the Ark and preach righteousness. They were evangelized for 120 years and they rejected Christ and were destroyed in the flood. In the human race man gets his old sin nature from the father. In this super-race man got his old sin nature from the fallen angels who had already gone on negative signals and had rejected Christ. They were preached to for 120 years but they did not change. Only eight people stayed free from this infiltration and these eight people were saved from the flood. They were in the Ark and started the new civilization.

GENESIS 6:4 "There were giants in the earth in those days; and also after that, when the sons of God came in unto the daughters of men, and they bare children to them, the same became mighty men which were of old, men of renown." Here is the result-- "Giants in the earth". The word is "Nephalim" and means a half man, half angel kind of a creature, or as we say, "Superman". We have hundreds of these characters in mythology.

GENESIS 6:5 "And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually." Please notice here that we see where sin has its source--in the mental attitude. "Every imagination of man in his frontal lobe was evil continually." This is the thinking part of the brain. The worst kind of sins are always mental attitude sins. (Some years ago a man went into a tower on the University of Texas campus and began shooting. Some time before this a psychiatrist had examined him and found a small brain tumor but he said it would not have anything to do with the thinking part of his brain. How wrong he was!) The important thing to remember is this- "You are what you think". So the concentration of wickedness here before the flood was the greatest wickedness the earth will ever see until the Tribulation.

GENESIS 6:6 "And it repented the Lord that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart." The word used for God repenting is "Nacham". God simply changes his plan of operation. God was grieved in his mind over the wicked condition of man.

GENESIS 6:7 "And the Lord said, I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth; both man, and beast, and the creeping thing, and the fowls of the air; for it repenteth me that I have made them." Here we see God changed his plans concerning man.

GENESIS 6:8 "But Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord." The words, "But Noah" refers to the fact that Noah was true humanity. The others had been infiltrated with angels, and were half angel and half human.

GENESIS 6:9-10 "These are the generations of Noah: Noah was a just man and perfect in his generations, and Noah walked with God. And Noah begat three sons, Shem, Ham, and Japheth." These are the only true human beings left on the earth.

GENESIS 6:11 "The earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence." "Corrupt" here means that true humanity had been corrupted. Apparently there are billions of fallen angels. They are divided into two classifications--

1. Demons
2. Imprisoned fallen angels--and these are those who tried to infiltrate the human race.

2 PETER 2:4-5a "For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to hell, and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment; And spared not the old world, but saved Noah the eighth person, a preacher of righteousness" This "if" is a first class condition and means that God did not spare the angels that sinned but cast them down to Tartarus. Old Testament saints went to Paradise when they died. All unbelievers are there until resurrected for the last judgment. Tartarus is in the heart of the earth and is the present abode of these angels who took part in this infiltration movement.

So it says he spared not the old world (these half-man and half-angel people) but spared Noah.

JUDE 6 "And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day." This is another way the Bible has of stating that these disobedient angels were thrown into Tartarus, awaiting judgment.

So God put a restrainer on angels to be sure this would never happen again. These angels kept not their first estate but jumped the barrier to intermarry with humans. Here we have two passages that tell us these angels are in prison awaiting sentence.

1 PETER 3:18 "For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit" Christ in his humanity was put to death but was made alive by the Spirit. This is the death and resurrection of Christ. But the next verses describe what happened between his death and resurrection. His human spirit went into the presence of God, his body went into the grave, his soul went to Tartarus and preached to these imprisoned angels. Jesus went down there to make an announcement to them. His announcement went something like this--"You did your best to stop me but I got to the cross. You tried to head me off by your infiltration of the human race but I got there in spite of you. I came by way of the Virgin Birth. Your plan didn't work and I have now achieved the victory. You were wrong."

1 PETER 3:19 "By which also he went and preached unto the spirits in prison" This verse really says, "By which spirit he went and made a victorious proclamation".

1 PETER 3:20 "Which sometime were disobedient, when once the longsuffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was a preparing, wherein few, that is, eight souls were saved by water." So only eight truly human souls were left. The water of the flood judged those who infiltrated the human race and eight true human beings survived.

1 PETER 3:21 "The like figure whereunto even baptism doth also now save us (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God,) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ." Anyone with just half mentality can tell that this does not refer to water baptism. The writer is using an analogy. This is Spirit baptism, this is union with Christ.

Noah was in the ark-preserved.

We are in union with Christ-preserved.

1 PETER 3:22 "Who is gone into heaven, and is on the right hand of God; angels and authorities and powers being made subject unto him." Christ has gone into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God as a proof of his victory. In these passages we have set the stage for the events of Revelation 9. These events take place in the middle of the Tribulation at which time Satan is cast out. The fifth trumpet is the invasion of the false angels from Tartarus. The sixth trumpet is the invasion of four special angels. The seventh trumpet is the baptism of the Spirit.

REVELATION 9:1 "And the fifth angel sounded, and I saw a star fall from heaven unto the earth: and to him was given the key of the bottomless pit." The "Star" refers to Satan and we know this from Rev. 12:3-4. Satan has three falls.

1st--During angelic history Satan fell the first time (Isaiah 14:14)

2nd--During the Tribulation

3rd--At the end of the age, or the end of time Satan will be cast into the Lake of Fire forever.

Up to this moment Satan has free range in heaven and earth. Satan has spent much time in heaven but a time is coming when he can't go there. This last fall is perfect tense and means it is permanent and he can't rise anymore. REVELATION 12:3-4 "And there appeared another wonder in heaven; and behold a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads." EZEKIEL 28:16 "By the multitude of thy merchandise they have filled the midst of thee with violence, and thou hast sinned: therefore I will cast thee as profane out of the mountain of God: and I will destroy thee, O covering cherub, from the midst of the stones of fire." LUKE 10:18 "And he said unto them, I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven." ISAIAH 14:12 "How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations!"

REVELATION 9:2 "And he opened the bottomless pit; and there arose a smoke out of the pit, as the smoke of a great furnace; and the sun and the air were darkened by reason of the smoke of the pit." Here is the invasion from the underworld. This is one of the things that makes the Tribulation one of the worst periods of world history.

REVELATION 9:3 "And there came out of the smoke locusts upon the earth: and unto them was given power, as the scorpions of the earth have power." This is the actual invasion. Locusts on the earth. They are not actually scorpions, but angels. Scorpions sting but do not kill.

REVELATION 9:4 "And it was commanded them that they should not hurt the grass of the earth, neither any green thing, neither any tree; but only those men which have not the seal of God in their foreheads." Here are some restrictions placed on them. They were not permitted to touch nature. All scientific laws are substantiation of the immutability of the power of God. It is always this way.

REVELATION 9:5 "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 striketh a man." Their attack was painful but not fatal.

REVELATION 9:6 "And in those days shall men seek death, and shall not find it; and shall desire to die, and death shall flee from them." People will try to die but they cannot.

REVELATION 9:7 "And the shapes of the locusts were like unto horses prepared unto battle; and on their heads were as it were crowns like gold, and their faces were as the faces of men." Here we have certain characteristics of these invaders.

REVELATION 9:8 "And they had hair as the hair of women, and their teeth were as the teeth of lions." They had very beautiful hair.

REVELATION 9:9 "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." This is a picture of a Roman warrior. Thus we know what these invaders will look like.

REVELATION 9:10 "And they had tails like unto scorpions, and there were stings in their tails: and their power was to hurt men five months." Here we have the duration of their bitter invasion.

REVELATION 9:11 "And they had a king over them, which is the angel of the bottomless pit, whose name in the Hebrew tongue is Abaddon, but in the Greek tongue hath his name Apollyon." Here is their leader. This fallen angel will indwell the dictator of the Revived Roman Empire. Abaddon and Apollyon both mean "Destroyer". In Rev. 11:7 and 17:8 we see that this angel from the bottomless pit indwells the dictator of the Revived Roman Empire.

REVELATION 9:12-13 "One woe is past; and, behold, there come two woes more hereafter. And the sixth angel sounded, and I heard a voice from the four horns of the golden altar which is before God," The second woe is the 6th trumpet. We will see the 7th trumpet in Rev. 11:15-19.

This is the golden altar where the prayers are received from the martyrs. This judgment is to punish those in the Tribulation who killed these believing martyrs.

REVELATION 9:14 "Saying to the sixth angel which had the trumpet, Loose the four angels which are bound in the great river Euphrates." Here we meet four special angel

REVELATION 9:15 "And the four angels were loosed, which were prepared for an hour, and a day, and a month, and a year, for to slay the third part of men." Notice the time of their terrible destruction is pinpointed. One-third of the human race is destroyed.

REVELATION 9:16 "And the number of the army of the horsemen were two hundred thousand thousand: and I heard the number of them." They command an army of 200,000,000. These are the angels under the command of these four special angels.

REVELATION 9:17 "And thus I saw the horses in the vision, and them that sat on them, having breastplates of fire, and of jacinth, and brimstone: and the heads of the horses were as the heads of lions; and out of their mouths issued fire and smoke and brimstone." They die from burning and suffocation.

REVELATION 9:18 "By these three was the third part of men killed, by the fire, and by the smoke, and by the brimstone, which issued out of their mouths." The three methods by which they were killed.

REVELATION 9:19 "For their power is in their mouth, and in their tails: for their tails were like unto serpents, and had heads, and with them they do hurt." This is the means by which they brought death.

REVELATION 9:20 "And the rest of the men which were not killed by these plagues yet repented not of the works of their hands, that they should not worship devils, and idols of gold, and silver, and brass, and stone, and of wood: which neither can see, nor hear, nor walk:" This is the reaction to this invasion. They had negative volition and stood on human good.

REVELATION 9:21 "Neither repented they of their murders, nor of their sorceries, nor of their fornication, nor of their thefts." This is a description of the horror of the Tribulation.