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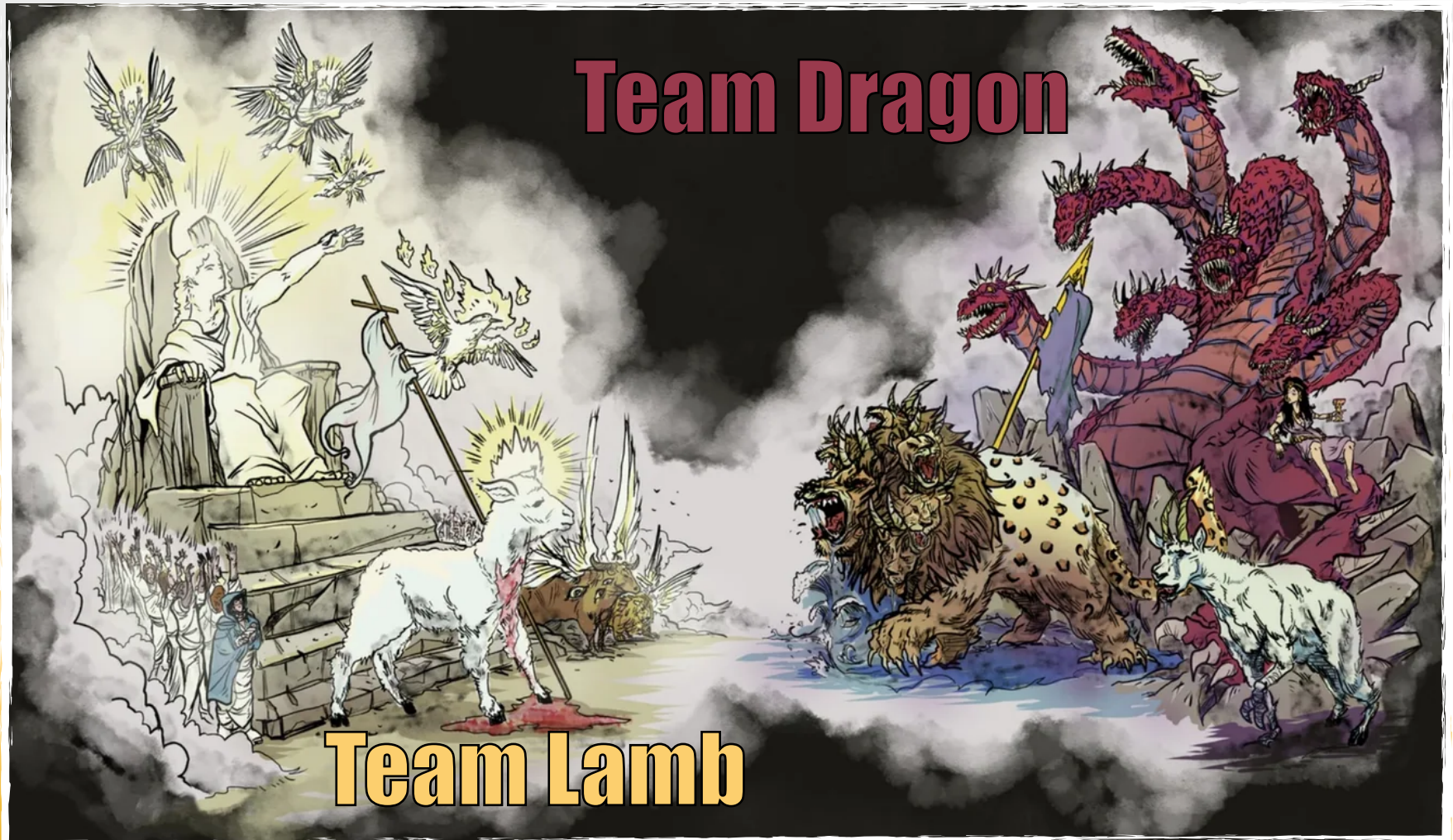
REVELATION

...the great power
...the people
...will be needed to pluck
...roots.
7. Following Septuagint, Syriac, and Vulgate, Masorah

“Then I looked, and I heard an eagle crying with a loud voice as it flew directly overhead, ‘Woe, woe, woe to those who dwell on the earth, at the blasts of the other trumpets that the three angels are about to blow!’” (**Revelation 8:13**)

Team Dragon

Team Lamb



“Then I heard another voice from heaven saying, ‘Come out of her, my people, lest you take part in her sins, lest you share in her plagues; for [Babylon’s] sins are heaped high as heaven, and God has remembered her iniquities.”

(Revelation 18:4-5)

The fifth and sixth trumpets reveal what it would mean for God to hand the world over to other powers. It is a stark reminder that evil doesn't free us; it **TORMENTS** and **DESTROYS**.

“And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil. For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his works should be exposed.” **(John 3:19-20)**

If you choose to **ABIDE IN**
SPIRITUAL DARKNESS, beware, you
will be plagued by **THE FORCES** of
spiritual darkness.

Revelation 9:1-2 (ESV)

1 And the fifth angel blew his trumpet, and I saw a star fallen from heaven to earth, and he was given the key to the shaft of the bottomless pit. 2 He opened the shaft of the bottomless pit, and from the shaft rose smoke like the smoke of a great furnace, and the sun and the air were darkened with the smoke from the shaft.



Revelation 9:3-4 (ESV)

3 Then from the smoke came locusts on the earth, and they were given power like the power of scorpions of the earth. 4 They were told not to harm the grass of the earth or any green plant or any tree, but only those people who do not have the seal of God on their foreheads.



Revelation 9:5-6 (ESV)

5 They were allowed to torment them for five months, but not to kill them, and their torment was like the torment of a scorpion when it stings someone. 6 And in those days people will seek death and will not find it. They will long to die, but death will flee from them.



Revelation 9:7-9 (ESV)

7 In appearance the locusts were like horses prepared for battle: on their heads were what looked like crowns of gold; their faces were like human faces, 8 their hair like women's hair, and their teeth like lions' teeth; 9 they had breastplates like breastplates of iron, and the noise of their wings was like the noise of many chariots with horses rushing into battle.

Revelation 9:10-12 (ESV)

10 They have tails and stings like scorpions, and their power to hurt people for five months is in their tails. 11 They have as king over them the angel of the bottomless pit. His name in Hebrew is *Abaddon* ["Doom", "Ruination", "Destruction"] and in Greek he is called *Apollyon* ["Destroyer"]. 12 The first woe has passed; behold, two woes are still to come.





All of Revelation's imagery hums with
SYMBOLIC POWER and finds its
meaning in its connection with **OTHER**
PARTS OF SCRIPTURE.

If you treat the text as a **RIDDLE** to be solved, you tend to **IGNORE** much of what the text actually has to say.

These sorts of readings presume that
Revelation holds relevance for **OUR**
GENERATION ALONE.

A star falls to earth

- Isaiah 14:12-15
- Ezekiel 28:13-17
- Luke 10:18



“And Jesus said to them, ‘I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. Behold, I have given you authority to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall hurt you. Nevertheless, do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.’”

(Luke 10:18-20)



The shaft of the bottomless pit

- Luke 8:31
- 1 Peter 3:19-20
- 2 Peter 2:4
- Jude 1:6, 13

“And the angels who did not stay within their own position of authority, but left their proper dwelling, he has kept in eternal chains under gloomy darkness until the judgment of the great day... wandering stars, for whom the gloom of utter darkness has been reserved forever.”

(Jude 6, 13)

Revelation 9:13-15 (ESV)

13 Then the sixth angel blew his trumpet, and I heard a voice from the four horns of the golden altar before God, 14 saying to the sixth angel who had the trumpet, “Release the four angels who are bound at the great river Euphrates.” 15 So the four angels, who had been prepared for the hour, the day, the month, and the year, were released to kill a third of mankind.

Revelation 9:16-17 (ESV)

16 The number of mounted troops was twice ten thousand times ten thousand; I heard their number. 17 And this is how I saw the horses in my vision and those who rode them: they wore breastplates the color of fire and of sapphire and of sulfur, and the heads of the horses were like lions' heads, and fire and smoke and sulfur came out of their mouths.

Revelation 9:18-19 (ESV)

18 By these three plagues a third of mankind was killed, by the fire and smoke and sulfur coming out of their mouths. 19 For the power of the horses is in their mouths and in their tails, for their tails are like serpents with heads, and by means of them they wound.



Revelation 9:20-21 (ESV)

20 The rest of mankind, who were not killed by these plagues, did not repent of the works of their hands nor give up worshipping demons and idols of gold and silver and bronze and stone and wood, which cannot see or hear or walk, 21 nor did they repent of their murders or their sorceries or their sexual immorality or their thefts.

Humanity **LOVES** the darkness, even if
when it torments and destroys us. This
is why we need a **RESCUER**.

John 3:16-17 (ESV)

16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

17 For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

John 3:18-19 (ESV)

18 Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God.

19 And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil.

John 3:20-21 (ESV)

20 For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his works should be exposed. 21 But whoever does what is true comes to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that his works have been carried out in God.

“When Jesus had stepped out on land, there met him a man from the city who had demons. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he had not lived in a house but among the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell down before him and said with a loud voice, ‘What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me.’ For he had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man.”

(Luke 8:27-29)

“And no one could bind him anymore, not even with a chain, for he had often been bound with shackles and chains, but he wrenched the chains apart, and he broke the shackles in pieces. No one had the strength to subdue him.” (Mark 5:3-4)

“Night and day among the tombs and on the mountains he was always crying out and cutting himself with stones.”

(Mark 5:5)

“And Jesus asked him, ‘What is your name?’ He replied, ‘My name is Legion, for we are many.’” (**Mark 5:10**)

“And they begged him not to command them to depart into the abyss.” (**Luke 8:31**)



“[Give] thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.”

(Colossians 1:12-14)

“Go home to your friends and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and how he has had mercy on you.”

(Mark 5:19)

REPENT and **BELIEVE**. Don't dabble in the destructive darkness, but **FIND LIFE** in the light of Christ.