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And I beheld, and heard an angel flying through the midst of heaven, saying with a loud voice, Woe, woe, woe, to the inhabitants of the earth by reason of the other voices of the trumpet of the three angels, which are yet to sound! Revelation 8:13

The pronunciation of a woe is repeated:

“‘Revelation,’ is a denial of this supposition. Revelation is a sealed book, but it is also an opened book. It records marvelous events that are to take place in the last days of this earth's history. The teachings of this book are definite, not mystical and unintelligible. In it the same line of prophecy is taken up as in Daniel. *Some prophecies God has repeated, thus showing that importance must be given to them. The Lord does not repeat things that are of no great consequence.*” (Ms 107, 1897, p. 1, 2)

What is a Woe?

Job 10:15 “If I be wicked, woe unto me; and if I be righteous, yet will I not lift up my head. I am full of confusion; therefore see thou mine affliction”

Proverbs 23:29, 30 “Who hath woe? who hath sorrow? who hath contentions? who hath babbling? who hath wounds without cause? who hath redness of eyes? They that tarry long at the wine; they that go to seek mixed wine.

Isaiah 3:11 “Woe unto the wicked! it shall be ill with him: for the reward of his hands shall be given him.”

Jeremiah 50:26, 27 “Come against her from the utmost border, open her storehouses: cast her up as heaps, and destroy her utterly: let nothing of her be left. Slay all her bullocks; let them go down to the slaughter: woe unto them! for their day is come, the time of their visitation.”

Hosea 7:12-14 “When they shall go, I will spread my net upon them; I will bring them down as the fowls of the heaven; I will chastise them, as their congregation hath heard. Woe unto them! for they have fled from me: destruction unto them! because they have transgressed against me: though I have redeemed them, yet they have spoken lies against me. And they have not cried unto me with their heart, when they howled upon their beds: they assemble themselves for corn and wine, and they rebel against me.”

These woes brought about are judgments against the Apostate Catholic Church, who during the time of these woes is the next power along the prophetic line

“The ‘woe, woe, woe!’ was pronounced upon a church who walked in the sparks of their own kindling, who did not derive their light and power from the great central Light, the Sun of Righteousness, and diffuse that light and glory to those who were in darkness. By absorbing and diffusing the light, they cause their own light to burn brighter. The one who receives light, but does not give it as God requires him to do, will become a receptacle of darkness. (*Pamphlets 28, 1890, p. 3*)

“...The Bible is disregarded, the wisdom of men exalted, and Satan and the man of sin worshiped by the wisdom of this age, while the angel is flying through the midst of heaven crying “Woe, woe, woe, to the inhabitants of the earth.” (Revelation 8:13). I have been shown that the hand of the Lord is stretched out already to punish those who will become monuments of divine displeasure and holy vengeance, for the day of recompense has come when men who exalted the man of sin in the place of Jehovah in worshipping an idol sabbath in the place of the Sabbath of the Lord Jehovah will find it a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God, for he is a consuming fire.” (*The Ellen White 1888 Materials, p. 485*)

“...At this point also a remarkable change occurs. A pause is introduced in the sounding of the remaining three trumpets, and John says, ‘I saw, and heard an eagle flying in mid heaven, saying with a loud voice, ‘Woe, woe, woe, to the inhabitants of the earth by reason of the remaining blasts of the trumpet of the three angels, those about to sound!’ The sounding of the first four trumpets caused the devastation and dismemberment of the Roman empire, its western part, into ten divisions, with the overthrow of the old imperial government in Rome. But the great Papal system of corruption was being introduced, and it augmented as fast as the empire declined; and the man of sin, the son of perdition, was fully developed when those four

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trumpets ceased their sounding. This abominable system of iniquity obtained Rome, the old throne of the dragon, there to exercise civil as well as spiritual jurisdiction, which it claimed over the whole empire as a gift from the dragon. (Rev. 13:2) This awful system of iniquity, so arrogant, so debased, and so defiant against God and man, became the occasion for the most direful exhibition of the judgment of God, as was soon experienced in the Papal Roman empire during the period of those two woe trumpets. These visitations upon Papal Rome were judgments of God, as also were the four previous trumpets upon Pagan Rome.” (Cunningham, 1892, p. 362)

“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.” **Revelation 9:1**

The Fall of Persia and, the invasions of the Islam & the Saracens (Arabians), 1299-1449 (150 years)

Falling Star denotes an apostate power

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 12:9 “And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.”

Jude 1:10-13 “But these speak evil of those things which they know not: but what they know naturally, as brute beasts, in those things they corrupt themselves. Woe unto them! for they have gone in the way of Cain, and ran greedily after the error of Balaam for reward, and perished in the gainsaying of Core. These are spots in your feasts of charity, when they feast with you, feeding themselves without fear: clouds [they are] without water, carried about of winds; trees whose fruit withereth, without fruit, twice dead, plucked up by the roots; Raging waves of the sea, foaming out their own shame; wandering stars, to whom is reserved the blackness of darkness for ever.”

Star associated with Kingship

Numbers 24:17 “I shall see him, but not now: I shall behold him, but not nigh: there shall come a Star out of Jacob, and a Sceptre shall rise out of Israel, and shall smite the corners of Moab, and destroy all the children of Sheth.”

Revelation 8:10, 11 “And the third angel sounded, and there fell a great star from heaven, burning as it were a lamp, and it fell upon the third part of the rivers, and upon the fountains of waters; And the name of the star is called Wormwood: and the third part of the waters became wormwood; and many men died of the waters, because they were made bitter.”

Chosroes of Persia (*Khusro, Khosrau, Khusrau, Khosro, or Khusraw (Kasrâ in Modern Persian; Osroes or Chosroes in Greek; Hüsrev in Turkish)*) = **the angel given the key to the bottomless pit**

Bottomless pit = confusion and darkness, desert, wilderness

“That the expression, “bottomless pit,” represents the earth in a state of confusion and darkness, is evident from other scriptures.” (GC88, p. 658)

Genesis 1:2 “And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.”

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Jeremiah 4:23-26 "I beheld the earth, and, lo, it was without form, and void; and the heavens, and they had no light. I beheld the mountains, and, lo, they trembled, and all the hills moved lightly. I beheld, and, lo, there was no man, and all the birds of the heavens were fled. I beheld, and, lo, the fruitful place was a wilderness, and all the cities thereof were broken down at the presence of the LORD, and by his fierce anger.

Jeremiah 2:6 "Neither said they, Where is the LORD that brought us up out of the land of Egypt, that led us through the wilderness, through a land of deserts and of pits, through a land of drought, and of the shadow of death, through a land that no man passed through, and where no man dwelt?"

Deuteronomy 8:15 "Who led thee through that great and terrible wilderness, wherein were fiery serpents, and scorpions, and drought, where there was no water; who brought thee forth water out of the rock of flint?"

Jeremiah 3:2 "Lift up thine eyes unto the high places, and see where thou hast not been lien with. In the ways hast thou sat for them, as the Arabian in the wilderness; and thou hast polluted the land with thy whoredoms and with thy wickedness."

Key to the Bottomless Pit:

"The spirit of fraud and enthusiasm, whose abode is not in the heavens,' was let loose on earth. The bottomless pit needed but a key to open it, and that key was the fall of Chosroes." (Keith, 1833, p.298)

"The fall of Chosroes II the Persian king may well be represented as the opening of the bottomless pit, inasmuch as it prepared the way for the followers of Mohammed to issue from their obscure country and propagate their delusive doctrines with fire and sword until they had spread their darkness over all the Eastern Empire." (Smith, 1944, p. 496)

"The military force of Persia was wasted by the marches and combats of twenty years and many of the veterans who had survived the perils of the sword and the climate were still detained in the fortresses of Egypt and Syria But the revenge and ambition of Chosroes exhausted his kingdom." (Gibbon & Milman, 1899, p. 475)

"Although a victorious army had been formed under the standard of Heraclius, the unnatural effort appears to have exhausted rather than exercised their strength. While the emperor triumphed at Constantinople or Jerusalem, an obscure town on the confines of Syria was pillaged by the Saracens, and they cut in pieces some troops who advanced to its relief, an ordinary and trifling occurrence, had it not been the prelude of a mighty revolution. These robbers were the apostles of Mahomet; their fanatic valor had emerged from the desert; and in the last eight years of his reign, Heraclius lost to the Arabs the same provinces which he had rescued from the Persians." (Gibbon, 1837, p. 777)

"During the conflict between the Persian and Roman Emperors, a power was rapidly growing up in the secret deserts of Arabia which was to erect its throne upon the ruins of both. Mohammed had already announced his religious doctrine, -- 'There is but one God and Mohammed is His prophet'-- and the valleys of Arabia had echoed with the triumphant battle cry of his followers, 'The Koran or death!'" (Milman, 1871, p. 94)

"In 629 Heraclius returned in triumph to Jerusalem and almost at the same moment the Roman territories were first attacked by the followers of Mahomet. The Prophet had no doubt been diligently watching the course of the war which is once at least directly alluded to in the Koran. He could not but see the immense advantage which he gained by finding the two greatest powers of the world utterly exhausted by this tremendous struggle. In such circumstances it seemed hardly possible that either could resist a new enemy full of such vigor and enthusiasm as the early Saracens." (Freeman, 1876, p. 20)

"Says Gibbon, 'When the strength of the Roman empire was exhausted, and the great king of the East lay dead in his tower of darkness, the pillage of an obscure town on the borders of Syria was the prelude of a mighty revolution. The robbers were the apostles of Mahomet, and their fanatic valor emerged from the desert.'" (Cunningham, 1892, p. 364)

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“The star having fallen from heaven was antecedent to the opening of the pit of the abyss...Chosroes held the scepter of Persia just previous to the rise of Mahometanism. He had subjugated a large part of the empire of Rome, and levied an annual tribute upon it of a fourfold thousand, in talents of gold and silver, silk robes, and horses, besides a thousand virgins. ‘To prevent the immediate dissolution of his empire, Heraclius subscribed to these terms of ransom.’ But the time which he obtained from Chosroes to collect treasures from the poverty of the East he used in preparing for a bold and desperate attack upon Chosroes. In the interval Chosroes received an epistle from Mecca inviting him to acknowledge Mahomet as the apostle of God. This he rejected with disdain. And Mahomet retorted, ‘God will tear the kingdom, and reject the supplication of Chosroes.’ With secret joy Mahomet beheld the raging conflict between Chosroes and Heraclius”

“And although Chosroes at that time stood upon the pinnacle of power and dominion, he suddenly fell as a star from heaven. Heraclius having completed his preparations, transported his forces over the Black Sea into central Asia. Thus having intercepted Chosroes, he caused his immediate recall to defend his bleeding country that was being rapidly overrun by the army of Heraclius. The battle of Nineveh, of eleven hours, fiercely fought, resulted in the complete route of the Persians, and the star rapidly fell to the earth. A period of anarchy succeeded among the Persians for about eight years, then factions were silenced and Persia fell under the yoke of the Arabian caliphs. Thus the fall of Chosroes opened an inroad for the Saracens in their mighty work of devastation and conquest.” (Cunningham, 1892, p. 363, 364)

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. Revelation 9:2

Smoke arising out of the pit/smoke of a great furnace = judgment of God

Genesis 19:28-29 “And he looked toward Sodom and Gomorrah, and toward all the land of the plain, and beheld, and, lo, the smoke of the country went up as the smoke of a furnace. And it came to pass, when God destroyed the cities of the plain, that God remembered Abraham, and sent Lot out of the midst of the overthrow, when he overthrew the cities in the which Lot dwelt.”

“The smoke of the conflagration went up like the smoke of a great furnace. And the fair vale of Siddim became a desolation, a place never to be built up or inhabited--a witness to all generations of the certainty of God's judgments upon transgression.

“The flames that consumed the cities of the plain shed their warning light down even to our time. We are taught the fearful and solemn lesson that while God's mercy bears long with the transgressor, there is a limit beyond which men may not go on in sin. When that limit is reached, then the offers of mercy are withdrawn, and the ministration of judgment begins.” (**Patriarchs & Prophets, p. 162**)

Smoke = Wickedness, Works of Wickedness, Prayers

Isa 9:18 For wickedness burneth as the fire: it shall devour the briers and thorns, and shall kindle in the thickets of the forest, and they shall mount up like the lifting up of smoke.

Hosea 13:1-3 When Ephraim spake trembling, he exalted himself in Israel; but when he offended in Baal, he died. And now they sin more and more, and have made them molten images of their silver, and idols according to their own understanding, all of it the work of the craftsmen: they say of them, Let the men that sacrifice kiss the calves. Therefore they shall be as the morning cloud, and as the early dew that passeth away, as the chaff that]is driven with the whirlwind out of the floor, and as the smoke out of the chimney.

Revelation 8:4 “And the smoke of the incense, which came with the prayers of the saints, ascended up before God out of the angel's hand.”

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Why was this Wicked Power of Darkness Sent as Judgment Against the Papal Church?

2 Thessalonians 2:7-12 “For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way. And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming: Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders, And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved.. And for this cause **God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie:** That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.”

“Men cannot with impunity reject the warnings that God in mercy sends them. From those who persist in turning from these warnings, God withdraws His Spirit, leaving them to the deceptions that they love.” (*Acts of the Apostles*, p. 266)

“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.” Revelation 9:3

Locust = armies that consume

Joel 2:25 “And I will restore to you the years that the locust hath eaten, the cankerworm, and the caterpillar, and the palmerworm, my great army which I sent among you.”

Deuteronomy 28:37-38, 42 “And thou shalt become an astonishment, a proverb, and a byword, among all nations whither the LORD shall lead thee. Thou shalt carry much seed out into the field, and shalt gather but little in; for the locust shall consume it....All thy trees and fruit of thy land shall the locust consume.”

Proverbs 30:27 “The locusts have no king, yet go they forth all of them by bands”

“The Saracens with their sweeping armies overran all parts of the Roman empire. Constantinople was several times besieged by them. Crete and Sicily were subdued, Rome and Italy were invaded...Rome was only saved from the yoke of the prophet of Mecca by the divisions of the Saracens.” (Cunningham, 1892, p. 366)

The Saracens were “divided into various factions under several leaders. These continued to harass the Romans for centuries and also civil war raged most murderously among the several caliphates of the Saracens who continued to exhaust or overthrow each other and to make occasional invasions of Constantinople.” (Cunningham, 1892, p. 366)

Jeremiah 46:22, 23 “The voice thereof shall go like a serpent; for they shall march with an army, and come against her with axes, as hewers of wood. They shall cut down her forest, saith the LORD, though it cannot be searched; because they are more than the grasshoppers, and are innumerable.”

Judges 6:3-5 “And so it was, when Israel had sown, that the Midianites came up, and the Amalekites, and the children of the east, even they came up against them; And they encamped against them, and destroyed the increase of the earth, till thou come unto Gaza, and left no sustenance for Israel, neither sheep, nor ox, nor ass. For they came up with their cattle and their tents, and they came as grasshoppers for multitude; for both they and their camels were without number: and they entered into the land to destroy it.”

“A false religion was set up, which, although the scourge of transgressions and idolatry, filled the world with darkness and delusion; and swarms of Saracens, like locusts, overspread the earth, and speedily extended their ravages over the Roman Empire from east to west. The hail descended from the frozen shores of the Baltic; the burning mountain fell upon the sea from Africa; and the locusts (the fit symbol of the Arabs) issued from Arabia, their native region. They came as destroyers, propagating a new doctrine, and stirred up to rapine and violence by motives of interest and religion.” (Keith, 1832, p. 301)

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Scorpions = Power (associated with the Serpent/Power that Chastises)

Deuteronomy 8:15 “Who led thee through that great and terrible wilderness, wherein were fiery serpents, and scorpions, and drought, where there was no water; who brought thee forth water out of the rock of flint”

Luke 10:19 “Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you.”

1 Kings 12:11 “And now whereas my father did lade you with a heavy yoke, I will add to your yoke: my father hath chastised you with whips, but I will chastise you with scorpions.”

“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.” Revelation 9:4

Grass/Green Thing (Trees) = Food Supplies & People; Note: these are the opposite of those who have not the seal of God –Exodus 10:15; 1 Peter 1:24; Isaiah 40:7; Genesis 1:29; Deuteronomy 20:19; Numbers 11:14-15; Psalm 104:14

“It is remarkable that when the Saracen army was marching to invade Syria it was charged by its leaders ‘to destroy no palm trees, nor hurt any fields of corn; to cut down no fruit trees,’ &c. It is also to be noted that the Saracens extended their conquests principally in those countries where the corruptions of Popery were most prevalent whilst places where religion was preserved in some degree of purity were protected from the fearful scourge.” (Nangle, 1859, p. 43)

“Says Gibbon, (chap 51.) ‘Abubekr despatched [*sic*] a circular letter to the Arabian tribes.... ‘Remember,’ said the successor of the prophet, ‘that you are always in the presence of God.... Avoid injustice and oppression....when you fight the battles of the Lord; acquit yourselves like men, without turning your backs; but let not your victory be stained with the blood of women or children. Destroy no palm-trees, nor burn any fields of corn. Cut down no fruit trees, nor do any mischief to cattle, only such as you kill to eat.... As you go on you will find some religious persons who live retired in monasteries and propose to themselves to serve God that way. Let them alone, and neither kill them nor destroy their monasteries. And you will find another sort of people that belong to the synagogue of Satan, who have shaven crowns. Be sure to cleave their skulls, and give them no quarter till they either turn Mahometans or pay tribute.’ Thus those idolatrous papists came under the direct judgment of this trumpet.” (Cunningham, 1892, p. 365)

What is the Seal of God?

Nehemiah 9:38 “And because of all this we make a sure covenant, and write it; and our princes, Levites, and priests, seal unto it; **10:1** Now those that sealed were, Nehemiah, the Tirshatha, the son of Hachaliah, and Zidkijah; **10:2** Seraiah, Azariah, Jeremiah... (**vs. 29**) They clave to their brethren, their nobles, and entered into a curse, and into an oath, to walk in God's law, which was given by Moses the servant of God, and to observe and do all the commandments of the LORD our Lord, and his judgments and his statutes”

Job 41:15-17 “His scales are his pride, shut up together as with a close seal. One is so near to another, that no air can come between them. They are joined one to another, they stick together, that they cannot be sundered.”

Isaiah 8:16 “Bind up the testimony, seal the law among my disciples.”

2 Timothy 2:19 “Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are his. And, Let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity.”

Romans 4:11 “And he received the sign of circumcision, a seal of the righteousness of the faith which [he had yet] being uncircumcised: that he might be the father of all them that believe, though they be not circumcised; that righteousness might be imputed unto them also:” (*Note: Seal = Sign*)

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Exodus 31:13-17 “Speak thou also unto the children of Israel, saying, Verily my sabbaths ye shall keep: for it is a sign between me and you throughout your generations; that ye may know that I am the LORD that doth sanctify you. Ye shall keep the sabbath therefore; for it is holy unto you: every one that defileth it shall surely be put to death: for whosoever doeth any work therein, that soul shall be cut off from among his people. Six days may work be done; but in the seventh is the sabbath of rest, holy to the LORD: whosoever doeth any work in the sabbath day, he shall surely be put to death. Wherefore the children of Israel shall keep the sabbath, to observe the sabbath throughout their generations, for a perpetual covenant. It is a sign between me and the children of Israel for ever: for in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, and on the seventh day he rested, and was refreshed.”

“What are you doing, brethren, in the great work of preparation? Those who are uniting with the world, are receiving the worldly mold, and preparing for the mark of the beast. Those who are distrustful of self, who are humbling themselves before God and purifying their souls by obeying the truth,—these are receiving the heavenly mold, and preparing for the seal of God in their foreheads. When the decree goes forth, and the stamp is impressed, their character will remain pure and spotless for eternity.” (*Christian Experience & Teachings of Ellen G. White*, p. 191)

“The seal of God’s law is found in the fourth commandment. This only, of all the ten, brings to view both the name and the title of the Lawgiver. It declares Him to be the Creator of the heavens and the earth, and thus shows His claim to reverence and worship above all others. Aside from this precept, there is nothing in the Decalogue to show by whose authority the law is given.

“The Israelites placed over their doors a signature of blood, to show that they were God’s property. So the children of God in this age will bear the signature God has appointed. They will place themselves in harmony with God’s holy law. A mark is placed upon every one of God’s people just as verily as a mark was placed over the doors of the Hebrew dwellings, to preserve the people from the general ruin. God declares, ‘I gave them my sabbaths, to be a sign between me and them, that they might know that I am the Lord that sanctify them.’ Ezekiel 20:12.

“Just as soon as the people of God are sealed in their foreheads—it is not any seal or mark that can be seen, but a settling into the truth, both intellectually and spiritually, so they cannot be moved—just as soon as God’s people are sealed and prepared for the shaking, it will come. Indeed, it has begun already; the judgments of God are now upon the land . . . that we may know what is coming.” (*Our Father Cares*, p. 83)

The seal of the living God will be placed upon those only who bear a likeness to Christ in character. (*Maranatha*, p. 241)

“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.

“Evidently alluding to the time during which locusts commit their devastations and after which they die. They are hatched as Bochart observes about the spring and die at the latter end of summer thus living about five months Lawman. It is again mentioned at ver. 10 that their power was to hurt men five months .If these months be taken for natural months in the interpretation of the prophecy then the meaning is that the Saracens after the manner of locusts made their excursions during the five summer months and retreated in the winter. And it appears from history that this was their usual practice in particular it is related that at the siege of Constantinople they always retreated at the approach of winter and renewed their attacks during the summer months for seven successive years. But if as seems more probable and as accords with the prophetick [*sic*] style these months designate each a space of thirty prophetick [*sic*] days or years then the whole period denoted is one hundred and fifty years. And accordingly we shall find that though the empire of the Saracens had a longer duration yet within that period they made their principal conquests and their power of tormenting men was chiefly exerted. --*Bp Newton*” (D’oily & Mant, 1839, comments on Revelation 9:5)

(Read also Uriah Smith’s Daniel & The Revelation the Chapter Entitled *The Moslem World in Prophecy*)

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“The Arabian horse takes the lead throughout the world; and skill in horsemanship is the art and science of Arabia. And the barbed Arabs, swift as locusts and armed like scorpions, ready to dart away in a moment, were ever prepared unto battle. “‘And on their heads were as it were crowns like gold.’ When Mahomet entered Medina (AD 622), and was first received as its prince, ‘a turban was unfurled before him to supply the deficiency of a standard.’ The turbans of the Saracens, like unto a coronet, were their ornament and their boast. The rich booty abundantly supplied and frequently renewed them. To assume the turban is proverbially to turn Mussulman. And the Arabs were anciently distinguished by the miters which they wore.” (Keith, 1833, p. 311-312)

“And their faces were as the faces of men.” “The gravity and firmness of the mind [of the Arab] is conspicuous in his outward demeanor; . . . his only gesture is that of stroking his beard, the venerable symbol of manhood. . . . The honor . . . of their beards is most easily wounded.” (Gibbon, 1788, p. 86, 88)

“Long hair is esteemed an ornament by women. The Arabs, unlike to other men, had their hair as the hair of women, or uncut, as their practice is recorded by Pliny and others. But there was nothing effeminate in their character; for, as denoting their ferocity and strength to devour, their teeth were as the teeth of lions.” (Keith, 1833, p. 312)

“The cuirass (or breastplate) was in use among the Arabs in the days of Mahomet. In the battle of Ohud (the second which Mahomet fought) with the Koreish of Mecca (AD 624), ‘seven hundred of them were armed with cuirasses.’” (Keith, 1833, p. 312)

“‘The charge of the Arabs was not, like that of the Greeks and Romans, the efforts of a firm and compact infantry; their military force was chiefly formed of cavalry and archers’ . . . With a touch of the hand, the Arab horses dart away with the swiftness of the wind. ‘The sound of their wings was as the sound of many horses running to battle.’ Their conquests were marvelous both in rapidity and extent, and their attack was instantaneous. Nor was it less successful against the Romans than the Persians.” (Keith, 1833, p. 313)

*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.” Revelation 9:5-11*

“When were they to begin their work of torment? The 11th verse answers the question. 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 hath his name Apollyon. . . . From the death of Mahomet until near the close of the 13th century the Mahommedans were divided into various factions under several leaders with no general civil government extending over them all. Near the close of the 13th century Othman founded a government which has since been known as the Ottoman government or empire extending over all the principal Mahommedan tribes consolidating them into one grand monarchy.” (Litch, 1838, p. 179)

“But when did Othman make his first assault on the Greek empire? According to Gibbon (“Decl and Fall,” &c) Othman first entered the territory of Nicomedia on the **27th day of July 1299.**” (Litch, 1838, p. 180)

“Thus far their commission extended torment by constant depredations but not to kill them. Five months that is hundred and fifty years. Commencing July 1299 the one hundred and fifty years reach 1449. During that whole period the Turks engaged in an almost perpetual war with Greek empire but yet without conquering it seized upon and held several of the Greek provinces, but still Greek independence was maintained in Constantinople. But in 1449, the termination of the one hundred and fifty years, a change came.” (Litch, 1838, p. 181)

“And this period relating to the Turks dates from the time they had a king over them to within four years of the fall of Constantinople and the overthrow of the Greek empire. Says Gibbon (chap. 64), ‘It was on the 27th of July, A.D. 1299, that Othman first invaded the territory of Nicomedia; and the singular accuracy of the date seems to disclose some foresight of the rapid and destructive growth of the monster.’ ‘They have over themselves a king, the angel of the abyss, whose name in Hebrew is Abaddon, but in the Greek he has the name Apollyon.’” (Cunningham, 1892, p. 367)

“‘It is you,’ said the adherents of the old creed addressing the Lutherans ‘who have brought this scourge upon us. It is you who have unloosed these angels of evil they come to chastise you for your heresy. You have cast off the yoke of the Pope and now you must bear the yoke of the Turk.’ ‘Not so,’ said Luther ‘it is God who has unloosed this army, whose king is Abaddon the destroyer. They have been sent to punish us for our sins our ingratitude for the Gospel our blasphemies and above all our shedding of the blood of the righteous.’” (Wylie, 18??, p. 567)