

**Introduction:**

the world is largely indifferent to God - but there are some who are not - no one laughs at God in a hospital...

**Problem:** - 2 Chron 36:11-16

"We were keeping our eye on 1984. When the year came and the prophecy didn't, thoughtful Americans sang softly in praise of themselves. The roots of liberal democracy had held. Wherever else the terror had happened, we, at least, had not been visited by Orwellian nightmares.

But we had forgotten that alongside Orwell's dark vision, there was another - slightly older, slightly less well known, equally chilling: Aldous Huxley's Brave New World. Contrary to common belief even among the educated, Huxley and Orwell did not prophesy the same thing. Orwell warns that we will be overcome by an externally imposed oppression. But in Huxley's vision, no Big Brother is required to deprive people of their autonomy, maturity and history. As he saw it, people will come to love their oppression, to adore the technologies that undo their capacities to think.

What Orwell feared were those who would ban books. What Huxley feared was that there would be no reason to ban a book, for there would be no one who wanted to read one. Orwell feared those who would deprive us of information. Huxley feared those who would give us so much that we would be reduced to passivity and egoism. Orwell feared that the truth would be concealed from us. Huxley feared the truth would be drowned in a sea of irrelevance. Orwell feared we would become a captive culture. Huxley feared we would become a trivial culture, preoccupied with some equivalent of the feelies, the orgy porgy, and the centrifugal bumblepuppy. As Huxley remarked in Brave New World Revisited, the civil libertarians and rationalists who are ever on the alert to oppose tyranny "failed to take into account man's almost infinite appetite for distractions." In 1984, Orwell added, people are controlled by inflicting pain. In Brave New World, they are controlled by inflicting pleasure. In short, Orwell feared that what we fear will ruin us. Huxley feared that what we desire will ruin us.

This book is about the possibility that Huxley, not Orwell, was right."

— Neil Postman, Amusing Ourselves to Death: Public Discourse in the Age of Show Business

mankind has distracted himself to the brink of Hell but  
God has a way that seems to always wake us up...

**Main Idea:**

A trumpet will sound  
and the world will taste eternal Hell  
eternal torment  
and eternal destruction  
Behold God's megaphone to a stubborn world

**Implication:**

God's megaphone will be loud but the world will not listen...

**Application:**

will you listen now?  
- John 10:7-11

## Text:

### A trumpet will sound

Rev. 9:1 ¶ And the fifth **angel** blew his **trumpet**,  
 5th angel trumpet  
 Rev 8:1-2, 6-13;

### and the world will taste eternal Hell

Rev 9:1b and I saw a star (having already fallen) fallen from heaven to earth, and he **was given** the key to the shaft of the **bottomless pit**.

Rev. 9:2 He opened the shaft of the **bottomless pit**, and from the shaft rose smoke like the smoke of a **great furnace** (sodom and gom.), and the sun and the air were darkened with the smoke from the shaft.

#### a star fallen from heaven

- Isaiah 14:12-17; Lk 10:17-20 (Satan)

#### Bottomless pit

- Lk 8:26-33; (demonic prison)  
 - Rom 10:7 (place of the dead- syn. sheol/hades)  
 - 2 Peter 2:4; Jude 6-7 (a place of waiting)  
 - Rev 11:7, 17:8; 20:1-3 (source of Hell)

#### was given = a taste of Eternal Hell

- Matt 25:46 (a taste of forever)

### eternal torment

Rev. 9:3 Then from the smoke came **locusts** on the earth, and they were given power like the power of scorpions of the earth.

Rev. 9:4 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.

Rev. 9:5 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.

Rev. 9:6 And in those days people will **seek death** and will not find it. They will **long to die**, but death will flee from them.

#### not grass

- Exodus 10:7-20 (harmed land last 4 trumpets)

#### seal of God

- Rev 7:3-4 (unbelievers)

#### long to die

- Rev 6:15- 16 (something worse to fear)

#### torment 5 months -> a taste of Eternal torment

- Mk 9:42-48 (a taste of forever)

### and eternal destruction

Rev. 9:7 ¶ In **appearance** the locusts were like horses prepared for battle (german for locust is Heupf:erd - hay horse/ italian cavalett - little horse) on their heads were what looked like crowns of gold (victorious); their faces were like human faces (intelligent),

Rev. 9:8 their hair like women's hair (twisted), and their teeth like lions' teeth (terrible);

Rev. 9:9 they had breastplates like breastplates of iron (invincible), and the noise of their wings was like the noise of many chariots with horses rushing into battle (invaders).

Rev. 9:10 They have (vivid switch to present tense) tails and stings like scorpions, and their power to **hurt people for five months** is in their tails.

Rev. 9:11 They have as king over them the angel of the bottomless pit. His name in Hebrew is Abaddon (destroyer), and in Greek he is called Apollyon.

#### appearance

- 2 Cor 11:12-15 Demonic things are not ugly  
 they appear as true...at first

they appear as light...at first  
they appear as good...at first  
one day they will be unmasked and

there will be no illusions

**chariots**

- joel 1:2 (like army invading)

**hurt 5 months -> a taste of Eternal destruction**

- 2 Thess 1:9 (a taste of forever)

**Behold God's megaphone to a stubborn world**

Rev. 9:12 ¶ The first woe has passed; behold, two woes are still to come.

**stubborn**

- Rev 9:20-21 (they will not listen)

- will we? Heb 4:7

# Articles for further study:

<https://www.gotquestions.org/hell-real-eternal.html>

<http://www.ligonier.org/learn/articles/annihilation-or-eternal-punishment/>