

Revelation Study Guide

Chapter 9



THE
FIFTH
TRUMPET

LOCUSTS

5 Months of
Torture by
Scorpion Stings



Rev. 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.

If you are a Jehovah's Witness you will not like what I am about to say, here is an angel coming down from heaven to earth, he has a key in his hand, what is he going to do? He is going to open up hell.



Rev. 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.

Out of the heart of the earth comes this horrible choking black smoke, like there is a great furnace (you know hell, fire, furnace).

FIFTH TRUMPET.
FIRST WOE.
(The Plague Of Locusts.)
Rev. 9:1-12.





Rev. 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.

And out of the fire comes Abaddon or Apollyon the destroyer, he is a demon who has been in hell for a while, this is not Satan, he has been a prisoner of hell and he brings with him the scorpion locusts.

Rev. 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.

These creatures are intelligent. They are given commands, go, don't hurt the grass, don't bother anyone that has the seal of God on him (the 144,000) but finds everyone that does not have the seal of God and torment them.

Rev. 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.

What is this? It is five months of torment. We have a creature the shape and size of a horse. It has a face like a man, and teeth like lions, hair like a woman. It has wings, it can fly, and it has a tail like a scorpion. The one thing that I like about scorpions is that they can't fly. How would like to walk into a flock of Scorpions? When they come to torment, they are looking for those who know not Christ. Look at this statue I found in the British museum. How do think sculpturer came up



with idea for that, perhaps he had a near death experience and had been to hell, upon reviving, he may have thought it was a god? Then making a statue and worship it. Maybe?

There is a dark ominous cloud over you, you have been through a nuclear war, you have been the unlucky one that survived, there is nothing to eat, the water is bitter and poisoned, you are in rebellion against God. Suddenly you hear the flapping of wings, and you see this creature coming after you. He grabs you up with his teeth and holds on to you as he sticks his stinger into you.





Now I don't know a lot about scorpions and when I see one I stomp on it as quickly as I can. I have read that when a scorpion stings you that it will set your whole body on fire at one time. They say there are two kinds of scorpions, the ones that kill you and the ones that make you wish you were dead.



Rev. 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.

This creature from the pit makes you wish you were dead. They are tormenting these people. You see death is suddenly stopped nobody can die. The people try to kill themselves, and death flees from them, they just can't die. I asked God one time that is horrible, why are you doing this?

When I tell you that God told me something, you need to judge what I have to say. Use some common sense, be led by the spirit of God, and the Word of God. I believe that God told me that this plague is an act of mercy on God's part, and not understanding that reply, I thought if that is mercy please don't do me any favors. But then I got to thinking about it, and realized that it is in fact an act of mercy. Think about those who are being tormented and what have they ultimately said? They have said, I would rather go to hell than serve God. I would rather burn in hell, I am going to rebel against you no matter, nuclear war, poisoned water, I don't care what happens, I would rather burn in hell than serve you.

Most of the time when we say things like this it is because we really don't know what we are talking about. So while there is still time for mercy, God says let me show you what it is like to live in hell for five months. God lets hell out on earth for five months, you can't die, there is darkness, fire, death, and these creatures are running around chasing you, you cannot escape it at all. Now I have a question for you, when the five months are over where do you think these creatures are going? Back to their abyss, if they return to their abyss, when you die and go to hell, you will meet them. So let me introduce you to your room mate forever. What you have to understand is that hell is the eternal trash can. The Bible tells us that it was made for the Devil and his angels, if you don't want to serve God, you are going to hell with the devil.





The isolation and separation from God in hell will not be the only thing you will have to worry about, you need to be concerned about whom you are locked up with. It is a place of wailing and gnashing of teeth and outer darkness, and how do you know that these creatures aren't going to be busy for eternity working on you. You had better think twice about being unsaved and lost. You

don't have a very bright future if you don't know the Lord Jesus Christ as Saviour. No wonder there is great joy in the presence of the angels of heaven when a soul is saved. The angels understand the torment the soul will face.



Rev. 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 is our description of the creatures. They are shaped like horses, sounds like they are the size of a battle horse. I don't think that size matters here. They have on their heads crowns, maybe spiky looking. And they have the faces of men.

So while there is still time for mercy during the Tribulation, God says let me show you what it is like to live in hell for five months. God lets hell out on earth for five months, you can't die, there is darkness, fire, death, and these creatures are running around chasing you, you cannot escape it at all. When the five months are over where do you think these creatures are going? Back to their abyss, if they return to their abyss, when you die and go to hell, you will meet them again. So let me introduce you to your room mate forever. What you have to understand is that hell is the eternal trash can. The Bible tells us that it was made for the Devil and his angels, if you don't want to serve God, you are going to go to hell with the devil.



Rev. 9:8 And they had hair as the hair of women, and their teeth were as the teeth of lions.

They have long hair like a woman, and teeth like a lion.

Rev. 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.

Sounds like they are armored creatures much like a locust, and they make a thunderous noise when they come, like Chariots.

Rev. 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.

Tails like scorpions, they have the ability to sting you, and hunt down and torment men for five months.

Rev. 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.

This is one of Satan's angels. He is a demon. Sometimes when you hear the word angel in today's society, they could very easily be talking about a demon. Be careful what you are being a part of.



Rev. 9:12 One woe is past; and, behold, there come two woes more hereafter.

Woe! What could be worse than that, there is worse? These two more "Woes" that we will see will bring us to the middle of the tribulation period.



THE
SIXTH
TRUMPET

SATAN'S ARMY
200 Million
Warriors
Kill 1/3 of
Mankind



Rev. 9:13 And the sixth angel sounded, and I heard a voice from the four horns of the golden altar which is before God,

We hear another voice in heaven, telling an angel to do something, what is it?

Rev. 9:14 Saying to the sixth angel which had the trumpet, Loose the four angels which are bound in the great river Euphrates.

The sixth angel is told to turn loose the four angels which are bound in the river Euphrates. Why do you think these angels are bound?

Rev. 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.

These demons are let loose to gather and prepare men for battle.



Rev. 9:16 And the number of the army of the horsemen were two hundred thousand thousand: and I heard the number of them.

What do we have here? We have a two hundred million man army, who are inspired by four demons who have been held in check by God. These four demons are loosed and they inspire two hundred million soldiers. We believe this to be the Kings of the East. I believe this is China, Japan and other oriental nations gathered together for war. They battle to see who is dominant in the East, while the Antichrist is dominating the West. Later on as we get toward the end of the Tribulation period whoever wins this war will go up against the Antichrist for total control of the world. This is just about that time Jesus is going to return. These two armies will band together to fight against Jesus.



Rev. 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.

This is a description of the fierceness of the battle.

Rev. 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.

Understand that the weaponry being used. We know it is a modern nuclear system, and it kills one third of the existing population on the earth. Understand with the rider of the pale horse we first lost a fourth of all humanity during the first war and another third this war. You do the math $1/4$ and then $1/3$ is 50% of the earth's population. The half that live are not the lucky ones. The world's ecology is destroyed and the Antichrist is in charge. Anyone that wants to come to God is being brutally murdered, slaughtered, butchered, and this brings us to the middle of the Tribulation period.

Rev. 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 sounds like modern tanks firing shells from the barrel, and bullets from the mounted guns. Today's tanks are mass killing machines.

Rev. 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:



There are some people who will never be saved. They have hardened their hearts until nothing can move them. Be careful you don't develop a heart so hard that nothing can move you.

Rev. 9:21 Neither repented they of their murders, nor of their sorceries, nor of their fornication, nor of their thefts.

They will not give up their sins. Nothing can dislodge them. God is now justified in pouring out His wrath upon the world. He has been patient, merciful, pleading with mankind. Man has rebelled and gone his own way, now mankind deserves what is coming.

