

THE FIFTH TRUMPET JUDGMENT

Hell on Earth

Revelation 9: 1 - 12

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REVIEW OF THE SEVEN TRUMPET JUDGMENTS

- ① One third of the earth, trees, and grass are burned (8:7)
- ② One third of the sea creatures and ships destroyed (8:8-9)
- ③ One third of the rivers and springs poisoned (8:10-11)
- ④ One third of celestial bodies darkened (8:12)



The Terrible Trumpet Judgments

⑤ The Trumpet of Demons—Five-month torment by demons from Hell.

A. A Horrible Personality Unrestrained

Revelation 9:1, NIV84 - ¹ *The fifth angel sounded his trumpet, and I saw a star* ["Lucifer" (a name for Satan) means "star" or "brilliant light"; here "star" is a metaphorical reference to Satan] *that had [already] fallen from the sky to the earth. The star was given the key to the shaft of the Abyss [Hell].*

Revelation 9:1, NKJV - ¹ *Then the fifth angel sounded: And I saw a star fallen from heaven to the earth. To him was given the key to the bottomless pit.*

B. A Horrible Pit Unlocked

Revelation 9:1–2, HCSB - ¹ *The fifth angel blew his trumpet, and I saw a star that had fallen from heaven to earth. The key to the shaft of the abyss was given to him.* ² *He opened the shaft of the abyss, and smoke came up out of the shaft like smoke from a great furnace so that the sun and the air were darkened by the smoke from the shaft.*

C. A Horrible Power Unleashed

EIGHT DESCRIPTIONS ARE GIVEN OF THE DEMONS (IN THIS PASSAGE)

Revelation 9:3–10, NIV84 - ³ *And out of the smoke locusts came down upon the earth and were given power like that of scorpions of the earth.* ⁴ *They were told not to harm the grass of the earth or any plant or tree, but only those people who did not have the seal of God on their foreheads.* ⁵ *They were not given power to kill them, but only to torture them for five months. And the agony they suffered was like that of the sting of a scorpion when it strikes a man.* ⁶ *During those days men will seek death, but will not find it; they will long to die, but death will elude them.* ⁷ *The locusts [metaphorical—not literal] looked like horses (1) prepared for battle [poised and ready to attack]. On their heads they wore something like (2) crowns of gold [they have authority to attack], and their faces resembled (3) human faces [they are smart/intelligent].* ⁸ *Their (4) hair was like women's hair [they are seductive], and their (5) teeth were like lions' teeth [they indeed can destroy].* ⁹ *They had breastplates like (6) breastplates of iron [they are hard to defeat], and the (7) sound of their wings was like the thundering of many horses and chariots rushing into battle [frightening and overwhelming].* ¹⁰ *They had tails and stings like scorpions, and in their (8) tails they had power to torment people [demonic torture / strongholds / spiritual battle] for five months.*

D. A Horrible Prince Unmasked

Revelation 9:11–12, NIV84 - ¹¹ *They had as king over them the angel of the Abyss, whose name in Hebrew is Abaddon* [Heb. אַבְדּוֹן, it means *devastator*] *and in Greek, Apollyon* [Gk: Ἀπολλύων, it means *destroyer*] ¹² *The first woe is past; two other woes are yet to come.*

*1 Peter 5:8