

THE FIFTH TRUMPET: DEMONIC INVASION OF EARTH REVELATION 9:1-12

The passage before us describes a horrible time of demonic attack upon man. Remember that when this judgment is released upon the earth, man is still trying to cope with the aftermath of the plagues that have already fallen.

I. THE PREPARATION FOR THIS PLAGUE. 9:1,2.

A. The Fallen Star. 9:1.

* This fallen star is likely Satan who releases all his demonic hordes in his final days of afflicting the crown of God's creation, man. *

B. The Bottomless Pit. 9:2.

1. The prominence of the pit in Revelation. Rev. 9:1,2,11; 11:7; 17:8; 20:1,3.
2. A prison house for fallen angels or demons. 2 Pet. 2:4; Jude 6,7.

II. THE DESCRIPTION OF THESE CREATURES. 9:3-5; 9-11.

A. The Nature of this Description.

* John seeks to describe these horrible creatures in terms that man may be able to understand. Note that the word "like" appears 9 times in John's description. *

B. The Details of this Description.

1. The identity.
 - a. Locusts were a dreaded plague in the OT era. 2 Chron. 7:13; Ps. 78:46; 105:34.
 - b. These are not literal locusts, but a horde of demons compared to a swarm of locusts.
2. The appearance. 9:7-10.
 - a. The comparison to horses denotes their strength.
 - b. The crowns speak of their authority and power.
 - c. The human features speak of their intellect.
 - d. The lion's teeth speak of their power in destruction.
 - e. The breastplates speak of their protection.
 - f. The sound of their wings speaks of their ability to terrorize.
 - g. The tails like scorpions speak of their ability to torment.
3. The mission. 9:5.
 - a. The nature of their torment. Cp. Mark 9:17-22.
 - b. The limit to their power. 9:5,10.

* Note that Satan and his demons can only go as far as God allows. See Job 1:12; 2:6. *
4. The ruler. 9:11.

* Both names mean "Destroyer." *

III. THE TOTAL DESPAIR OF MAN. 9:6,12.

A. The Desire of Man. 9:6.

B. The Plagues to Come. 9:12.

* Things have continued to get worse and they will only continue to worsen. There is absolutely no hope for a world whose judgment has come. *

My friend you do not want to risk being on earth during this horrible, horrible time.
Neither do you want any of your friends and loved ones to be here when these terrible plagues come to planet earth.

