

Revelation 9:1-21 **Trumpets Five and Six – Locusts – Army of 200,000,000**

Fifth Trumpet: The Locusts from the Bottomless Pit

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.

2 And he opened the bottomless pit, and smoke arose out of the pit like the smoke of a great furnace. So the sun and the air were darkened because of the smoke of the pit. **3** Then out of the smoke locusts came upon the earth. And to them was given power, as the scorpions of the earth have power.

4 They were commanded not to harm the grass of the earth, or any green thing, or any tree, but only those men who do not have the seal of God on their foreheads.

5 And they were not given authority to kill them, but to torment them for five months. Their torment was like the torment of a scorpion when it strikes a man.

6 In those days men will seek death and will not find it; they will desire to die, and death will flee from them.

7 The shape of the locusts was like horses prepared for battle. On their heads were crowns of something like gold, and their faces were like the faces of men. **8** They had hair like women's hair, and their teeth were like lions' teeth. **9** And they had breastplates like breastplates of iron, and the sound of their wings was like the sound of chariots with many horses running into battle. **10** They had tails like scorpions, and there were stings in their tails.

Their power was to hurt men five months. **11** And they had as king over them the angel of the bottomless pit, whose name in Hebrew is Abaddon, but in Greek he has the name Apollyon.

12 One woe is past. Behold, still two more woes are coming after these things.

Sixth Trumpet: The Angels at the Euphrates River

13 Then the sixth angel sounded: And I heard a voice from the four horns of the golden altar which is before God, **14** saying to the sixth angel who had the trumpet, "Release the four angels who are bound at the great river Euphrates."

15 So the four angels, who had been prepared for the hour and day and month and year, were released to kill a third of mankind.

16 Now the number of the army of the horsemen was two hundred million; I heard the number of them.

17 And thus I saw the horses in the vision: those who sat on them had breastplates of fiery red, hyacinth blue, and sulfur yellow; and the heads of the horses were like the heads of lions; and out of their mouths came fire, smoke, and brimstone.

18 By these three plagues a third of mankind was killed — by the fire and the smoke and the brimstone which came out of their mouths. 19 For their power is in their mouth and in their tails; for their tails are like serpents, having heads; and with them they do harm.

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20 But the rest of mankind, who were not killed by these plagues, did not repent of the works of their hands, that they should not worship demons, and idols of gold, silver, brass, stone, and wood, which can neither see nor hear nor walk. 21 And they did not repent of their murders or their sorceries or their sexual immorality or their thefts.

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Facts Revealed:

- ✚ 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**. [\[Revelation 9:1\]](#)
 - ✧ This star is obviously no inanimate object. It is personalized by the use of the word "him" and acts like an angelic being who is able to receive a key and use it to open the Bottomless Pit which shall be home to Satan for the thousand year reign of Christ. [\[Revelation 20:1-3\]](#)
- ✚ And **he opened the bottomless pit**, and **smoke arose out of the pit** like the smoke of a great furnace. So the sun and the air were darkened because of the smoke of the pit. [\[Revelation 9:2\]](#)
- ✚ Then **out of the smoke locusts came upon the earth**. And to them was given power, as the scorpions of the earth have power. [\[Revelation 9:3\]](#)
- ✚ **They were commanded not to harm the grass of the earth, or any green thing, or any tree, but only those men who do not have the seal of God on their foreheads**. [\[Revelation 9:4\]](#)
 - ✧ Here we see the distinction made for the 144,000 with the Seal of God on their foreheads as they are protected from the plague of Locusts.
 - ✧ Everyone not part of the 144,000 is subject to the torment from the Locusts.
 - ✧ Vegetation is also spared from the Locust.
- ✚ And **they were not given authority to kill them**, but to **torment them for five months**. Their torment was like the torment of a scorpion when it strikes a man. [\[Revelation 9:5\]](#)
- ✚ In those days **men will seek death and will not find it**; they will desire to die, and death will flee from them. [\[Revelation 9:6\]](#)
 - ✧ This attack of Locust with the sting of a scorpion who ignore vegetation and focus their entire energy in attacking mankind with the ferocity the recent plague of killer bees, swarm over the earth.
 - ✧ Innumerable stings, but the people are unable to die to end the torment, and it lasts five months.
- ✚ The **shape of the locusts** was like horses prepared for battle. On their heads were crowns of something like gold, and their faces were like the faces of men. They had hair like women's hair, and their teeth were like lions' teeth. And they had breastplates like breastplates of iron, and the sound of their wings was like the sound of chariots with many horses running into battle. They had tails like scorpions, and there were stings in their tails. [\[Revelation 9:7-10\]](#)
 - ✧ This is a creature that God has reserved in the Bottomless Pit for this specific time.
 - ✧ There has never been seen on the earth a creature as described, but the description is accurate and will happen just as stated here in Scripture.
 - ✧ This is a literal plague designed for a specific time period in the Great Tribulation.
 - ✧ It serves as a warning to those who reject the knowledge of God, and is meant to call them to repentance through fear since they rejected the love of God. [\[Jude 1:22-23\]](#)

- † **Their power was to hurt men five months.** And they had as king over them **the angel of the bottomless pit**, whose name in Hebrew is **Abaddon**, but in Greek he has the name **Apollyon**. [\[Revelation 9:10-11\]](#)
 - ✧ The Locusts are controlled like soldiers in an army by the **Angel of the Bottomless Pit** named **Abaddon** and **Apollyon**.
 - ✧ This is a controlled plague of Locusts with one single objective, to torment men for five months.
 - ✧ It will seem like an eternity with continual torment, but it is only a taste of what is to come for those who face eternal torment in the Lake of Fire.
 - ✧ In this case of torment it will be impossible to die with no hope of relief until the five months are ended.

- † **One woe is past. Behold, still two more woes are coming after these things.** [\[Revelation 9:12\]](#)

Sixth Trumpet: The Angels at the Euphrates River

- † Then the **sixth angel** sounded: And I heard a voice from the **four horns of the golden altar** which is before God, saying to the sixth angel who had the trumpet, "**Release the four angels who are bound at the great river Euphrates.**" [\[Revelation 9:13-14\]](#)
 - ✧ The golden Alter before God is the Alter of Incense from which the prayers of the Saints ascended before God. [\[Revelation 5:8, Psalm 141:2\]](#)
 - ✧ As in the Tabernacle in the Wilderness, there is an Incense altar before the Throne of God representing the prayers of the Saints of all ages. [\[Exodus 40:5, Revelation 8:3-4, 9:13-14\]](#)
 - ✧ Blood of Atonement was placed on the horns of the Incense Altar, and now from the horns comes the command to begin this plague of Wrath, the Blood of Jesus is crying out to take vengeance.
- † So the **four angels**, who had been **prepared for the hour and day and month and year**, were released to **kill a third of mankind**. [\[Revelation 9:15\]](#)
 - ✧ These angels had been on standby for this specific time.
 - ✧ Their mission to oversee the death of one third of the population of the earth.
 - ✧ At this point we look back to the fourth Seal where **one forth** of the population of the earth was killed in the signs leading up to the Great Tribulation, leaving only three fourths surviving, now one third of them is killed which results in more than half of the population of the earth has been killed at this point. [\[Revelation 6:8, 9:15, 18\]](#)
- † Now the number of the **army** of the horsemen was **two hundred million**; I heard the number of them. [\[Revelation 9:16\]](#)
 - ✧ It is interesting that a few years ago China claimed to be able to field an army of that exact number 200,000,000, however the description is vastly different.
- † And thus I saw the **horses** in the vision: **those who sat on them had breastplates of fiery red, hyacinth blue, and sulfur yellow**; and the **heads of the horses were like the heads of lions**; and **out of their mouths came fire, smoke, and brimstone**. [\[Revelation 9:17\]](#)
- † **By these three plagues a third of mankind was killed** — by the **fire** and the **smoke** and the **brimstone** which came out of their mouths. For **their power is in their mouth and in their tails**; for their **tails are like serpents, having heads**; and with them they do harm. [\[Revelation 9:18-19\]](#)
 - ✧ I believe this to be a literal plague from God and not human.
 - ✧ The kings from the east do not show up until preparation is being made for the Battle of Armageddon. [\[Revelation 16:12-16\]](#)

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- ‡ But **the rest of mankind**, who were not killed by these plagues, **did not repent** of the **works of their hands**, that they should not **worship demons**, and **idols** of gold, silver, brass, stone, and wood, which can neither see nor hear nor walk. And they did not repent of their **murders** or their **sorceries** or their **sexual immorality** or their **thefts**. [\[Revelation 9:20-21\]](#)
- ✧ Reference to their lack of repentance confirms the fact that the reason for the Wrath of God is to call men to repentance through fear, since they refused to repent by God's call of love and gentle patience through the ages. [\[Jude 1:22-23\]](#)
 - ✧ The Lord does not desire that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance. [\[2 Peter 3:9, Ezekiel 18:31-32, 33:11\]](#)
 - ✧ Again we are reminded of the **reason for the Wrath of God. Evil deeds, Idolatry, worship of demons, murders, witchcraft sorceries, theft, and sexual immorality.** [\[Revelation 9:20-21, 22:15, Genesis 6:1-12, 18:20, 19:1-29, Leviticus 18:1-30, 19:29, Numbers 35:33, Deuteronomy 18:9-14, 2 Chronicles 24:18, 33:1-9, Jeremiah 3:9, Ezekiel 36:17-18, Nahum 3:1-4, Romans 1:18-32, Colossians 3:1-11, Revelation 16:6, 17:1-6, 18:23-24, 19:2\]](#)
 - ✧ God has not changed, what was evil and brought Wrath from God in the early years of mankind, is still evil and brings Wrath from God at the time of the Great Tribulation.