

# Revelation 59 Fifth Trumpet: Familiar Spirits

(1Sa 28:7-14)

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Revelation 9:1-6



# Star Personified: Non-Empirical and Empirical

- Non-empirical *Star*: Indicated via Anthropomorphism {Humanizing} and tasks {Context}
  - *Stars* previously referenced as angels over the churches {Non-empirical} (Re 1:20)
  - Lucifer (Lat.) disguises himself as an *angel of light*, a *promise* of being the morning star; a lie designed to conflate himself with Christ who is the Morning Star (Is 14:12; 2Co 11:14; 2Pe 1:17-21; Re 22:16)
- Five: Central theme of the First Woe
  - Five can mean grace {Saved} but it can also mean empowered for good or evil task(s) {By God} (Is 45:6-7)
  - Satan, and by implication Demons, are restrained in what they can do by God's will (Job 1:12; 2:4-8; 2Th 2:3-12)
- Satan allowed to open abyss, Tartaros, wherein out-of-control demons were *chained* (Mt 8:28-32; 2Pe 2:4)
  - Demons who *possess* people left their *First Estate*; *intended* purpose of helping Christians (He 1:14; Jude 1:6)
  - People *possessed* by Demons exhibited some form of Uncontrolableness; not suited (Lk 9:37-39; He 1:14)
  - Christ frequently cast demons into the abyss wherein they were *chained* awaiting their time (Lk 8:26-39)

# Empirical Darkness Mirrors Non-Empirical Spiritual Darkness

- Sheol-Gehenna-Hell, center of the Earth, indicated by heat, smoke and darkness (Nu 16:20-34; Lk 16:22-31)
  - Identified with Sodom's fiery fate: Smoke, heat, and sulfuric stench (Ge 19:23-25; De 29:21-28)
  - Jews of Diaspora left their Rock for *false rock*, Satan; they wanted to be like the World, they became like the World: Both will suffer same fate (De 32:15-38; 1Sa 8:10-20; 1Co 10:1-5; Re 11:8)
  - Satan's gospel results in Smoke and Darkness, opposite of Christ's gospel of Light and Peace; thus, empirical darkness from Sun's Micronova effects mirrored the spiritual non-empirical darkness
- Sinful Man looks to Satan directly, or indirectly, to *Control World* and usher in *Utopia {No Place}* (Ge 3:5; Ro 1:18-28; 1Co 10:19-21; 1Ti 4:1-3)
  - Idols an empirical *stand-in* for non-empirical covetousness which is path Controlled by Demons (Col 3:5)
  - Man, like his *father* Satan {Demons}, lies and murders even himself (Ez 28:15-18; Jn 8:44)
  - Man, like Satan, cannot Control himself; it is a *fruit of the Spirit* (Ga 5:17-23)
- Satan does not help but preys on Man, oft via lusts {addictions}, for his own purposes (Is 33:1; 1Jo 2:15-17)

# Man Looks to Satan: Satan Preys Upon Man

- Characteristics of the Demons is presented in timeless visual imagery
- Locusts – Swarming grasshoppers stripping lands of edible greenery: Day of the Lord (Joel 1:1-2:2)
  - These have no king but act with a type of cunning denuding the land, disrupting food chain (Pr 30:24, 27)
  - Used of God to chasten His people; sin disrupts balance of one's life and land's ecology (Ex 10:1-6; Is 33:2-4)
  - God sends people like locusts to chasten people for their sin {Ex. Midians; Babylonians} (Judg 6:1-10; Hab 1:1-11)
- Scorpions – Tormenting arachnids striking from Darkness and concealment (De 8:11-20; Amos 5:18-24)
  - Rehoboam promised to chasten Jews with scorpions, increase their tormenting burden (1Ki 12:12-15)
  - Christ identified scorpions as Demons; He protected His people in the Wilderness (De 8:11-20; Lk 10:17-20)
- These *beings* do not harm greenery, not real locusts; they are sent to torment people
  - Uncontrolled Demons *controlled* and sent to torment Lost, probably via *unrequited* lusts {Indwelling?}

# Which Seal? What Fruit?

- These demons allowed to torment only Lost, no seal of God but *mark of Satan* (Ez 9:1-6; Re 7:1-3; 13:16-17)
  - Saved souls *marked* separating them from the Lost; i.e., Wheat from Tares or Chaff (Mt 3:12; 13:24-30; Col 1:21-23)
  - Not just 144,000 but **all** Saved spared from these Demons, protected by Angels (He 1:14)
- Law of Excluded Middle: Rejecting Christ is worshiping demons regardless of intent
  - Christ *gave them up* to pursue their antichrist philosophies – religions (Ro 1:18-28; Col 2:8; 1Jo 2:18-23; 4:1-3; 2Jo 1:7-11)
  - Reality of what Lost pursue; sowing of their life-long reaping: Given over to their lusts (Ro 1:24-32; Ga 6:7-8)
- Utopia: No Place
  - Lost pursue an illusion of their making; unmerciful God would not warn them, just judge (Is 1:18; 1Co 15:42-50)
  - They receive the *fruit* of their antichrist pursuits; fury of *unrequited* lust paling into insignificance today's addictions so oft embraced by Lost as excuses to *enjoy* lusts {Sins}
  - Satan has **no love**, he cannot as it is a fruit of the Spirit; he has only fear-hatred, as all sinners (Ga 5:22; 1Jo 4:18)

# Five Months: Allowed by God

- Demons seek only to torment; but Christ has a different goal in mind: Mercy
  - Revelation pulls back reality's veil so sinners can see truth of their beliefs
  - Christ limits length and type of torment so sinners may understand true fruit of sins: Not die in sin
- This occurs today as people experience results of lies they believe: Control {Addiction}
  - Sexual Addiction: Uncontrolled use of one's body; even using it for *unnatural* purposes
  - Food Addiction: Slavery to Flesh resulting in Inflammation, Insulin Resistance, Obesity, Chronic Diseases
  - Substance Addiction: Substances opening one's *mind* to Demonic Control; Flesh Uncontrollable Desire
- Signs of Demonic Influence abound today *stinging*, tormenting, people but oft bringing death
  - Man's propaganda seeks to portray these as *medical* issues {uncurable}; but punishable by law
  - Critical Theory attacks Gospel promoting Lies trapping people in their Lusts; promises Transhumanism
  - Democracy {Rule of Majority}: If Man agrees it is not sin, it must be OK fallacy – Only Bible reveals Truth