

# BOOK OF REVELATION

## Chapter 9: 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Trumpets



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### REVELATION 9:

- Revelation 9:1-12 ~ Fifth Trumpet
- Revelation 9:13-21 ~ Sixth Trumpet

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### REVELATION 9:1-12 FIFTH TRUMPET

- And I saw a star fallen from heaven to the earth...
  - Angel?
  - Demon?
- Given key to Bottomless Pit (literally, *shaft of the abyss*)
  - Abode of Satan, some demons and the beast
  - This is their preliminary prison, not final abode (lake of fire Rev 19:20)
- Angel releases some of these demons temporarily
- Received key from God



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### REVELATION 9:1-12 FIFTH TRUMPET

- Locusts come out of smoke from pit
- What are these locusts?
  - Actual locusts, or
  - Demons that assume some characteristics of locusts



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### REVELATION 9:1-12 FIFTH TRUMPET

- Locusts inflict non-lethal pain to humans for five months (Revelation 9:5)
- The average life cycle of a locust is five months
- Rev 9:6 – John speaks as a prophet here – people will want to die, but won't be able to die



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### REVELATION 9:1-12 FIFTH TRUMPET

- Characteristics of locusts (Rev 9:7)
  - Resemble horses but unusually grotesque/frightening
  - Crowns probably symbolize victory over those they oppress
  - Resemblance to man suggests intelligence
  - These are not men – but some type of beast
  - Teeth like lion’s teeth

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### REVELATION 9:1-12 FIFTH TRUMPET

- Characteristics of locusts (Rev 9:8-9)
  - Women’s (long?) hair
  - Breastplates of iron
    - Appearance of invulnerability
  - Their sound will be terrifying to everyone on earth

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### REVELATION 9:1-12 FIFTH TRUMPET

- Characteristics of locusts (Rev 9:10)
  - Tails like scorpions and ability to sting
  - They will torment unbelievers for five months
- Locusts’ King (not necessarily Satan)
  - Leading angel of the abyss
  - Abaddon
  - Apollyon
  - Both mean “destroyer”

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### REVELATION 9:13-21 SIXTH TRUMPET

- Verse 12 is transitional - 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> Trumpets are also first three woes
- 4 "bound" angels (demons) are released to kill 1/3 of humanity
  - This results in 1/2 the population of earth being dead
- They had been prepared for that hour, day, month and year
- This speaks to the perfection/timing of God's will!
- Army of 200 million demons under 4 bound demons
- Verse 17 describes creatures



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### REVELATION 9:13-21 SIXTH TRUMPET

- Creatures have mouths that shoot fire/brimstone
- They have tails with heads on them that also harm
- Verses 20-21 point to God's wrath as reason for this torment
- Due to earth dwellers not repenting and continuing to worship demons
- People continue doing what they do that brought God's judgment in the first place!



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