

THE REVELATION OF JESUS CHRIST – FIFTH TRUMPET – LOCUSTS FROM THE BOTTOMLESS PIT -- 9:1-12

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<p><i>Rev 9:1 Then the fifth angel sounded: And I saw</i></p> <p><i><u>a star fallen from heaven to the earth.</u></i></p> <p><i>To him was given the key to the bottomless pit.</i></p> <p><i>Rev 9:2 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.</i></p> <p><i>Rev 9:3 Then out of the smoke locusts came upon the earth.</i></p> <p><i>And to them was given power,</i></p> <p><i><u>as the scorpions of the earth have power.</u></i></p>	<p>Vs. 1-2, 11 - THE LEADER OF THE LOCUSTS - SATAN - used 54 times in the Bible, 36 of which are found in the New Testament, and 7 times in the book of Revelation)</p> <p>v. 1b. “<u>a star fallen from heaven to the earth”</u>. - <u>His Position</u> - called “<u>the angel of the bottomless pit</u>” - 11 - cf. 1:20 - “stars” = “angels”</p> <p>“<u>bottomless pit</u>” - used 7 times, all in <u>Rev. 9:1, 2, 11; 11:7; 17:8; 20:1, 3</u> - “<u>the abyss</u>” cf. Lk. 8:31; Rom. 10:7; - a place of torment - cf. Luke 16:22b-24, 28</p> <p>11:7 - “<u>the beast that ascends out of the bottomless pit</u>”.</p> <p>17:8 - “<u>The beast that you saw was, and is not, and will ascend out of the bottomless pit and go to perdition</u>”</p> <p>20:3 - the place where Satan will be cast and bound for 1000 years</p> <p>v. 1c - <u>His POWER</u> - Indicated by two things in this passage: “To him was given the key to the bottomless pit. - A Key was given to him” - the key to the bottomless pit.</p> <p>v. 2 - <u>And he opened the bottomless pit</u> - cf. Rev. 1:18</p> <p>v. 3b to them was given power, - the locusts’ were granted power or authority -</p> <p>v. 3.c as the scorpions of the earth have power. - As to torment -</p>	<p><u>He is a fallen angel</u> - “a star fallen from heaven to the earth” - cf. John 8:44 (He was a murderer from the beginning)</p> <p>Jesus said (<u>Luke 10: 18</u>) – “I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven”</p> <p>cf. Isaiah 14:12 - “How you are fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning!” Ez. 28:12b-19</p> <p>Jude 6 - “and the angels who did not keep their proper domain, but left their own abode.....”</p> <p><u>He will lose his access to heaven during the tribulation</u> - Revelation 12:7-12 - cf. Job 1:6-12</p>
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Rev 9:4 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.

Rev 9:5 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.

Rev 9:6 In those days men will seek death and will not find it; they will desire to die, and death will flee from them.

v. 4b. but only those men who do not have the seal of God on their foreheads. - As to target - “only those men who don’t have the seal of God on their foreheads”

v. 5a. they were not given authority to kill them, - “that they should not kill them, but that they should torment them.

v. 5b - but to torment them for five months. The Extent of their authority - As to time - that they should be tormented five months!

v. 5c. Their torment was like the torment of a scorpion when it strikes a man. The Extent of their authority - As to torment - “as the scorpions of the earth have power” - 3

v. 6 - In those days men will seek death and will not find it; they will desire to die, and death will flee from them. - The Effect of their authority and torment - “shall men seek death, and shall not find it; and shall desire to die, and death shall flee from them”

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Rev 9:7 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.

Rev 9:8 They had hair like women's hair, and their teeth were like lions' teeth.

Rev 9:9 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.

Rev 9:10 They had tails like scorpions, and there were stings in their tails. Their power was to hurt men five months.

Rev 9:11 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.

Rev 9:12 One woe is past. Behold, still two more woes are coming after these things.

Vs. 7-10 - Their APPEARANCE - “like” - used 8 times
Cf. Joel 1:4-7; 2:1-11 (v. 11 calls them an “army”)

Rev 9:11 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. - He is a “King” of the locusts - cf. Prov. 30:27

His Purpose - revealed in his name - v. 11 ABADDON

Hebrew - APOLLYON - Greek - means “destroyer” - cf. 1 Peter 5:8

CONCLUSIONS:

The locusts are demons.

(1) Demons are spirits - *Luke 24:39* - “A spirit does not have flesh and bones” (the word “spirits” appears 46 times)

(2) Demons are evil spirits - word used 14 times; - “unclean spirits” - 21 times

(3) Demons are destined for hell and eternal torment - *Matthew 8:29; 25:41*

(4) Demons are always forced to obey Jesus Christ! *Mark 1:23-27; 5:1-15; 1 John 4:4*

The locusts represent an invading army inspired and Inhabited by demons - *Joel 1:6 “a nation is come up” 2:2 - “a great people and a strong” 2:7 - “they shall run like mighty men” 2:11 - “his army”.*

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		<p><u>Questions:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. <i>When did Satan fall? – before the creation account in Gen. 1? Before Eden? Before Job? Before Tyre? Before Babylon? Before Rev. 9:1? Before Rev. 12:7?</i>2. <i>Was his fall geographically or morally?</i>3. <i>When was Satan thrown out of heaven permanently?</i>4. <i>Where do you think Satan is presently spending most of his time?</i>5. <i>Who currently is in control of demons? Does Satan have inherent power?</i>6. <i>Who holds the keys to Hades and Death?</i>
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