

The Revelation

(17) The 5th and 6th Trumpet

The bottomless pit is opened...Rev.9:1-12

Fifth trumpet: What happens when this angel sounds? 9:1; 1:18

John sees a 'star' which had (past) fallen from heaven to the earth, given a key.

What is different about this "star from heaven"? 9:1-2 cp. Job 38:7; Is.14:12-15; Lu.10:18

This reference to a star is clearly to a being, 'him'. Most likely Satan, himself.

What do we know about the 'bottomless pit' (the pit of the abyss)? 9:2,11; 11:7; 17:8; 20:1-3

It's in the earth, it's a prison for demons (fallen angels), and for Satan during Millenium.

What seems to be the purpose of this abyss now? Lu.8:26-33; IIPet.2:4; Jude 1:6-7; Gen.6:1-4

Seems to be a restraint on demons. Reserved for the most vile and perverted. Fear...

As the pit is opened, what does John see? vs.2-3

He sees smoke like from a furnace that blots out the sun. And out of the smoke, ... woe...

How does John describe the demons coming from the smoke? vs.3

As locusts (perhaps a reference to their number) given special power, like a scorpion.

What are the specific restraints placed upon these beings? vs.4-5 7:1-3; IITim.2:19

No hurt to grass, trees, any plants, only men without the seal of God on their foreheads.

And what are they specifically prevented from doing? vs. 5 Results? vs.6

Cannot kill anyone, only torment (like scorpion), 5 months. Men want to die, and can't!

What is John's more detailed description of these "locusts"? vs.7-10

War horses, man's face, woman's hair, lion's teeth, iron breastplate, wings, scorpion stings

And how is this demonic horde coordinated in their attack on mankind? vs.11

There is a demonic king, the angel of the abyss, over them. This scene is astounding!

After 5 months (life span of locusts) of unrelenting torment, what is finally declared? vs.12

This first woe (8:13) is done, but there are two more (getting even worse) to come.

The second woe is unleashed...Rev.9:13-21

Sixth trumpet: What results when the sixth trumpet sounds? 9:12-14

The command is to release the (4) angels bound in the Euphrates river. Really bad news...

What is suggested by the "hour, day, month, year"? vs.15

These four demons have been (continuously) restrained until God's precise appointed time

These four powerful demons control how many demons? vs.16 and their goal? vs.15,18

This is an army of 200 million. They are allowed/appointed to kill 1/3 of remaining men.

John sees "riders" and "horses". Describe the riders. vs.17 14:10; 19:20; 21:8

Riders breastplates the color of fire and brimstone. This is straight from the pits of hell.

Describe the "horses". vs.17-19

Heads like lions, tails like serpents. Breath out fire, smoke, brimstone. 1/3 of earth dies...

What is the astounding result, spiritually, of all these judgments? vs.20-21 Comment??

There was no repentance, just deeper into more demonic worship/actions.