

FOCAL PASSAGE: Revelation 9:1-11 ...¹ *The fifth angel sounded his trumpet, and I saw a star that had fallen from the sky to the earth. The star was given the key to the shaft of the Abyss.* ² *When he opened the Abyss, smoke rose from it like the smoke from a gigantic furnace. The sun and sky were darkened by the smoke from the Abyss.* ³ *And out of the smoke locusts came down on the earth and were given power like that of scorpions of the earth.* ⁴ *They were told not to harm the grass of the earth or any plant or tree, but only those people who did not have the seal of God on their foreheads.* ⁵ *They were not allowed to kill them but only to torture them for five months. And the agony they suffered was like that of the sting of a scorpion when it strikes.* ⁶ *During those days people will seek death but will not find it; they will long to die, but death will elude them.* ⁷ *The locusts looked like horses prepared for battle. On their heads they wore something like crowns of gold, and their faces resembled human faces.* ⁸ *Their hair was like women's hair, and their teeth were like lions' teeth.* ⁹ *They had breastplates like breastplates of iron, and the sound of their wings was like the thundering of many horses and chariots rushing into battle.* ¹⁰ *They had tails with stingers, like scorpions, and in their tails they had power to torment people for five months.* ¹¹ *They had as king over them the angel of the Abyss, whose name in Hebrew is Abaddon and in Greek is Apollyon (that is, Destroyer).*

THE TRUMPET JUDGMENTS: FROM BAD TO WORSE

1. THE FIRST TRUMPET: HAIL, FIRE, and BLOOD

Revelation 8:7 ...⁷ *The first angel sounded his trumpet, and there came hail and fire mixed with blood, and it was hurled down on the earth. A third of the earth was burned up, a third of the trees were burned up, and all the green grass was burned up.*

2. THE SECOND TRUMPET: A MOUNTAIN OF FIRE

Revelation 8:8-9 ...⁸ *The second angel sounded his trumpet, and something like a huge mountain, all ablaze, was thrown into the sea. A third of the sea turned into blood, ⁹ a third of the living creatures in the sea died, and a third of the ships were destroyed.*

3. THE THIRD TRUMPET: A STAR CALLED WORMWOOD

Revelation 8:10-11 ...¹⁰ *The third angel sounded his trumpet, and a great star, blazing like a torch, fell from the sky on a third of the rivers and on the springs of water— ¹¹ the name of the star is Wormwood. A third of the waters turned bitter, and many people died from the waters that had become bitter.*

4. THE FOURTH TRUMPET: DARKNESS DESCENDS

Revelation 8:12 ...¹² *The fourth angel sounded his trumpet, and a third of the sun was struck, a third of the moon, and a third of the stars, so that a third of them turned dark. A third of the day was without light, and also a third of the night.*

- **Exodus 10:21 ...**¹⁰ *Then the LORD said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand toward the sky so that darkness spreads over Egypt—darkness that can be felt."*
- **Luke 21:25-26 ...**²⁵ *"There will be signs in the sun, moon and stars. On the earth, nations will be in anguish and perplexity at the roaring and tossing of the sea. ²⁶ People will faint from terror, apprehensive of what is coming on the world, for the heavenly bodies will be shaken.*

DEMONS, WAR, DEATH AND REBELLION

Revelation 9:1-11

- This Fifth Trumpet demands we take some time and examine it a little more meticulously.
 - This verse introduces the **three woes of the book of Revelation**, which in turn informs us that as horrible as the first four trumpets have been, they will be surpassed in misery by that which is to follow.
- 1. THE FIFTH TRUMPET: THE LOCUST OF APOLLYON ATTACK**
 - The use of the word "star" in the book of **Revelation 9:1** is obviously intended figuratively rather than literally, for the "star" is referred to as "**him**," thus clearly possessing personality.
 - When the Bible mentions stars, it often refers to angels.
 - For example: **Revelation 22:16 ...**¹⁶ *"I, Jesus, have sent my angel to give you this testimony for the churches. I am the Root and the Offspring of David, and the bright Morning Star."*
 - The word abyss means "having no bottom at all."
 - ²⁸ *Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather, be afraid of the One who can destroy both soul and body in hell.*
 - It would be an act of mercy on God's part to permit a man to be tormented five months in an effort to bring him to Christ so that he might avoid the torments of the damned for eternity.

LIVE IT OUT

- How do you know that you will not go through the Tribulation?
- What steps do you need to take today to strengthen your testimony?
- Who needs to hear your testimony?