

## THE REVELATION OF JESUS CHRIST (20)

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### REVELATION 9:1-12

KING JAMES VERSION (KJV)



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### *The Fifth Trumpet*

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*9 And the fifth angel sounded, and I saw a star fall from heaven unto the earth: and to him was given the key of the bottomless pit.*

*2 And he opened the bottomless pit; and there arose a smoke out of the pit, as the smoke of a great furnace; and the sun and the air were darkened by reason of the smoke of the pit.*

*3 And there came out of the smoke locusts upon the earth: and unto them was given power, as the scorpions of the earth have power.*

*4 And it was commanded them that they should not hurt the grass of the earth, neither any green thing, neither any tree; but only those men which have not*

*the seal of God in their foreheads.*

*5 And to them it was given that they should not kill them, but that they should be tormented five months: and their torment was as the torment of a scorpion, when he striketh a man.*

*6 And in those days shall men seek death, and shall not find it; and shall desire to die, and death shall flee from them.*

*7 And the shapes of the locusts were like unto horses prepared unto battle; and on their heads were as it were crowns like gold, and their faces were as the faces of men.*

*8 And they had hair as the hair of women, and their teeth were as the teeth of lions.*

*9 And they had breastplates, as it were breastplates of iron; and the sound of their wings was as the sound of chariots of many horses running to battle.*

*10 And they had tails like unto scorpions, and there were stings in their tails: and their power was to hurt men five months.*

*11 And they had a king over them, which is the angel of the bottomless pit, whose name in the Hebrew tongue is Abaddon, but in the Greek tongue hath his name Apollyon.*

*12 One woe is past; and, behold, there come two woes more hereafter.*



*So Is The Wisdom of His Holy Word*

**9:1** A **star fall from heaven** refers to an unidentified demonic being, possibly Satan himself, a fallen angel (see 9:11; 12:7-12; Is. 14:12-14; Ezek. 28:11-17). The **bottomless pit**, literally "*the shaft of the abyss*" is the reservoir of evil (see 9:11; 11:7; 17:8; 20:1-3).

**9:2** **Smoke** is a symbol of deception.

**9:3** **Locusts** symbolize demonic beings (see Ex. 10:12-15; Joel 1:1-2:11). **As the scorpions** is a simile indicating excruciating pain (Luke 10:19).

**9:4** Demons cannot harm those who are sealed by God (Eph. 1:13)

**[DISPENSATIONAL INTERPRETATION:** All people except the 144,000 Jewish remnant are exposed to these judgments.

**9:5,6** **Five Months** represents a limited period of time, corresponding to the life cycle of a locust. **Torment:** The purpose is not to destroy, but to lead to repentance.

**9:7-10** **Locusts** actually resemble little horses. The vivid symbolic description is intended to terrify.

**9:11,12** These are not physical locusts (see Prov. 30:27), but demonic forces under the direction of the **angel** (note on v.1) named **Abaddon**, "Destruction" (see Job 26:6) or **Apollyon**, "Destroyer" (see 1 Cor.10:10) ... **be cont'd.**



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