

The Unveiling of Jesus Christ



The Fifth and Sixth
Trumpets
Revelation 9

Seven-headed Beast from the Luther Bible

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- In **Chapter 1**, we saw **John** on the island of **Patmos**, where **Christ** appeared to him in a dramatic vision.
- In **Chapters 2 & 3**, Christ dictated **7 letters** to John, which were sent to **7 specific churches** in Asia.

Previously in Revelation

- In Revelation 4 & 5, we saw John caught up into the very throne room of God.
- We saw both angels and men engaged in a powerful outpouring of worship.
- We saw a seven-sealed scroll given to the sacrificed Lamb, the Lion of Judah, Jesus Christ.

Previously in Revelation

- In Revelation 6, Jesus opened most of the seals.
- In Revelation 7, we saw that despite the horrible judgments, God has a people reserved for Himself.
- In Revelation 8, Christ opened the final seal and the trumpet judgments began.

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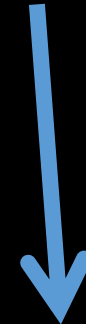
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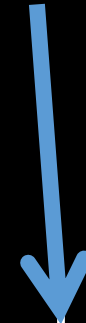
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- 9:1 a star fallen from heaven to earth This may be Satan himself.
- The pronoun used for the star is “he” not “it,” so the star has a personal quality.
- The star is “fallen” rather than sent or some other more favorable verb.
- In Revelation 1 – 3 and 12, stars represent “angels.”

I. The Fifth Trumpet 9:1-12

During the tribulation, Satan will be granted authority to unlock the pit. A principle illustrated in this verse is that Satan only has as much authority as God grants him. Nowhere in Scripture is that principle more prominently displayed than in Job 1:12 and 2:6 ...

*— Tony Evans,
pastor and Bible teacher*



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... in which Satan cannot harm Job without God's permission. But what the devil intends for evil, God intends for good.

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I. The Fifth Trumpet 9:1-12

- **Demonic Locusts**
- These locust-like demonic creatures will come out of the **abyss**.
- They do nothing but torment people with scorpion-style stings.
- No one will be allowed to die, and the suffering will last for five months.

I. The Fifth Trumpet 9:1-12

- A few things about these locusts:
- The prophet Joel speaks of a horrendous locust plague which evidently took place a long time ago.
- Yet it seems to foreshadow this prophecy in Revelation.

I. The Fifth Trumpet 9:1-12

- A few things about these locusts:
- Joel 1:6

For a nation has come up against my land,
powerful and beyond number;
its teeth are lions' teeth, (See Rev 9:8)
and it has the fangs of a lioness.

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- A few things about these locusts:
- Joel 1:15

Alas for the day!

For the day of the Lord is near,
and as destruction from the Almighty it comes.

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- A few things about these locusts:
- They come up out of the **bottomless pit** – the **abyss**.
- This is the same place **the beast** or **antichrist** is going to rise up from. (**Revelation 11:7, 17:8**)
- This may be related to his apparent rising from the dead after being killed – but more on that later.

I. The Fifth Trumpet 9:1-12

- A few things about these locusts:
- They come up out of the **bottomless pit** – the **abyss**.
- It is also where Satan will be bound for one thousand years during Christ's millennial reign.
- We will read more about that in **Revelation 20**.

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- Demons understand that this is a place of special punishment for them.

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- In **Luke 8:30-31**, Jesus encounters the Gerasene demoniac.

30 Jesus then asked him, “What is your name?” And he said, “Legion,” for many demons had entered him.
31 And they begged him not to command them to depart into the abyss.

I. The Fifth Trumpet 9:1-12

- A few things about these locusts:
- They will torment a certain group.
- Revelation 9:4

... only those people who do not have the seal of God on their foreheads.

- So, who are those we have seen who are sealed?

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- A few things about these locusts:
- They will not torment this group.
- Revelation 7:3-4

3 ... “Do not harm the earth or the sea or the trees, until we have sealed the servants of our God on their foreheads.” 4 And I heard the number of the sealed, 144,000, sealed from every tribe of the sons of Israel.

I. The Fifth Trumpet 9:1-12

- A few things about these locusts:
- Finally, note how bad the suffering is in 9:5-6.

5 They were allowed to torment them for five months, but not to kill them, and their torment was like the torment of a scorpion when it stings someone. 6 And in those days people will seek death and will not find it. They will long to die, but death will flee from them.

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- 9:12 The Fifth, Sixth and Seventh Trumpets are also called the Three Woes.

II. The Sixth Trumpet 9:13-19

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- 9:13-15 a voice from ... the golden altar
- We have seen this altar before, in Revelation 6:9-10,
9 When he opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar
the souls of those who had been slain for the word of
God and for the witness they had borne. 10 They cried
out with a loud voice, “O Sovereign Lord, holy and true,
how long before you will judge and avenge our blood
on those who dwell on the earth?”

II. The Sixth Trumpet 9:13-19

- 9:13-15 four angels
- We can be confident these are *fallen angels* because they are bound.
- Why at the River Euphrates?
- It's hard to say. Remember John is simply recording what he saw.

II. The Sixth Trumpet 9:13-19

- 9:13-15 four angels
- They are released at a precisely appointed time.
- Their assignment is to kill one-third of mankind.
- This follows the one-third theme of the first four Trumpet Judgments.

II. The Sixth Trumpet 9:13-19

- 9:16-19 demonic horsemen
- The angels accomplish their task by means of 200,000,000 horsemen who kill this vast number.
- They do this through fire, smoke and brimstone that come out of the horses' lion-like heads.

II. The Sixth Trumpet 9:13-19

- 9:16-19 demonic horsemen
- The description, like that of the locusts in the previous judgment, is bizarre.
- Again, John is merely recording what he saw.
- It might be stretching it to try to assign symbolic meaning to the details when none is given.

II. The Sixth Trumpet 9:13-19



These four angels are prepared for the “hour, day, month, and year” on God’s schedule.; and it is their task to slay one-third of the earth’s population. In 6:8 we read that one-fourth of the people were slain, leaving three-fourths for the judgments to come ...

*– Warren W. Wiersbe
(1929 – 2019)*

II. The Sixth Trumpet 9:13-19



... after these angels had destroyed another third, one-half of the world's population had been killed ... This is one way God will answer the prayers of the martyrs in 6:9-11.

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II. The Sixth Trumpet 9:13-19

- At least half of the world's population is already dead.
- Revelation 6:7-8

7 When he opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth living creature say, "Come!" 8 And I looked, and behold, a pale horse! And its rider's name was Death, and Hades followed him. And they were given authority over a fourth of the earth, to kill with sword and with famine and with pestilence and by wild beasts of the earth.

III. Mankind's Response 9:20-21

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- History shows that when God continuously shows His mercy, people do not turn to Him in thanks.
- They typically go on in their evil ways and assume that God approves.
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19 “You give your mouth free rein for evil,
and your tongue frames deceit.

20 You sit and speak against your brother;
you slander your own mother's son ...

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- Psalm 50:19-21 is instructive here.

21 These things you have done, and I have been silent;
you thought that I was one like yourself.
But now I rebuke you and lay the charge before you.

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- In allowing us true freedom, God has allowed humanity the freedom to rebel against Him.
- For thousands of years, the world has had the opportunity to plead for His mercy.

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- For thousands of years, we have been in rebellion.
- And this is against the infinitely good, wise, holy and loving God who created us.

III. Mankind's Response 9:20-21



In spite of the dramatic judgment inflicted ... those who survive are declared to be unrepentant. Such is the hardness of the human heart even though faced by worldwide destruction and divine judgment from God and a clear testimony of God's power to deal summarily with every human soul.

*— John Walvoord (1910 – 2002)
President of Dallas Seminary
from 1952 – 1986*

III. Mankind's Response 9:20-21

*The survivors shunned repentance ...
They absolutely failed to change
their conduct, their creed, or their
attitudes toward God, which would
have appeared to be the least they
could do in light of what the world
had just experienced.*

*– Robert L. Thomas, The Master's
Seminary, Los Angeles*



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Plague and similar disasters, which bring out the best qualities in some people bring out the worst in many others ... God has pledged His ready pardon wherever a glimmer of repentance is shown, but what if men persist in impenitence?

*— F. F. Bruce (1910 – 1990)
University of Manchester*

III. Mankind's Response 9:20-21

- Since Christ's death and resurrection, the love of God toward us has been clear.
- He desires is repentance and faith – a turning toward Christ.
- Yet that is not how most people respond.
- At the end of the present age, God will systematically judge this rebellious world before a new age begins.

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1. The Person of Christ

- Jesus exercises control over all that happens in the various judgments.
- The Trumpets belong to the Seventh Seal and Jesus is one who opened the Seven Seals.

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2. The Persistence of Sin

- This we saw at the end of the chapter.
- Even in the midst of judgment, humanity persists in rebellion and idolatry.

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3. The Plan of God

- This is evident, first of all in the way the judgments unfold at a particular time in history.
- This is all taking place during the Tribulation, the Seventieth Week of the prophecy in **Daniel 9**.

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3. The Plan of God

- It is also evident in how the Sixth Trumpet judgment was carried out by four specific fallen angels.
- These angels were reserved for “for the hour, the day, the month, and the year” to carry out this plan.

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- Avoid Idolatry
- We can define idolatry as not only worshiping statues and the like.
- Idolatry also occurs when we let anything take the place or stand in the way of our worship of God.
- This sometimes happens when people willingly believe false concepts about God.

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- Exodus 32:3-5

3 So all the people took off the rings of gold that were in their ears and brought them to Aaron. 4 And he received the gold from their hand and fashioned it with a graving tool and made a golden calf. And they said, “These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!” 5 When Aaron saw this, he built an altar before it. And Aaron made a proclamation and said, “Tomorrow shall be a feast to the LORD.”

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- Avoid Idolatry
- 1 Corinthians 10:6-8

6 Now these things took place as examples for us, that we might not desire evil as they did. 7 Do not be idolaters as some of them were; as it is written, “The people sat down to eat and drink and rose up to play.” 8 We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day.

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- Avoid Idolatry
- 1 Corinthians 10:14

Therefore, my beloved, flee from idolatry.

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- Avoid Idolatry
- 1 Corinthians 10:19-20

19 What do I imply then? That food offered to idols is anything, or that an idol is anything? 20 No, I imply that what pagans sacrifice they offer to demons and not to God. I do not want you to be participants with demons.

- Compare **Revelation 9:20** where worship of demons and idols is seen together.

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- Avoid Idolatry
- Colossian 3:5-6

5 Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. 6 On account of these the wrath of God is coming.

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- Avoid Idolatry
- 1 John 5:19-21

19 We know that we are from God, and the whole world lies in the power of the evil one. 20 And we know that the Son of God has come and has given us understanding, so that we may know him who is true; and we are in him who is true, in his Son Jesus Christ. He is the true God and eternal life. 21 Little children, keep yourselves from idols.