

The Revelation of
Yeshua The Messiah To Yochanan (John)
Study Notes
Chapter 9 PT. 1: The First Judgement Of “Woes”

Revelation 9:1-12 (NASB)

The Fifth Trumpet: Shaft of the Abyss

“¹ Then the fifth angel sounded, and I saw a star from heaven which had fallen to the earth; and the key to the shaft of the abyss was given to him. ² He opened the shaft of the abyss, and smoke ascended out of the shaft like the smoke of a great furnace; and the sun and the air were darkened from the smoke of the shaft. ³ Then out of the smoke came locusts upon the earth, and power was given them, as the scorpions of the earth have power. ⁴ They were told not to hurt the grass of the earth, nor any green thing, nor any tree, but only the people who do not have the seal of God on their foreheads. ⁵ And they were not permitted to kill anyone, but to torment for five months; and their torment was like the torment of a scorpion when it stings a person. ⁶ And in those days, people will seek death and will not find it; they will long to die, and death will flee from them! ⁷ The appearance of the locusts was like horses prepared for battle; and on their heads appeared to be crowns like gold, and their faces were like human faces. ⁸ They had hair like the hair of women, and their teeth were like *the teeth* of lions. ⁹ They had breastplates like breastplates of iron; and the sound of their wings was like the sound of chariots, of many horses rushing to battle. ¹⁰ They have tails like scorpions, and stings; and in their tails is their power to hurt people for five months. ¹¹ They have as king over them, the angel of the abyss; his name in Hebrew is Abaddon, and in the Greek he has the name Apollyon. ¹² The first woe has passed; behold, two woes are still coming after these things.”

➤ This is the start of a foretaste of Hell on Earth.

Understanding: Up until now, the first 4 Trumpet Judgements targeted the ecosystem of earth; everything man needs to live - a third was destroyed. The next three Trumpet Judgments are directly targeting “man” himself.

- Remember this is a progressive judgement.

- The goal has been and continues to be to drive man to repentance.
- A push on humanity to humble himself and bow the knee.
- Anyone left standing is now having the pressure intensify.
- The first 12 verses of Revelation 9 **are only the first woe.**

Verses 1-2

“The Fifth Trumpet Sounds”- The First Woe

Woe-(Greek)-*ouai*-is an interjection that means "woe!" or "alas!" and is used as an exclamation of grief.



Revelation 9:1 (NASB) - “...I saw a star from heaven which had fallen to the earth; and the key to the shaft of the abyss was given to him.”

Note: We know this star to **not** be an asteroid because of the context of the passage.

- A star which ***had*** fallen to the earth.
- A star that is given the key to the abyss.
- Keys represent authority given.

Abyss-(Greek)-*abyssos*-“bottomless, unfathomable, boundless” and can be used as both a noun and an adjective. It is derived from the words ***a-*** meaning “without” and ***byssos*** meaning “depth, bottom”.

Note: Remember scripture interprets itself!

Isaiah 14:12 (NASB) – “How you have fallen from heaven, You star of the morning, son of the dawn! You have been cut down to the earth, You who defeated the nations!”

- This is referring to Lucifer, also called “Star of the Morning”.
- It was Jesus who gave him the key to hell.
- He was given authority, but not **ultimate** authority.



➤ **GOOD NEWS: FEAR NOT! We have been given authority over his power NOW (Luke 10:19)! We must take it and act upon it!**

Yeshua States:

Revelation 1:18 (NASB) – “...I was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of death and of Hades.”

Note: Even though Jesus calls Satan in **John 16:11**, “the ruler of this world”, it is **temporary** and **limited**.

- Revelation 9:2 states, upon opening the shaft smoke ascended like from a great furnace.
- The sun and air were darkened due to the smoke.

Verses 3-5

Key: Then locusts emerge from out of the smoke.

- Power was given to them as the scorpions of the earth have power.
- Told not to hurt the grass nor any green thing, nor tree - commanded to be out of order.
- Assigned to hurt only the people who do not have the seal of God on their foreheads.
- Could not kill anyone.
- Ordered to torment humans for 5 months.
- The torment is like the sting of a scorpion.

Let us talk about the Scorpion:



Note: The deadliest scorpion on earth is the Deathstalker Scorpion

- Victims of a deathstalker scorpion sting will experience extreme and excruciating pain at the injection site and swelling. Nothing can subside this.
- Next, headaches may onset with nausea, vomiting, abdominal cramps, and diarrhea, and eventually, the venom may lead to fluid retention in the lungs and convulsions.
- Most lethal without antivenom in children than adults.

Verse 6

- In those days people will seek death and not find death.
- People will long for death.

- Death will flee them.

Note: The torment is not just what is happening to them, it is also what they see! They do not function like a regular locust. They do not look like regular locusts.



Normal Locusts: They are fond of grasses and grains, and can eat so much that a single swarm can consume over 423 million pounds of crops in a day.

- Locusts are attracted to vegetation and can fly long distances in search of food.
- Newly hatched locusts are naturally drawn to the smell of wheat grass.

Remember: They were told in **Revelation 9:4** not to hurt the grass of the earth, nor any green thing, nor any tree - they go against what God created.

Locusts of Revelation 9:7-10





The Appearance: Johns Describes – “I SAW”

- They appeared like horses prepared for battle.
- On their heads appeared crowns like gold.
- Faces like humans.
- They had hair like a woman.
- Teeth were like the teeth of a lion.
- They had breastplates like iron.
- The sound of their wings was like the sound of many chariots rushing to battle.
- Their tails were like scorpions.
- Their stings have the power to hurt people for five months - Limited Power.

Verse 11

They Have A King: The Angel of the Abyss - Abaddon(Hebrew)/Apollyon (Greek)



Angel-(Greek)-*angelos*-a messenger, envoy, one who is sent, an angel, a messenger from God.

Abaddon-(Hebrew)- means "destruction" or "doom".

Apollyon-(Greek)-*Koinē*-Greek word that means "Destroyer."

Note: This is believed to be one of the Archangels before the fall of Lucifer. He was cast out of heaven with Lucifer and is now given authority over these demonic locust to torment for 5 months those who do not have the seal of God and still left on the earth.

Verse 12

Note: This is saddest statement in the judgment so far:

“The first woe has passed; behold, two woes are still coming after these things.”

“**After These Things**”-(Greek)-*Meta Tauta*-Things which must take place.

- After the fifth trumpet sounds.
- After Lucifer is given the key to open the Abyss.
- After the smoke ascends and blackens the sky.
- After the demonic locusts are released.
- After man is tormented for 5 months.
- After death is fleeting.

Understanding: The depth of torment and despair will be unfathomable! Even to the point where Jesus Himself commands that we remain watchful.

Luke 21:34-36 (AMP) - “³⁴ But be on guard, so that your hearts are not weighed down *and* depressed with the giddiness of debauchery and the nausea of self-indulgence and the worldly worries of life, and then that day [when the Messiah returns] will not come on you suddenly like a trap; ³⁵ for it will come upon all those who live on the face of all the earth. ³⁶ But keep alert at all times [be attentive and ready], praying that you may have the strength *and* ability [to be found worthy and] to escape all these things that are going to take place, and to stand in the presence of the Son of Man [at His coming].”

Decree and Declare: I SHALL REMAIN WATCHFUL

Two Woes Are Still To Come...

The End