



The Fifth Trumpet Judgment

The First **WOE**
A Plague of Locust

The Bottomless Pit



Revelation 9:1-12 (NASB), ¹Then the fifth angel sounded, and I saw a star from heaven which had fallen to the earth; and the key of the bottomless pit was given to him.²He opened the bottomless pit, and smoke went up out of the pit, like the smoke of a great furnace; and the sun and the air were darkened by the smoke of the pit.³Then out of the smoke came locusts upon the earth, and power was given them, as the scorpions of the earth have power. ⁴They were told not to hurt the grass of the earth, nor any green thing, nor any tree, but only the men who do not have the seal of God on their foreheads. ⁵And 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 man. ⁶And in those days men will seek death and will not find it; they will long to die, and death flees from them.

⁷The 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 the faces of men. ⁸They had hair like the hair of women, and their teeth were like *the teeth* of lions. ⁹They had breastplates like breastplates of iron; and the sound of their wings was like the sound of chariots, of many horses rushing to battle. ¹⁰They have tails like scorpions, and stings; and in their tails is their power to hurt men for five months. ¹¹They 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.



¹²The first woe is past; behold, two woes are still coming after these things.

*Abaddon was the other Archangel who rebelled with Lucifer and kick out of heaven into the pit. Today he is known as the Angel of Death.



ohn said he saw a star fall from heaven to the earth. This is not a literal star because in the next chapter a star is spoken of as being a person. Also in the Old Testament angels were called “stars” (Job 38:7). This does not imply that the angel was a fallen angel or Satan. John simply meant that he saw the descent of this “star” or “angel” was so rapid that it appeared to be falling. And it was given to this angel a key to the bottomless pit.

The 1st **WOE**, Rev.9:1-12

The first woe covers all of chapter nine which is the release of the plague of demonic locust that attack and torture the unsaved for five months (Revelation 9:1–11). The plague begins with a “star” falling from heaven. This star is an angel, as he is given “the key to the shaft of the Abyss” (v1). He opens the Abyss, releasing a horde of “locusts” with “power like that of scorpions” (v3). The locusts do not touch the plant life of earth; rather, they head straight for “those people who did not have the seal of God on their foreheads” (v4). For five months, these locusts torment people, whose agony is so great that they will wish to die, “but death will elude them” (v7). The locusts are not allowed to kill anyone, only to torture them.



Abaddon / Apolyon
The Angel of the Bottomless Pit
& King of the Locust

The Bottomless Pit

The Bottomless Pit is not Hell or Hades, or the Lake of Fire. It is the place of confinement for the Demons who are wicked, unclean, vicious and have power to derange both mind and body. Matt. 12:22, 15:22, Luke 4:35, 8:26-36, 9:42. They are the “Familiar Spirits” of the Old Testament and the “Seducing Spirits” of which Paul warned Timothy about in I Timothy 4:1.



Similar to the eighth Egyptian plague (Ex. 10:3-20) the angel opens the Bottomless Pit and a plague of locust is unleashed upon the earth. Unlike the locus of the ancient Egypt these locus are described as a combination of horse, man, woman, lion and the scorpion. The sound of their wings was like the sound of many chariots and horses running into battle. Unlike a normal locust that eats vegetation, these were forbidden to harm the grass or the trees or any green thing.

Their mission is to torment men for a period of five months. With a tail of a scorpion and the sting of a scorpion they will inflict great pain upon all those who do not carry God's seal in their foreheads. The pain will be so great and excruciating that men will seek death but will be unable to die. This plague will last for a period of five months. These events seem to be foretold by the prophet Joel in Joel 2:3-10.