**Reviewing Revelation 9—The fifth and Sixth Trumpet**

[**Rev 9:1-21**](https://www.blueletterbible.org/kjv/revelation/9/1/s_1176001)**. THE FIFTH TRUMPET: THE FALLEN STAR OPENS THE ABYSS WHENCE ISSUE LOCUSTS. THE SIXTH TRUMPET. FOUR ANGELS AT THE EUPHRATES LOOSED. The first four seals and trumpets presented judgments directed against the earth. In the first four seals, these were the "four horsemen" bringing tyranny, war, famine, and death on the earth. In the first four trumpets, these were the ecological destruction of the vegetation, seas, fresh waters, and sky. The last three seals focused upon heaven: the cry of the martyrs, cosmic disturbances, and the heavenly prelude to the seven trumpets. The last three trumpets will speak of hell, in terms of the demonic. The last three trumpets of the seven are called, from** [**Rev 8:13**](https://www.blueletterbible.org/kjv/revelation/8/13/s_1175013)**, *the woe-trumpets.*** Since the first four trumpets focused on nature, the final three trumpets will focus on humanity directly. Some scholars actually believe that this chapter is actually one of the most difficult in the entire Bible!!

**1, “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.”**

1. **What is the fifth trumpet, the first woe! Demon locusts out of the pit—Demonic locust plague. Then the fifth angel sounded: This is the fifth angel that sounded a trumpet. A star fallen from heaven. I saw a star fallen from heaven: The text clearly shows us that this star is a *person* (to *him*), not a literal star. The verb tense (fallen) indicates that he already had fallen. AND…..The Fifth Trumpet - The expulsion of Satan from heaven. FIFTH TRUMPET—TWO DISTINCT HAPPENINGS! SATAN EXPULSED AND DEMON LOCUSTS RELEASED.**
2. **Who or what is the “star?” In Luke 10:18,** “And he said unto them, I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven.” **Jesus does see Satan falling from heaven. However, here "fallen" is a part of the metaphor of "a fallen star."**
   1. **Examine Revelation 1:20,** “The mystery of the seven stars which thou sawest in my right hand, and the seven golden candlesticks. The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches: and the seven candlesticks which thou sawest are the seven churches.”
      1. **In the context, this star is best seen as an angel; whether he is a good or bad angel depends on his relation to the *angel of the bottomless pit* in** [**Revelation 9:11**](http://www.studylight.org/desk/index.cgi?q1=Revelation+9:11&t1=en_nas)**, “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.” If the angel of** [**Revelation 9:1**](http://www.studylight.org/desk/index.cgi?q1=Revelation+9:1&t1=en_nas)**, “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,” is the same as the angel of** [**Revelation 9:11**](http://www.studylight.org/desk/index.cgi?q1=Revelation+9:11&t1=en_nas)**, it is an evil angel - perhaps Satan himself.**
   2. **Re-iterate what Isaiah saw in this same incident, Isaiah 14:12, “**How you have fallen from heaven, O star of the morning, son of the dawn! You have been cut down to the earth, you who have weakened the nations!" Isaiah foresaw this development in exactly the same manner described by John.
      1. **Refer to Job 1:6. Many people mistakenly believe that throughout human history, Satan has already been banished from heaven, or that he reigns in some kind of kingdom in hell. That isn't true. Satan has always had access to the Throne of God, where he serves as the principle accuser of the saints of God. *"Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the Lord, and Satan also came among them,” Job 1:6.* Satan's entry into God's presence changes here. Now he is kicked out of heaven, and he is furious. Note also that he carries with him the key to the bottomless pit. (Revelation 9:1) He didn't have it before; it was given him by the One who holds the keys to heaven, hell and to death, King Jesus!**
   3. **Discuss “fall” -rather as *Greek,* "fallen." When John saw it, it was not in the act of *falling,* but had *fallen* already. This is a connecting link of this fifth trumpet with** [**Rev 12:8, “And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven,” 9, “And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him,” Revelation 12:12**](https://www.blueletterbible.org/kjv/revelation/12/8/s_1179008)**,,** “Therefore rejoice, *ye* heavens, and ye that dwell in them. Woe to the inhabiters of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time,” **and Luke 8:30,“ And Jesus asked him, saying, What is thy name? And he said, Legion: because many devils were entered into him. And they besought him that he would not command them to go out into the deep.”**
   4. **Who held the key to the bottomless pit? See Ephesians 4:8**, “Wherefore he saith, When he ascended up on high, he led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men.” We know that Jesus Christ holds the key to the bottomless pit. He took the key away from Satan when He (Jesus) went there, preached, and brought captivity captive out with Him, Ephesians 4:8
   5. **See** [**2**](http://www.studylight.org/desk/index.cgi?q1=Luke+8:2&t1=en_nas) **Peter 2:4, “For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast *them* down to hell, and delivered *them* into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment;” and Jude 6, “For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast *them* down to hell, and delivered *them* into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment.).**
   6. **Refer to** [**Romans 10:7**](http://www.studylight.org/desk/index.cgi?q1=Romans+10:7&t1=en_nas)**, “Or, Who shall descend into the deep? (that is, to bring up Christ again from the dead.” This is probably the same place as this bottomless pit. More generally, this place is considered the realm of the dead, the same as Hades.**

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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.”**

1. **Elaborate on the bottomless pit. (\*\*See Number 8).** He opened the bottomless pit = or more literally, *he opened the shaft of the abyss*. This is the purpose of the angel’s possession of the key. Since this pit is the imprisoning chamber of supernatural powers, earth is safe as long as the pit is locked. ***In the first 12 verses, John employs the image of a pit seven times to describe hell.*** Each time the pit is closely associated with demons; it is also associated with the unsaved. (Romans 10:7, “Or, Who shall descend into the deep? (that is, to bring up Christ again from the dead.”) ***This image of hell may also imply darkness and imprisonment since pits were often used as prisons in ancient cultures. Obviously, the pit appears as a place of suffering***.
2. **Describe the locusts. Out of the smoke locusts came upon the earth: These are obviously not natural locusts. They avoid plants and attack men like scorpions attack. They are "A visual representation of the hordes of demons loosed upon the earth." (Walvoord) as the scorpions of the earth--as contrasted with the "locusts" which come up *from hell,* and are not "of the earth." have power--namely, to sting. The idea is simply that as part of the judgment of the great tribulation, God will allow demonic hordes, previously imprisoned, to descend upon the earth like a swarm of destructive locusts.** 
   1. **Who are the 144,000? See Revelation 7:4-8, “And I heard the number of them which were sealed: and there were sealed an hundred and forty and four thousand of all the tribes of the children of Israel.5Of the tribe of Juda were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Reuben were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Gad were sealed twelve thousand.6Of the tribe of Aser were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Nephthalim were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Manasses were sealed twelve thousand.7Of the tribe of Simeon were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Levi were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Issachar were sealed twelve thousand.8Of the tribe of Zabulon were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Joseph were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Benjamin were sealed twelve thousand.” Those who have the seal of God on their foreheads (the 144,000 and perhaps more) are protected, but *none* other are. This is an inescapable judgment of God. Thus this fifth trumpet is proved to follow the *sealing* in** [**Revelation 7:1-8**](https://www.blueletterbible.org/kjv/revelation/7/1/s_1174001)**, under the sixth seal. None of the saints are hurt by these locusts.**
   2. **Compare verse 6, it speaks of “men seeking death.” Why” In those days men will seek death and will not find it; they will desire to die, and death will flee from them: Death will offer no escape from this prolonged torture. Their power is described like the power of scorpions, and the bite of a scorpion, though extremely painful, is rarely fatal.**
3. **What does the five months symbolize?** Five months--the ordinary time in the year during which locusts continue their ravages. The fifth trumpet brings a five month period of torment on the unbelievers of the earth
4. **Compare verse 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,” the with Revelation 6:15-16, “And the kings of the earth, and the great men, and the rich men, and the chief captains, and the mighty men, and every bondman, and every free man, hid themselves in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains; and said to the mountains and rock, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb,” and Luke 23:30, “**Then shall they begin to say to the mountains, Fall on us; and to the hills, Cover us.”

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**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.**.

1. **Verses 7-10 give even more vivid detail about these locusts. Elaborate. The shape of the locusts was like horses prepared for battle**: Many attempts have been made to show that this is an accurate (though poetic) description of natural locusts. This approach misses the obvious demonic connection. **Horses show their warlike character. Their crowns depict them as conquerors. Human faces show intelligence. Their feminine hair perhaps makes them seductive and attractive. The teeth of lions show them to be destructive and hurtful. Breastplates of iron make them indestructible. Wings symbolize swiftness. The stings in their tails give them the power to hurt**.
   1. **Are these Nephilim**? Their faces were like the faces of men = is the third in a series of ten descriptive characteristics. The locust-like-creatures have both the characteristics of animals and humans.
   2. **Compare with** [**Exodus 10:4-14**](http://www.studylight.org/desk/index.cgi?q1=Exodus+10:4-14&t1=en_nas)**,** “Else, if thou refuse to let my people go, behold, tomorrow will I bring the locusts into thy coast: 5And they shall cover the face of the earth, that one cannot be able to see the earth: and they shall eat the residue of that which is escaped, which remaineth unto you from the hail, and shall eat every tree which groweth for you out of the field: 6And they shall fill thy houses, and the houses of all thy servants, and the houses of all the Egyptians; which neither thy fathers, nor thy fathers' fathers have seen, since the day that they were upon the earth unto this day. And he turned himself, and went out from Pharaoh. 7And Pharaoh's servants said unto him, How long shall this man be a snare unto us? let the men go, that they may serve the Lord their God: knowest thou not yet that Egypt is destroyed? 8And Moses and Aaron were brought again unto Pharaoh: and he said unto them, Go, serve the Lord your God: but who are they that shall go?9And Moses said, We will go with our young and with our old, with our sons and with our daughters, with our flocks and with our herds will we go; for we must hold a feast unto the Lord. 10And he said unto them, Let the Lord be so with you, as I will let you go, and your little ones: look to it; for evil is before you. 11Not so: go now ye that are men, and serve the Lord; for that ye did desire. And they were driven out from Pharaoh's presence. 12And the Lord said unto Moses, Stretch out thine hand over the land of Egypt for the locusts, that they may come up upon the land of Egypt, and eat every herb of the land, even all that the hail hath left. 13And Moses stretched forth his rod over the land of Egypt, and the Lord brought an east wind upon the land all that day, and all that night; and when it was morning, the east wind brought the locusts.14And the locust went up over all the land of Egypt, and rested in all the coasts of Egypt: very grievous were they; before them there were no such locusts as they, neither after them shall be such,” [**Deuteronomy 28:38,**](http://www.studylight.org/desk/index.cgi?q1=Deuteronomy+28:38&t1=en_nas) “Thou shalt carry much seed out into the field, and shalt gather but little in; for the locust shall consume it,” [**1**](http://www.studylight.org/desk/index.cgi?q1=Deuteronomy+28:1&t1=en_nas) **Kings 8:37,** “If there be in the land famine, if there be pestilence, blasting, mildew, locust, or if there be caterpillar; if their enemy besiege them in the land of their cities; whatsoever plague, whatsoever sickness there be;,” [**2 Chronicles 7:13**](http://www.studylight.org/desk/index.cgi?q1=2%20Chronicles+7:13&t1=en_nas)**,** “If I shut up heaven that there be no rain, or if I command the locusts to devour the land, or if I send pestilence among my people,” [**Joel 1:4**](http://www.studylight.org/desk/index.cgi?q1=Joel+1:4&t1=en_nas)**,** “That which the palmerworm hath left hath the locust eaten; and that which the locust hath left hath the cankerworm eaten; and that which the cankerworm hath left hath the caterpillar eaten,” and [Amos 4:9](http://www.studylight.org/desk/index.cgi?q1=Amos+4:9&t1=en_nas), “I have smitten you with blasting and mildew: when your gardens and your vineyards and your fig trees and your olive trees increased, the palmerworm devoured them: yet have ye not returned unto me, saith the Lord,” locusts are agents of God's judgment. This is a consistent Old Testament figure in passages like. **Like horses . . . like gold . . . like the faces of men . . . like women's hair . . . like lion's teeth**: The repetition of **like** indicates something other than a literal description is intended. The total impact of this picture is one of unnatural and awesome cruelty.

**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.**

1. **Who is the king? And they had as king over them: This is another indication that these creatures are not literal locusts. The Bible tells us that literal locusts have no king.** 
   1. ***The locusts have no king, yet they all advance in ranks* (**[**Proverbs 30:27**](http://www.studylight.org/desk/index.cgi?q1=Proverbs+30:27&t1=en_nas)**). Yet these particular locusts do have a king.**
   2. ***Discuss* the name “Abaddon:”** Both names mean "Destroyer".  **Their king is given a name. Abaddon and Apollyon both have the same thought of *destruction* or *torment* (perdition).The angel of the bottomless pit: Since this is the king of these locusts, and since he has the name Abaddon or Apollyon, this is obviously Satan** **himself or another high-ranking leader of demons.** **Abaddon**--that is, *perdition* or *destruction* ([Job 26:6](https://www.blueletterbible.org/kjv/job/26/6/s_462006) and [Proverbs 27:20](https://www.blueletterbible.org/kjv/proverbs/27/20/s_655020) ).
      1. Interestingly, the LXX translates the Hebrew term *Abaddon* with the Greek term *apologia* (destruction). The apostle Paul in 2 Thessalonians 2:3 labels the Man of Lawlessness (Antichrist) as "the son of destruction (*Abaddon*)." The Lord Jesus indicates that Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot, was "the son of perdition (*Abaddon*)" in fulfillment of Scripture.
2. **What is the bottomless pit, the abyss, or Tartarus? Literally in Greek means “Abyss?” Abode of demons. Rev. 9:1-12, Rev. 11:7-8, where Satan is bound Rev. 20:1-3.** The key of the bottomless pit = refers to a very important biblical concept. The term "bottomless," which is a transliteration of *abussos* (abyss), occurs nine times in the New Testament, seven of them in the Revelation. It refers to a place of confinement of supernatural beings. The first occurrence of this term in the New Testament relates to Jesus miraculous deliverance of a demon possessed man that lived in a local graveyard. Significantly, prior to their departure from the Gadarian demoniac, the demons requested of Christ that He not "command them to depart into the abyss (Luke 8:31)." Matthew’s account of this same incident adds the detail, "…Have You come here to torment us before the time (Matt 8:29)?" Clearly the *abyss* and the *time of torment* are connected. That the demons are aware of a future time when they will be assigned to the abyss is clear. Equally, the abyss will be a place of torment for demons. Revelation 20:3 locates the time of confinement of demons to coincide with the millennial reign of Christ. It also indicates that Satan will also occupy this place for 1000 years. The 1000-year imprisonment of Satan will not be a simple restriction of movement.
3. **What is Hades, also called Sheol, Greed, Torment, Place of the Dead, Temporary? Hades, N.T., is the O.T., Sheol. This is unseen place of the dead where souls await judgment, a cavernous place underground where there are compartments, Luke 16: 19-31, the two specific: 1. Torment, 2. Abraham’s Bosom.**

**Hades (Greek “Sheol”) Unseen place of the dead; cavernous place underground with compartments, while souls await final judgment; will be cast into the Lake of Fire, 1. Torment (I Pet.3:19, Acts 2:27, Luke 12:5, 12:48, 16:24, Rev. 20:15), 2. Abraham’s Bosom, before the resurrection of the Lord (Luke 16:19-31, I Peter 3:19, Luke 14:18, 16:19-31) righteous were there when Jesus descended to free them, 3. Hades has substance and form and is cast into the Lake of Fire, Rev. 20:14.**

**Bottomless Pit (Greek: ‘Abyss,’ Tartarus, “Tartaroo,”)**

**Temporary abode ...deepest part of Hades, where Satan is bound in the millennium** “Bottomless pit” is one word in the Greek of the New Testament and is literally the “abyss,” which means “bottomless, unbounded, the pit, or the immeasurable depth.” Roman mythology featured a similar place called Orcus, a very deep gulf or chasm in the lowest parts of the earth used as the common receptacle of the dead and, especially, as the abode of demons. The bottomless pit of [Revelation 9:1-12](http://biblia.com/bible/esv/Rev%209.1-12) holds a unique type of demon. It is also the home of the beast who makes war against the two witnesses ([Revelation 11:7-8](http://biblia.com/bible/esv/Rev%2011.7-8)). At the beginning of the millennial kingdom, the bottomless pit is the place where Satan is bound ([Revelation 20:1-3](http://biblia.com/bible/esv/Rev%2020.1-3)). At the end of the thousand years, Satan is released and promptly leads an unsuccessful revolt against God ([Revelation 20:7-10](http://biblia.com/bible/esv/Rev%2020.7-10)).  
  
The bottomless pit may be associated with a place called [Tartarus](http://www.gotquestions.org/what-is-tartarus.html). This Greek word is translated as “hell” and is used only once in Scripture, in [2 Peter 2:4](http://biblia.com/bible/esv/2%20Pet%202.4). It refers to the place where “angels who sinned” are reserved in chains of darkness for judgment. The NIV says these angels in Tartarus are held in “gloomy dungeons.” These same angels are also mentioned in [Jude 6](http://biblia.com/bible/esv/Jude%206) as the angels who “abandoned their own home” (cf. [Genesis 6:2](http://biblia.com/bible/esv/Gen%206.2)). **Bottomless pit**--*Greek,* "abyss."  
  
If Tartarus is the same as the Abyss, then the inhabitants of the bottomless pit are the same angels who sinned and left their first habitation. God uses the bottomless pit as a holding place for the most evil of angels, including Satan himself and those who tried and failed before the Flood to thwart God’s plan to bring the Seed of the woman into the world ([Genesis 3:15](http://biblia.com/bible/esv/Gen%203.15)). The inhabitants of the Abyss are released for a very short time during the last three and a half years of the tribulation to fulfill God’s purpose, namely, to torment the wicked ([Revelation 9:5](http://biblia.com/bible/esv/Rev%209.5)). These prisoners of the bottomless pit hate humanity and seek to destroy them, but God controls their terror and limits their power.

**--Tartarus—(where fallen angels, giants, Greek Titans, Nephilim are kept until judgment)—Jude 6**

**Bottom Part, deepest part, (Strong’s G5020) of Hades--——Jude 6**

**Visible from—Luke 16:26**

**Lake of fire, hell, Gehenna, valley of Hinnom**

In the Hebrew Scriptures, the word used to describe the realm of the dead is *Sheol*. It simply means “the place of the dead” or “the place of departed souls/spirits.” The New Testament Greek equivalent to *Sheol* is *hades*, which is also a general reference to “the place of the dead.” The Greek word *Gehenna* is used in the New Testament for “hell” and is derived from the Hebrew word *Hinnom*. Other Scriptures in the New Testament indicated that Sheol/hades is a temporary place where souls are kept as they await the final resurrection. The souls of the righteous, at death, go directly into the presence of God—the part of Sheol called “heaven,” “paradise,” or “Abraham’s bosom” ([Luke 23:43](http://biblia.com/bible/esv/Luke%2023.43); [2 Corinthians 5:8](http://biblia.com/bible/esv/2%20Cor%205.8); [Philippians 1:23](http://biblia.com/bible/esv/Phil%201.23)). **Gehenna** [[N]](http://www.biblestudytools.com/concordances/naves-topical-bible/gehenna.html) [[B]](http://www.biblestudytools.com/dictionaries/bakers-evangelical-dictionary/gehenna.html) [[S]](http://www.biblestudytools.com/dictionaries/smiths-bible-dictionary/gehenna.html) (originally Ge bene Hinnom; i.e., "the valley of the sons of Hinnom"), a deep, narrow glen to the south of Jerusalem, where the idolatrous Jews offered their children in sacrifice to Molech ( [2 Chronicles 28:3](http://www.biblestudytools.com/2-chronicles/28-3.html) ; [33:6](http://www.biblestudytools.com/2-chronicles/33-6.html) ; [Jeremiah 7:31](http://www.biblestudytools.com/jeremiah/7-31.html) ; [19:2-6](http://www.biblestudytools.com/passage/?q=Jeremiah+19:2-6) ). This valley afterwards became the common receptacle for all the refuse of the city. Here the dead bodies of animals and of criminals, and all kinds of filth, were cast and consumed by fire kept always burning. It thus in process of time became the image of the place of everlasting destruction. In this sense it is used by our Lord in [Matthew 5:22](http://www.biblestudytools.com/matthew/5-22.html) [Matthew 5:29](http://www.biblestudytools.com/matthew/5-29.html) [Matthew 5:30](http://www.biblestudytools.com/matthew/5-30.html) ; [10:28](http://www.biblestudytools.com/matthew/10-28.html) ; [18:9](http://www.biblestudytools.com/matthew/18-9.html) ; [Matthew 23:15](http://www.biblestudytools.com/matthew/23-15.html) [Matthew 23:33](http://www.biblestudytools.com/matthew/23-33.html) ; [Mark 9:43](http://www.biblestudytools.com/mark/9-43.html) [Mark 9:45](http://www.biblestudytools.com/mark/9-45.html) [Mark 9:47](http://www.biblestudytools.com/mark/9-47.html) ; [Luke 12:5](http://www.biblestudytools.com/luke/12-5.html) . In these passages, and also in [James 3:6](http://www.biblestudytools.com/james/3-6.html) , the word is uniformly rendered "hell," the Revised Version placing "Gehenna" in the margin. (See HELL; HINNOM.)

The lake of fire, mentioned only in [Revelation 19:20](http://biblia.com/bible/esv/Rev%2019.20) and [20:10](http://biblia.com/bible/esv/Revelation%2020.10), [14-15](http://biblia.com/bible/esv/Revelation%2020.14-15), is the final hell, the place of eternal punishment for all unrepentant rebels, both angelic and human ([Matthew 25:41](http://biblia.com/bible/esv/Matt%2025.41)). It is described as a place of burning sulfur, and those in it experience eternal, unspeakable agony of an unrelenting nature ([Luke 16:24](http://biblia.com/bible/esv/Luke%2016.24); [Mark 9:45-46](http://biblia.com/bible/esv/Mark%209.45-46)). Those who have rejected Christ and are in the temporary abode of the dead in hades/Sheol have the lake of fire as their final destination. **Revealed as the “end of this present age and is eternal.” This is the place of everlasting punishment. Hell. The Valley of Hinnom is an actual, literal place on the south side of ancient Jerusalem. After the earth is shaken in Revelation, earth’s surface is changed and Gehenna will emerge by His coming. This is the FINAL Heaven and eternity.**

**2 Cor. 12:4, Rev. 2:7, Luke 23:43, Luke 16:19-31**

**Great Gulf --Luke 16:26**

**HELL! Has burning sulfur, eternal, unspeakable agony, and unrelenting.**

**“Lake of Fire” is only mentioned in Revelation; Rev. 19:20, 20:10, 14, 15, 21:8**

**Also mentioned in: Matthew 5:20, 25:41, 46, Matthew 10:28, Psalm 16:10, Romans 10:9, Mark 9:43-48, Ezekiel 18:4, Luke 12:5, Hebrews 12:29, Acts 2:31, Luke 12:5.**

**12, One woe is past; *and*, behold, there come two woes more hereafter. 13, And the sixth angel sounded, and I heard a voice from the four horns of the golden altar which is before God**

1. **What is the sixth trumpet, the second woe!! Demonic Calvary--Loosing the four angels bound in the river Euphrates. Spirit beings are territorial. These angels had been bound in the river Euphrates. Refer to Genesis 3:15 is fulfilled; Isaiah 14:12-15, and the “I wills” of Satan, Ezekiel 28 and Isaiah 14. And Isaiah 28:15 where Israel makes a “covenant with death.” I heard a voice from the four horns of the golden altar: In the tabernacle and temple of Israel, the golden altar was the altar of incense, which was a representation of the prayers of God's people. The Sixth Trumpet - The Four Angels Released - At the blowing of the 6th trumpet, the 2nd woe is released: the release of "the four angels who are bound at the great river Euphrates" (v.14). The angels apparently lead an army of 200 million "horsemen" (demons) who kill a third of mankind through the plagues of fire and smoke and brimstone.**
2. **Parallel the sixth trumpet to the fifth seal (** [**Rev 6:9, 10**](https://www.blueletterbible.org/kjv/revelation/6/9/s_1173009) **), the martyrs' cry for the avenging of their blood from the altar reaching its consummation under the sixth seal and sixth trump**

**14, Saying to the sixth angel which had the trumpet, Loose the four angels which are bound in the great river Euphrates. 15, And the four angels were loosed, which were prepared for an hour, and a day, and a month, and a year, for to slay the third part of men.**

1. **Is this the** **literal river Euphrates? See Revelation 16:12**. ***God views the Euphrates River as the dividing line between East and West. In fact, the old Roman Empire also saw it that way. Everything east of the Euphrates was called the Far East or Asia. The region just to the west of the great river was known as the Near East or Asia Minor***. **Euphrates**--(Compare [Rev 16:12](https://www.blueletterbible.org/kjv/revelation/16/12/s_1183012) and [Genesis 15:17-21](http://www.studylight.org/desk/index.cgi?q1=Genesis+15:17-21&t1=en_nas) ). The river whereat Babylon, the ancient foe of God's people was situated. Again, whether from the literal region of the Euphrates, or from the spiritual Babylon (*the apostate Church,* especially ROME), four angelic ministers of God's judgments shall go forth, assembling an army of horsemen throughout the four quarters of the earth, to slay a third of men, the brunt of the visitation shall be on Palestine**Release the four angels who are bound at the great river Euphrates**: ii. The Euphrates is also associated with the first sin ([Genesis 2:10-14](http://www.studylight.org/desk/index.cgi?q1=Genesis+2:10-14&t1=en_nas)), the first murder ([Genesis 4:16](http://www.studylight.org/desk/index.cgi?q1=Genesis+4:16&t1=en_nas)), the first organized revolt against God ([Genesis 11:1-9](http://www.studylight.org/desk/index.cgi?q1=Genesis+11:1-9&t1=en_nas)), the first war confederation ([Genesis 14:1](http://www.studylight.org/desk/index.cgi?q1=Genesis+14:1&t1=en_nas)), and the first dictatorship ([Genesis 10:8-10](http://www.studylight.org/desk/index.cgi?q1=Genesis+10:8-10&t1=en_nas)). **The great river Euphrates**: These angels were connected with the Euphrates River because the Euphrates was a landmark of ancient Babylon. It was the frontier of Israel's land as fully promised by God It was also the boundary of the old Roman Empire, which will be revived under the Antichrist.
   1. **Are these the four angels of Revelation 7:1?** These four angels have no *necessary* connection with the four angels of [Revelation 7:1](http://www.studylight.org/desk/index.cgi?q1=Revelation+7:1&t1=en_nas). They may be the same **four angels** or they may not be. Whoever they are, they are **prepared for the hour and day and month and year** of the unleashing of this judgment.
   2. **Talk about the one-third of mankind. *When these angels are loosed, they immediately inspire the great population centers of Asia to launch an attack on the Western and Middle Eastern strongholds. These demons are effective, because they cause one and a half billion people, a third of the remaining population, to be killed in short order.* Were released to kill a third of mankind**: The demonic locusts described earlier in the chapter were restricted to tormenting mankind. But these **four angels** have the authority to kill on a massive scale. These angels have a specific sphere of activity (**a third of mankind**), and are only activated in God's timing. They execute God's will in God's timing***. This will be a supernatural rather than a human force, especially as the four angels (demons) are commanding this force.*** When you combine this 3rd with the quarter of humanity killed in the seal judgments, by this point in the Tribulation half of the world's population (after the rapture) already has been destroyed.
2. **What is** **an hour, and a day, and a month, and a year?**--rather as *Greek,* "for (that is, against) THE hour, and day, and month, and year," namely, appointed by God. The *Greek* article (*teen*), put once only before all the periods, implies that the hour in the day, and the day in the month, and the month in the year, and the year itself, had been definitely fixed by God.

**16, And the number of the army of the horsemen *were* two hundred thousand thousand: and I heard the number of them. 17, And thus I saw the horses in the vision, and them that sat on them, having breastplates of fire, and of jacinth, and brimstone: and the heads of the horses *were* as the heads of lions; and out of their mouths issued fire and smoke and brimstone. 18, By these three was the third part of men killed, by the fire, and by the smoke, and by the brimstone, which issued out of their mouths. 19, For their power is in their mouth, and in their tails: for their tails *were* like unto serpents, and had heads, and with them they do hurt.**

1. **Is this number literal or symbolic? The number of the army of the horsemen was two hundred million:** 
   1. **Compare with these two hundred million,** [**Psalm 68:17**](https://www.blueletterbible.org/kjv/psalms/68/17/s_546017)**, “**The chariots of God are twenty thousand, even thousands of angels: the Lord is among them, as in Sinai, in the holy place,”[**Daniel 7:10**](https://www.blueletterbible.org/kjv/daniel/7/10/s_857010)**, “**A fiery stream issued and came forth from before him: thousand thousands ministered unto him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him: the judgment was set, and the books were opened.”
2. **Describe the horses. Breastplates of fiery red, hyacinth blue, and sulfur yellow; and the heads of the horses were like the heads of lions; and out of their mouths came fire, smoke, and brimstone: These horsemen are described in weird, grotesque terms. This is a powerful picture of horror, destruction and demonic association.**
3. **Does this speak of a natural or a supernatural army? Is this an army of men or an army of demons? Therefore, perhaps the safest interpretation is to see this as a literal 200 million strong army, but a demonic army invading earth. This continues the idea of the demonic army like locusts described earlier in the chapter.**
4. **Elaborate on the corresponding phrases, “of fire”--the *fiery color* of the breastplates answering to the *fire* which *issued* out of their *mouths. “*of jacinth”--literally, "of hyacinth color," the hyacinth of the ancients answering to our *dark blue iris:* thus, their *dark, dull-colored* breastplates correspond to the *smoke* out of their mouths, and “brimstone”--*sulphur-colored:* answering to the *brimstone* or sulphur *out of their mouths.***
5. ***Verse 19, suggests that these beasts have power in their mouths and tails. Describe.* : Satan will, probably, towards the end, bring out all the powers of hell for the last conflict; compare** [**Revelation 9:1, 2, 17, and 18**](https://www.blueletterbible.org/kjv/revelation/9/1/s_1176001)**. with them--with the serpent heads and their venomous fangs.**
6. **Reference the 1/3 destruction in verse 18.** The end result of this demonic 200 million was that a third of the remaining mankind would be killed. Note that a quarter of mankind was killed during the seal judgments, leaving three quarters of the remaining population. As one third is now killed, 50% of mankind now has been killed. (One third of 75 that was remaining is 25%)

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| **20, And the rest of the men which were not killed by these plagues yet repented not of the works of their hands, that they should not worship devils, and idols of gold, and silver, and brass, and stone, and of wood: which neither can see, nor hear, nor walk: 21, Neither repented they of their murders, nor of their sorceries, nor of their fornication, nor of their thefts.** |

1. **Do they earth-dwellers repent?** But the rest of mankind, who were not killed by these plagues, did not repent: In general, mankind showed no repentance, despite the presence of some pretty overwhelming signs and wonders.
   1. **What are the works of their hands? Use** [**Deuteronomy 31:29**](https://www.blueletterbible.org/kjv/deuteronomy/31/29/s_184029)**, “**For I know that after my death ye will utterly corrupt yourselves, and turn aside from the way which I have commanded you; and evil will befall you in the latter days; because ye will do evil in the sight of the Lord, to provoke him to anger through the work of your hands.” **Especially the idols *made by their hands.*** 
      1. **Compare** [**Revelation 13:14, 15**](https://www.blueletterbible.org/kjv/revelation/13/14/s_1180014)**, "**And he doeth great wonders, so that he maketh fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men, 14And deceiveth them that dwell on the earth by the means of those miracles which he had power to do in the sight of the beast; saying to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an image to the beast, which had the wound by a sword, and did live.15And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed,”**the image of the beast, "** [**Revelation 19:20**](https://www.blueletterbible.org/kjv/revelation/19/20/s_1186020)**, “**And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone.” **devils--*Greek,* "demons" which lurk beneath the idols which idolaters worship.**
   2. **Comment on this: Jesus said Himself that "He that is not with me is against me; and he that gathereth not with me scattereth abroad." Matthew 12:30. Does it relate to this scene?**
   3. **Who do they worship?** That they should not worship demons, and idols: Instead, man continued with his idol worship in a business as usual sort of way. They continued in their worship of demons, whether their worship is witting or unwitting.
   4. **List the ungodly sins they commit.** And they did not repent of their murders or their sorceries or their sexual immorality or their thefts: This list of sins is a striking accusation against our present age.
      1. **What are “The Big Four Sins” in verse 21?** lists the four most prominent sins of the Tribulation period. The significance of these sins is great in light of present trends in the world. It's no coincidence that the four major sins listed here are today four of the most serious problems facing law enforcement.
      2. **Discuss the word “sorceries.” sorceries--witchcrafts by means of *drugs* (so the *Greek*). One of the fruits of the unrenewed flesh: the sin of the heathen: about to be repeated by apostate Christians in the last days,** [**Revelation 22:15**](https://www.blueletterbible.org/kjv/revelation/22/15/s_1189015)**, "sorcerers."** *Sorceries* can refer to either *poison* or *magical* *spells*. In biblical times, the term referred mostly to magical spells. However, sorcery (*pharmakon*) can mean *medicine* or *drug*. One needs to exercise caution at this point and not read modern history back into Scripture, but it may be possible to see wide spread drug abuse during this period**…\*\*\*SEE APPENDIX PAGE 223.\*\*\*\***
2. **Summarize Revelation 9’s theme. Where does it “fit” in reminding us to stay righteous and serve God always?**

***And, here are the promises:***

**Revelation 3:10, “Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth.”**

**John 14:1-3, “Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me.2In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. 3And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.”**

**Drug Use in America….Fox News Health**

**Nearly 21 million Americans ages 12 and older had a substance use problem in 2015, according to a new federal estimate. Among those with a substance use disorder, three out of four people (or about 15.7 million) had a substance use disorder related to alcohol, Kana Enomoto, the principal deputy administrator of the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). In addition, 1 in 3 people with a substance use disorder had a disorder related to drug use, and 1 in 8 people had a disorder involving both drugs and alcohol.**

**People are considered to have a substance use disorder if, for example, they have strong urges to use a substance or can't control their use of it, or if their use impairs them in social situations or leads to risky behavior. The report also said that an estimated 27.1 million people in the U.S. used an illegal drug in the past month. The national estimates are based on the findings of the National Survey on Drug Use and Health, an annual survey on drug use. The 2015 survey included interviews with about 67,500 people. The survey also revealed that, in 2015, about 1 in 12 Americans needed some form of substance use treatment. But only about 11 percent of these people actually received treatment, she said.**

**Marijuana remains the most commonly used drug, Enomoto said. Among people who reported having used any drugs in the previous month, 87 percent said that they had used marijuana, she said. And more people reported using marijuana during 2015 than during any single year between 2002 and 2013, according to SAMHSA. But notably, marijuana use didn't increase among adolescents, Enomoto said. Rather, the overall increase was driven largely by more use of the drug among adults ages 26 and older, according to the report. In 2002, 4 percent of adults ages 26 and older who were surveyed reported using marijuana, but in 2015, that number was 6.5 percent. Among those who reported using opioids in the past year, prescription drugs were the most common type used. An estimated 3.8 million people in the U.S. currently misuse prescription pain relievers, according to the report. An estimated 830,000 people in the U.S. used heroin in 2015, — more than double the number from 2002. She noted that there was a slight decrease, however, in heroin use from 2014 to 2015, but it was not statistically significant (meaning it could have been due to chance). In addition, nearly 300,000 people knowingly used the drug fentanyl in the past year. Fentanyl is a prescription painkiller that is up to 100 times more potent than morphine and is often linked to fatal overdoses. In many cases, people who use heroin may unknowingly use fentanyl, because heroin may be laced with fentanyl.**

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| **Breakdown of the Two Time Prophecies of Revelation 9**   |  | | --- | | **150 Years (verses 5 and 10)** | | 5 months = 5 x 30 days = 150 days = 150 prophetic years (-14-) | |  | | **391 Years 15 Days (verse 15)** | | **1 year**                            =             360 days                =             360 prophetic years **1 month**                         =              30 days                 =              30 prophetic years **1 day**                                                                          =                1 prophetic year       First subtotal of prophetic time                                    =                     **391 years** | | **1 hour**                          =              1/24 day                 =           1/24 prophetic year | | *or*          1/24 prophetic year     =      ½ prophetic month      =       ½ x 30 prophetic days         Second subtotal of prophetic time                          =                            **15 days** | | **Summary:**        First subtotal of prophetic time                         =                          391 years       Second subtotal of prophetic time                    =                             15 days   **Total prophetic time**                                   =                   **391 years 15 days** | |

