

## REVELATION 9

THE FIFTH AND SIXTH TRUMPET JUDGMENTS (WOES) REVEAL GREATER DETAILS THAN THE SCROLL VISIONS. FOLLOWING THE SIXTH WOE WILL BE AN INTERLUDE, AND WE WON'T EXPERIENCE THE SEVENTH "Woe" UNTIL THE MIDDLE OF CHAPTER 11. IN THE MIDDLE OF CHAPTER 9, WE ARE GIVEN THE SPECIFIC NAME OF THE ONE WHO HAS CAUSED ALL THIS MESS. THE NAME IS ABADDON (HEBREW) AND APOLLYON (GREEK) TRANSLATED AS: SATAN.

"SO THE FIFTH ANGEL BLOWS THE TRUMPET AND A STAR FELL OUT OF HEAVEN. THIS ACTION HAS BEEN CONFIRMED BY LUKE 10:18, 'I WATCHED SATAN FALL FROM HEAVEN LIKE A FLASH OF LIGHTNING.' AGAIN WE SEE A CRITICAL EVENT THAT TAKES PLACE IN HEAVEN, WHERE SATAN, ALSO KNOWN AS THE ACCUSER, IS THROWN DOWN TO EARTH AND NO LONGER STANDS BEFORE GOD AND SHAKES HIS FINGER IN ACCUSATIONS AGAINST GOD'S PEOPLE."

ERLING W. HANSEN, REVELATION LECTURE 4, p 4, CHAPTERS 8-11

A SENSE OF "HOLDING BACK" SATAN'S FREE REIGN OF TERROR TO DESTROY GOD'S BELOVED CREATION IS PLAYING OUT IN CHAPTER 9. GOD RESPONDS TO THE CRIES OF THE SAINTS AND RELEASES THE GRIP BY WHICH SATAN HAS BEEN BOUND THROUGHOUT TIME. THE EVILS RESPONSIBLE FOR DEATH AND DESTRUCTION ARE NOT DEVISED BY GOD AS PUNISHMENT, RATHER, THE FLAGRANT SIN OF THE UNREPENTANT IS CAUSE FOR THE SUBSEQUENT NATURAL CONSEQUENCE OF SIN: DEATH.

READ REVELATION 9:1-12 AND LUKE 10:17-20

1. What do you glean about "authority" in Luke's passage?
2. What do you know of locusts?
3. Who is the target of the locusts?
4. What is the response of those stung by the locusts?
5. Who is their king?

**Abaddon** (Hebrew: אַבְדֹּן) "destruction", "doom" and **Apollyon** (Greek: Ἀπολλύων) "Destroyer" appear in the Bible as both a place of destruction and an angel of the abyss.

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Read Revelation 9:13-21

6. Who is being held at bay in vv.14-15
7. What is their intent?
8. What are the three plagues?

**Sulfur** - The gas formed from burning **sulfur** can irritate the eyes, nose, and throat. It can also worsen asthma and other respiratory conditions. Sulfur can cause skin rashes, eczema, and allergic reactions. Ingesting large amounts of sulfur can lead to nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, and constipation. High levels of sulfur in the blood can cause confusion, headaches, and seizures.

**Fires** - can produce toxic gases, smoke, and heat that can cause serious health issues. Smoke from fires can irritate the respiratory tract and lungs and can make it difficult to breathe. Fire ash can irritate the skin, nose, and throat. Contact with wet ash can cause chemical burns.

**Smoke** - can cause premature death, especially for children, pregnant women, and the elderly. Smoke can cause bronchitis, headaches, tiredness, and chest pain. Smoke contains tiny particles that can penetrate deep into the lungs, causing inflammation and irritation. Depending on what is burning, smoke can contain harmful chemicals like carbon monoxide, cyanide, and polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons, which can be toxic when inhaled. Exposure to smoke can cause immediate symptoms like coughing, throat irritation, stinging eyes, and runny nose. Chronic exposure to smoke can contribute to respiratory diseases, heart problems, and potentially increased cancer risk.

9. After those plagues, who is left of mankind on the earth?
10. What was the response of those left, what did they NOT do?

FROM HERE WE WILL BE EXPERIENCING ANOTHER "MEANWHILE" AS THE VISION TURNS TO OTHER THINGS HAPPENING IN HEAVEN AND ON EARTH, WHILE WE WAIT FOR THE SEVENTH TRUMPET AND THE DESCRIPTION OF THE THIRD SET OF SEVEN PLAGUES FOUND IN THE BOWLS OF WRATH.