

# ✿ Midweek Bible Study

## **The Fifth Trumpet: Demonic Locust Hordes Rev. 9:1-12**

Historicists' view of Rev. 9:1-12 – the Saracens (the Arab Muslims) and their military invasions from 612-763.

Futurists (dispensational, Hal Lindsey)

### **I. A Star Falls from Heaven to Earth (1)**

- A. Fifth angel sounded his trumpet
- B. I saw a star from heaven which had fallen to earth
- C. The key of the bottomless pit was given to him

### **II. The Abyss is Opened (2-3)**

- A. He opened the bottomless pit
- B. Smoke went up out of the pit, like smoke from a great furnace
- C. Sun and air were darkened by the smoke  
Ex. 10:1-15; Joel 2:10; 3:15; cf. Isa 13:10
- D. Out of the smoke came locusts upon the earth  
The locust plague (8<sup>th</sup>) on Egypt (Ex. 10:12)  
The locust judgment in Joel (2:10)
- E. Power was given them, as scorpions have power  
Scorpions are associated with demons (Lk 10:19)

### **III. The Locusts and their Mission (4-6)**

- A. Do not hurt the grass/trees
- B. Only those who do not have the seal of God
- C. Not permitted to kill, but to torment for five months  
  
Torment – spiritual and psychological torture  
Part of the covenant curse (Deut. 28:28-29, 34, 65)
- D. In those days, men will seek death and will not find it



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## IV. Description of the Locusts (7-11)

- A. Horses prepared for battle
- B. Crowns of gold – victorious, they accomplish their deadly mission
- C. Faces like men –
- D. Hair like women – symbol of strength and vitality (Samson, Absalom)
- E. Teeth like lions – destructive, powerful (Joel 1:6)
- F. Breastplates of iron - invincible
- G. Sound of their wings like the sound of chariots (Joel 2:4-9)
- H. Tails like scorpions
- I. Power in their tails to hurt men for 5 months
- J. They have a king, angel of the abyss: Abaddon/Apollyon
  - 1. Abaddon – place of death and destruction,
  - 2. Apollyon – Destroyer

## V. The first woe is past (13)

### Conclusion

1. Concurrence (God, Satan, demons)

There is a demonic darkness. It ebbs and flows throughout history.

2. There is a mental, emotional torment that can come on unbelievers  
It is a desperate despair that is demonic. It torments the unbeliever.

3. For believers, we are unharmed by this deception and darkness. We have the peace of Christ (Phil. 4:4-7). And it is because we have the peace of Christ that we can offer hope to tormented and despairing.

