

God's Judgment: 5th Trumpet
Revelation 9:1-12

I. PREPARATION: "fifth angel sounded" (vv.1-6)

A. Description: "I saw" (vv.1-2)

1. Messenger: "a star from heaven"
2. Mission: "the key to the bottomless pit"

B. Desperation: "power was given to them" (vv.3-6)

1. Locusts: "out of the smoke came forth locusts" (v.3)
2. Limitations: "they were told...they should not hurt" (v.4)
3. License: "permitted...to torment" (vv.5-6)

II. PUNISHMENT: "the locusts" (vv.7-11)

A. Appearance: "like horses prepared for battle" (vv.7-10a)

1. Heads: "as it were, crowns like gold"
2. Faces: "like the faces of men"
3. Hair: "like the hair of women"
4. Teeth: "like the teeth of lions"
5. Breastplates: "like breastplates of iron"
6. Wings: "like the sound of chariots"
7. Tails: "like scorpions"

B. Allocation: "to hurt men for five months" (v.10b)

C. Authority: "king over them" (v.11)

1. Leader: "as king" [real locusts have no king]
2. Label: "his name" [destroyer/destruction]

III. PREDICTION: "behold" (v.12)

A. Past: "the first woe is past" (v.12a)

B. Future: "two woes are still; coming" (v.12b)

Next week: Read Revelation 9:13-21
