

THE FIFTH TRUMPET: A DEMONIC-LIKE LOCUST PLAGUE

Rev. 8:13-9:11

INTRODUCTION:

1. Millions of believers will be slaughtered by the godless society and government of the antichrist.
2. Those who refuse to give first loyalty to the government will be hunted down, imprisoned and executed.
3. The great tribulation will have just begun, the great Book of God has now been opened, the Book of Destiny, the book that reveals the end of time.
4. One third of the vegetation has been destroyed; one third of the sea has been polluted and one third of the sea life has died; one third of the fresh water has been contaminated; and one third of the day and night has stopped.
5. It is now time for the fifth trumpet to sound.

I. THE FIFTH TRUMPET WILL BE FAR MORE SEVERE THAN THE OTHERS

1. Judgments will now be directed against the ungodly and evil people of the world.
 - God will protect His followers from these judgments.
 - Believers will die by the thousands, but by the hands of the ungodly.
2. A heavenly messenger will fly throughout the heavens announcing the coming judgments and distress upon the ungodly of the earth.
3. The ungodly will reap exactly what they have sown. God, Himself, will execute justice upon them. Yet if any would believe, they would be saved.

II. A FALLEN ANGEL APPEARS

1. A "star" falls from heaven to earth but is really an angelic being of high position who has fallen from his position in heaven.
 - Man is not the only creature God created that has gone astray. Angels have too.
 - Satan was once God's archangel or ruling one but fell out of God's presence because of sin. (Is. 14:12 - 15)
2. This "star" is given the keys to the pit where fallen angels have been kept.

III. THERE IS A BOTTOMLESS PIT OR ABYSS

1. The pit or abyss is where evil spirits and demons (fallen angels) have been kept until the time God allows them to be loosed.

2. Upon release they will darken the sky with their number.

IV. THEY ARE RELEASED TO INFLICT PUNISHMENT ON THE UNGODLY

1. Called "locusts" they will have scorpion-like abilities to inflict pain .
2. They will not damage nature, only bring torment to ungodly people.
3. Their attack will last five months of continuous attacks.
4. People will not die from their pain, only wish to.

V. THEY WILL HAVE A HORRIFYING APPEARANCE

1. They will be large and quick. (horse-like)
2. They will have power and be successful in what they do. (crowns of gold)
3. They will be intelligent and determined. (faces of men)
4. They will appear to be innocent and harmless at first. (long hair, beauty)
5. They will be ferocious, fierce, devouring and cruel. (lion-like)
6. They will be indestructible. (breastplates of iron)
7. They will be frightening and overwhelming in battle. (loud sound of wings)
8. They will torture mankind with their attacks. (like scorpions)

VI. THERE WILL BE A KING, OR A LEADER

1. He is an angel of enormous beauty and strength.
2. He is the angel of the bottomless pit, a fallen angel. Once a servant of God, now a member of the underworld of sin and evil.
3. He is the king, ruler, governor over all the fallen angels of the pit. There are various levels of power and rule in the spiritual world as in our present world.
4. He has two names: Abaddon, which means DESTRUCTION, and Apollyon which means DESTROYER.
5. Who is this king, leader, ruler, governor? None other than Lucifer - Satan.

CONCLUSION

1. The enemy of God is Satan. The enemy of God's family is Satan. The only power to defeat Satan is the power of God.
2. Even in the terrible times of the last days, ANY PERSON who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.