



THE BOOK OF REVELATION

THE 5TH & 6TH TRUMPET JUDGMENTS

Introduction: In Chapter 9 of *The Book of Revelation*, the Apostle John delves deeper into the apocalyptic events of the Tribulation Period. Focusing on the fifth and sixth trumpet judgments, he reveals the continued defiance of humanity in the face of divine warnings. Despite the cataclysmic events unfolding around them, men remain stubbornly resistant to repentance. This chapter underscores the tragic consequences of persistent rebellion against God, ultimately leading to a path of destruction.

THE FIFTH TRUMPET JUDGMENT (vs 1-12)

- **A star falls from heaven.** Most Bible scholars agree that this “star” is a demonic power—likely Satan himself.
 - **This star is given the key to the bottomless pit (v 2).**
 - **DARKNESS:** When opened, the bottomless pit will release a smoke so heavy that the sun and air will be darkened.
 - **TORMENT:** When opened, the bottomless pit will release a powerful, innumerable swarm of locusts whose sole duty is to torment mankind.
 - They are to leave the servants of God alone (v 4).
 - They will not kill, only inflict pain with their stings. The Bible states that those inflicted will wish for death, but it will not be granted (v 6).
 - This pestilence will last for five months (v 10).
 - They will have a “king” over them whose name is Abaddon (or Apollyon), which is translated, **destroyer**. (v 11)

THE SIXTH TRUMPET JUDGMENT (vs 14-19)

- **The four angels bound in the Euphrates River are loosed (v 14).**
 - **WAR:** These angels were prepared for the slaying of a third of the earth’s population.

“God will withhold part of His judgment on sinful men and nations until this time. The four angels of judgment will then be loosed “to slay the third part of men,” one-third of the population of the earth (v 15)! The army of the Antichrist will include over 200 million men. The horses here may represent tanks, cannons, machine guns, and bombs; we do not know.” ~ Dr. John R. Rice

Lesson Conclusion: The concluding verses of Revelation 9 (21-22) offer a stark reminder of the consequences of persistent rebellion against God. Even amidst the suffering and devastation brought upon them, men remain unrepentant. This passage underscores the tragic truth that hardened hearts become increasingly impervious to divine mercy. As we witness the destructive path of those who turn away from God, we are urged to examine our own hearts and choose the path of repentance before it is too late.