

REVELATION CHAPTER 9

The Fifth and Sixth Trumpets: The First and Second Woes

Vs 1 In Rev 6:12-13 and Rev 8:12 refer to literal heavenly bodies

The star of 9:1 is a person:

1. A more accurate translation found in many of the transcripts reads "a fallen star". The word "fall" is in the perfect tense, signifying completed action.
2. Isa 14:12; Lk 10:18 refers to Lucifer, "a star", who fell. Rev 12 describes the "fallen star" along with a third of the other stars being cast out of Heaven.
Job 38:7
2. As to the timing of the "being cast out" The event has already taken place (past tense), when the keys are given to the person.

The one who has the keys – Rev 1:18 – gives this key to Satan.

There is nothing outside the direct control of God (Jesus).

The bottomless Pit (Abyss)

1. Lk 8:31 demons are (can be) sent there as a form of punishment.
Jude 6
with Gen 6:1-7
2. Christ went there after His crucifixion. Rom 10:7 (One does not need to ascend to Heaven or descend to the abyss to find righteousness. Christ offers that righteousness – by faith).
I Pet 3:18-20
3. Satan, who is given the keys during the tribulation, to open the pit up, will, at the end of the tribulation, be confined to it for 1,000 years.
Rev 20:1-3
4. The abyss is found 7 times in the Book of Revelation:
9:1,2,11; 11:7; 17:8; 20:1,3

Vs 2 Records the use of the key – The abyss "erupts", polluting the world with spiritual corruption.

The Fifth Trumpet can be characterized as demonic and Satanic oppression.

Vs 3-6 Locusts are set free upon mankind

1. Even as a demonic hoard – they receive their “limits” from God. They may do this...but not kill.
2. They are commanded to hurt those who do not have the “Seal of God”.

These would be the 144,000, Rev 7:2-8 and probably those humans who have believed at this point. 2 Tim 2:19; Eph 1:13-14

3. Locusts are used in prior judgments.
Ex 10:12-20; Joel 1:4-7
These locusts are obviously different, being demonic creatures, reserved for this day. They were not created to be evil, Gen 1:31, but became as such at a time following the Creation.
4. Their sting is compared to that of a scorpion.
The pain caused by their sting lasts 5 months. It is so awful that men will seek death to escape it.
4. Note that the prior plagues which involved natural things have now been expanded to include demonic activity.
5. Why would it be that a person who desires to kill themselves would not be able to do it? We find in the gospels that demonic control results in the person losing their own will and acting out the will of the demon(s). (Satan partners with no human!)

Vs 7-11

The locusts described:

1. These “spiritual” beings are called locusts because they function as a judgment and plague of the Lord. Spiritual beings do not possess a physical body. Their description is intended to symbolize their Characteristics.
 - a. They are the size of horses, prepared for battle
 - b. Crowns of gold:
They reign upon the earth, not man; their will shall be done.
 - d. faces of men, hair of women, and teeth of lions: frightening instruments of Divine judgment Man has a history of joining himself to demonic beings, thinking that they will be his servants.
Man is deluded. They are destroyers. When

Divine restraint is removed, their true character is exposed.

d. breastplates of iron:

They are immune to destruction.

e. wings (not omnipresent) which sound like chariots going to battle:

Speed.

f. tails – resembling a scorpion’s tail – they have the power to hurt

g. These beings are instruments of divine justice, utterly wicked in themselves, and released from the pit to accomplish the terrifying judgments of God.

2. These beings have a king over them, “Abaddon”, or “Apollyon”. Both names mean “destroyer”. Abaddon is also referred to as a place.

Prov 15:11; Job 26:6

Vs12 The first of three great judgments has passed; Two more “Woes” are yet to follow!

Vs 13-15 The Sixth Trumpet: The Loosing of the Four Angels

1. These angels are bound!

There is no instance in Scripture where holy angels are bound; wicked angels are.

Jude 6; Rev 20:2

2. Again, even wicked angels are under the control of God. He works all things

after the council of His own will. Prov 16:4

3. This judgment comes exactly at the hour of God’s appointment.

Though men and angels are used to accomplish the purpose of God, the time schedule is determined by God, not man.

4. A Fourth of humanity has been killed prior to this judgment. One-third more have now been killed. This is the largest death count that occurs at one time in the history of mankind. These two judgments alone, account for Half of the world’s population.

(The Noahic Flood destroyed 99.999% of humanity, but the world population was probably not as large at that time.

6. The Euphrates River will be dried up to prepare the way for the armies of

the Orient to march upon Israel. Rev 16:12

7. The altar of God in Heaven has Four Horns and judgment is pronounced from it.

Ex 30:1-10

Vs 16-19 The Army of Two Hundred Million (twice 10,000 times
10,000)
1. Many believe that John is describing Modern Warfare.
2. The Tribulation begins with "peace and safety" It doesn't last
long.

Ultimately, peace will be promised to the
world by offering to remove God's people
from the planet.

Vs 20-21 Man's response to World Events
They do not repent:
1. of the evil works of their hands
2. of their worship of demons
3. of their worship of idols
4. of their murders, sorceries, immorality, and thefts