

**HELL ON EARTH**  
**REV 9:1-12 / 9-5-18 / WED**

**I. FIRST, WE SEE A HORRIBLE PERSON (V.1).**

A. Who is he?

1. Some think it is the devil himself.
2. Some think it is another fallen angel or demon.
3. Some think it is an angel in charge of this judgment-20:1.

B. Why would some think this is the devil himself?

1. He is described as a “star”. In Isaiah 14:12, he is called the “morning star”
2. He is said to have “fallen from the sky”.
3. Before this time Satan had access to God (i.e. As in Job). Now his activities are confined to earth-Proverbs 16:18.
4. He is “given the key to the shaft of the Abyss.”
5. According to Revelation 20:10, Satan has never been in hell.

**II. SECOND, WE SEE A HORRIBLE PLACE (V.2).**

A. It’s a deep place. “Abyss” means bottomless pit (KJV). This is not a lake of fire as in Revelation 20:10.

1. It is a place where certain demons are held captive-2 Peter 2:4 and Jude 6.
2. Perhaps this is some place other than hell or it’s a different part of hell.

B. It’s a dark place (i.e. sun and sky darkened).

1. How can a lake of fire be a dark place? Again, the Abyss may be different from hell itself.
2. In addition, perhaps John is symbolizing “spiritual” rather than physical darkness.

C. It’s a demonic place (“locusts” of verse 3).

1. Demons dread it-Luke 8:31.
2. The Beast will come up from it-Revelation 11:7.
3. Satan will be cast there during the millennial reign of Christ-Revelation 20:1-2.

### III. THIRD, WE SEE A HORRIBLE PLAGUE (VV.3-12).

- A. Who are these locusts in verse **3a-- And out of the smoke locusts came down on the earth....**
  1. They aren't insects for two reasons.
    - a. They don't harm vegetation-v.4a-- They were told not to harm the grass of the earth or any plant or tree...
    - b. They have a king as we will see in verse 11. In Proverbs 30:27 real locusts have no king.
  2. They are probably the demons mentioned in 2 Peter 2:4.
- B. What are they like? (The 8<sup>th</sup> Egyptian Plague was locusts—Exo. 10)
  1. They are as frightening as scorpions—9:3b-- And out of the smoke locusts came down on the earth and were given power like that of scorpions of the earth.
  2. Believers are protected from them because they received a mark on their foreheads.
  3. The torture they cause unbelievers lasts five months, which is the normal lifespan of a locust and the pain will be severe--9:5-6
  4. How are these demons described? vv 7-12.
    - a. **“horses prepared for battle”---9:7.**
    - b. **“they wore something like crowns of gold”—9:7.**
    - c. **“their faces resembled human faces”—9:7.**
    - d. **“their hair was like a woman's hair”—9:8.**
    - e. **“their teeth were like lion's teeth”—9:8.**

- f. **“they had breastplates like breastplates of iron”—9:9.**
  - g. **“the sound of their wings was like the thundering of many horses and chariots rushing into battle”—9:9.**
  - h. **“they had tails and stings like scorpions”—9:10.**
  - i. **“they had a king over them the angel of the Abyss, whose name in Hebrew is Abaddon, and in Greek, Apollyon”—9:11.**
5. There are two more “Woes” to come—9:12.