

# END TIME SERIES

## LESSON #6

**REVIEW:** (The Trumpet Judgments)

1. **The First Trumpet Judgment:** (...Hail, Fire, Blood – 1/3 of trees and all green grass ( Rev. 8:6-7).
2. **Second Trumpet Judgment:** (...Burning Mountain - 1/2 sea destroyed) (Rev. 8:8-9).
3. **Third Trumpet Judgment:** (...The Star Wormwood – 1/3 of fresh water undrinkable) (Rev. 8:10-11).
4. **The Fourth Trumpet Judgment:** (...Sun, Moon, and Stars smitten – (Rev. 8:12).

**THE ANGEL WARNING: ...THREE WOES ANNOUNCED**  
(Rev. 8:13)

1. The fifth, sixth, and seventh trumpets are demonic in nature.
2. The Ninth Chapter of Revelation is one of the hardest and most difficult chapters to fully understand. Unlike other chapters where many of the symbols are explained, this chapter offers few explanations for the symbols used.
3. John used symbols to describe events that will take place centuries after he lived. Some of these symbols are unusual, but that should not keep us from trying to understand this chapter's prophecy.
4. **The next three Trumpet Woes will be worst than any prior Judgment:** As terrible as all past plagues and judgments, the Lord warns that the next three that will sound will bring even greater wrath upon those people still remaining

on earth. The last three trumpets are marked off from the other four by identification with the “**three woes**.”

5. **This is a solemn announcement of the increasing intensity of the trumpet judgments**, when the fifth, sixth and seventh trumpets are sounded, there is a woe of warning that there is to be sufferings still more sever in nature. These “woes” mark the deepest darkness and most painful intensity of the Great Tribulation. This generally is associated with the last 3 1/2 years.

## **THE FIFTH TRUMPET JUDGMENT** **THE FIRST “WOE”**

(The Plague of Locusts) – (Rev. 9.1-12)

**Rev 9:1** And the fifth angel sounded, and I saw a star fall from heaven unto the earth: and to him was given the key of the bottomless pit.

Rev 9:2 And he opened the bottomless pit; and there arose a smoke out of the pit, as the smoke of a great furnace; and the sun and the air were darkened by reason of the smoke of the pit.

Rev 9:3 And there came out of the smoke locusts upon the earth: and unto them was given power, as the scorpions of the earth have power.

Rev 9:4 And it was commanded them that they should not hurt the grass of the earth, neither any green thing, neither any tree; but only those men which have not the seal of God in their foreheads.

Rev 9:5 And to them it was given that they should not kill them, but that they should be tormented five months: and their torment *was* the torment of a scorpion, when he striketh a man.

Rev 9:6 And in those days shall men seek death, and shall not find it; and shall desire to die, and death shall flee from them.

Rev 9:7 And the shapes of the locusts *were* like unto horses prepared unto battle; and on their heads *were* as it were crowns like gold, and their faces *were* as the faces of men.

Rev 9:8 And they had hair as the hair of women, and their teeth were as *the teeth* of lions.

Rev 9:9 And they had breastplates, as it were breastplates of iron; and the sound of their wings *was* as the sound of chariots of many horses running to battle.

Rev 9:10 And they had tails like unto scorpions, and there were stings in their tails: and their power *was* to hurt men five months.

Rev 9:11 And they had a king over them, *which* is the angel of the bottomless pit, whose name in the Hebrew tongue *is* Abaddon, but in the Greek tongue hath *his* name Apollyon.

Rev 9:12 One woe is past; *and*, behold, there come two woes more hereafter.

1. **The “star” is given a masculine pronoun, “Him”, and he acts with intelligence.** He is given a “key” to use, showing him to be a personage instead of a literal star. A “key” to the “Bottomless Pit” – could not be given to a thing or an object, but to a person. John saw his action of obedience to swift and so rapid descending that he appeared to be a falling star.
2. **The “Bottomless Pit”**... This does not refer to Hell, the place where the souls of the wicked dead go, because Hell is not open until the Great White Throne Judgment at the close of the 1,000 year reign of Christ.

Rev 20:11 And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them.

Rev 20:12 And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is *the book* of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works.

**Rev 20:13** And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works.

Rev 20:14 And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death.

3. The “Bottomless Pit” is the Greek for “The Pit of the Abyss” the abode of demons. It appears to be a synonymous term for “the deep”

4. In Luke 8:30-33, The demons besought the Lord Jesus not to cast them into the “deep”, that is, not into the “Abyss”, the “Bottomless Pit”.

### **THE HORDE OF CREATURES CALLED “LOCUSTS”**

**(Rev. 9:2-3)**

1. John tries to describe what he sees and he often uses the terms “as” and “Like”. He sees “smoke pour out of the pit, “AS” the smoke of a great furnace”. And out of the smoke comes creatures “like” locusts, but demonic in nature, unique in character and function. These are no ordinary insects. They will come straight from Satan’s domain. Perhaps they are demons who take on the form of these unique locusts, and who are directed by the king of the Abyss (the bottomless Pit”).

### **COMMANDED TO EAT NO VEGETATION PRODUCTION**

1. These are not ordinary locust for they eat no vegetation products. Ordinary locusts feed on plants, grass and trees. But these are not ordinary; these locusts are likely to be demon-possessed locusts. But will still be under God’s control. They will only harm those who do not have the seal of God on their foreheads (144,000 Jews).

### **THEIR MISSION WILL BE TO TORMENT**

**(Rev. 9:5)**

1. They will torment the ungodly for five months. These locusts will be like scorpions, they will have stingers to stab and poison their victims. Victims rarely die from the sting of a scorpion, but often turn black and blue and go into convulsions. The pain is unbearable. What could be worst than millions of demon possessed locusts dive-bombing like mosquitoes.

**DEATH WITHHELD FROM THE TORMENTED**  
**(Rev. 9:6)**

1. This severe punishment does not produce repentance, but a desire to die. Because of the acute physical pain inflicted by these infernal creatures there would be a wholesale suicide, were it not prevented. This sting will attack the nervous systems which will become infected, parts of their bodies will swell and hurt, and other parts will fail to function altogether. Some will suffer seizures and convulsions and others will lose consciousness.

**THEIR APPEARANCE**

1. John tries to describe the appearance of these frightful, weird, and unnatural looking creatures. And again he uses the language of comparison and the words “**as**” and “**like**” occur often. Since John had never seen anything like this before, he described it in terms that he understood.

**The Eight Part Description:**

- (1). The overall look of the locusts was like that of horses going to battle.
- (2) On their heads were things that look like crowns of gold.
- (3). Their faces looked like men’s faces
- (4). Their hair looked like women’s hair
- (5). Their teeth looked like lion’s teeth
- (6). They had breastplates that looked as if they were made of iron
- (7). The sound of their wings was like chariots going to battle.
- (8). They had tails like scorpion’s tails.

(Joel 2:1-11) : (The prophecy of Joel concerning the great and terrible day of the Lord is comparable to what John saw)

**THEY HAD A KING OVER THEM**  
**(Rev. 9:11)**

1. Ordinary locusts do not have a king

Pro 30:27 The locusts have no king, yet go they forth all of them by bands;

2. **These locusts had a king over them from the bottomless pit called Abaddon or Apollyon.**

Rev 9:11 And they had a king over them, *which* is the angel of the bottomless pit, whose name in the Hebrew tongue is Abaddon, but in the Greek tongue hath *his* name Apollyon.

- a. **Abaddon means:** Destruction
- b. **Apollyon means:** Destroyer

**THE SECOND “WOE”**

Rev 9:12 One woe is past; *and*, behold, there come two woes more hereafter.

**THE SIXTH TRUMPET JUDGMENT – THE SECOND “WOE”**

Rev 9:13 And the sixth angel sounded, and I heard a voice from the four horns of the golden altar which is before God,

Rev 9:14 Saying to the sixth angel which had the trumpet, Loose the four angels which are bound in the great river Euphrates.

**THE DAYS OF MERCY ARE NOW**

2Pe 3:3 Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts,

2Pe 3:4 And saying, Where is the promise of his coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as *they were* from the beginning of the creation.

2Pe 3:5 For this they willingly are ignorant of, that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of the water and in the water:

2Pe 3:6 Whereby the world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished.

2Pe 3:7 But the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men.

2Pe 3:8 But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.

**2Pe 3:9** The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

2Pe 3:10 But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up.

2Pe 3:11 *Seeing* then *that* all these things shall be dissolved, what manner *of persons* ought ye to be in *all* holy conversation and godliness,

2Pe 3:12 Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat?

2Pe 3:13 Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness.

2Pe 3:14 Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace, without spot, and blameless.

2Pe 3:15 And account *that* the longsuffering of our Lord is salvation; even as our beloved brother Paul also according to the wisdom given unto him hath written unto you;

2Pe 3:16 As also in all *his* epistles, speaking in them of these things; in which are some things hard to be understood, which they that are unlearned and unstable wrest, as *they do* also the other Scriptures, unto their own destruction.

2Pe 3:17 Ye therefore, beloved, seeing ye know these things before, beware lest ye also, being led away with the error of the wicked, fall from your own steadfastness.