

### Discussion Questions & Application:

1. The word “**star**” can refer to physical objects in the heavens (stars, meteors, etc.). What else might it refer to in the Bible (see Job 38:7; Is. 14:12)? Who or what do you think it is in Rev. 9:1?
2. What is the “**bottomless pit**” (abyss) referring to (9:1-2; Rev. 20:1)? Who is being released from there in 9:2 (cf. Jude 6; 2 Pet. 2:4; Gen. 6)? How long had they been locked up?
3. In justice systems, punishment (incarceration) is often applied to guilty people to bring about repentance. Does it always work? Did it work with the “locusts” released in Rev. 9:2? What impact does this have on our understanding of hell being eternal punishment (cf. Matt 25:41; 2 Thess 1:8f; Jude 6; Rev. 20)?
4. The creatures in Rev. 9:3 that come out of the pit are called “**locusts**.” What kind of locusts are they? What **limitations** are placed upon them? What does this tell us about God’s **sovereignty**? (See also Job 1-2 and limitations upon Satan and his demons.) How does knowing this impact your thoughts about demonic forces in our world today?
5. After the 6<sup>th</sup> seal in Rev. 6:16-17, men wanted to die. In 9:6 the same thing happens but they aren’t allowed to die? Why do you think God won’t allow them to die yet?
6. The “locusts” have a **ruler / leader** in vv. 10-11. What does his name mean? What does this tell you about Satan and his demons? What does this tell you about their organization (cf. Eph. 6:10ff)?
7. Humans will “**sell their soul to the devil**” to get things he offers. What do Satan and his demons desire to ultimately do for them in return? See also **John 8:44** for Satan’s true character.
8. Pastor Paul believes that as awful as this passage is in its judgments, that **grace** is there as well. What signs of God’s grace do you find in this passage?
9. Get the Summer Nights at the Bridge fliers and invite 10 people to join you on July 9, 16, 23, and 30. Pray that God will open their eyes to the gospel of Jesus Christ.

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Rev. 9:1-12

### “The Things Which Will Take Place” – Part 12 “The Fifth Trumpet: Barbaric Locust Demons”

- I. The Things Which You Have Seen (1)
- II. The Things Which Are (2-3)
- III. **The Things Which Will Take Place After These Things (4-22)**
  - A. Vision of Heaven (4-5)
  - B. Opening of the Seven Seals (6:1-8:1)
  - C. **Sounding of the Seven Trumpets (8:2-11:19)**
    1. The Setting: The Prayers of the Saints (8:2-6)
    2. Trumpet #1: Burnt Earth (8:7)
    3. Trumpet #2: Bloody Sea (8:8-9)
    4. Trumpet #3: Bitter Water (8:10-11)
    5. Trumpet #4: Blackened Heavens (8:12-13)
  6. **Trumpet #5 (Woe #1): Barbaric Locust Demons (9:1-12)**
    - a. **Their Liberation (1-3)**
      - <sup>1</sup> Then the fifth angel sounded, and I saw a star from heaven which had fallen to the earth; and the key of the bottomless pit was given to him.
      - <sup>2</sup> He opened the bottomless pit, and smoke went up out of the pit, like the smoke of a great furnace; and the sun and the air were darkened by the smoke of the pit.
      - <sup>3</sup> Then out of the smoke came locusts upon the earth, and power was given them, as the scorpions of the earth have power.

**b. Their Limitations (4-6)**

<sup>4</sup> They were told not to hurt the grass of the earth, nor any green thing, nor any tree, but only the men who do not have the seal of God on their foreheads.

<sup>5</sup> And they were not permitted to kill anyone, but to torment for five months; and their torment was like the torment of a scorpion when it stings a man.

<sup>6</sup> And in those days men will seek death and will not find it; they will long to die, and death flees from them.

**c. Their Look (7-10)**

<sup>7</sup> The appearance of the locusts was like horses prepared for battle; and on their heads appeared to be crowns like gold, and their faces were like the faces of men. <sup>8</sup> They had hair like the hair of women, and their teeth were like *the teeth* of lions. <sup>9</sup> They had breastplates like breastplates of iron; and the sound of their wings was like the sound of chariots, of many horses rushing to battle. <sup>10</sup> They have tails like scorpions, and stings; and in their tails is their power to hurt men for five months.

**d. Their Leader (11-12)**

<sup>11</sup> They have as king over them, the angel of the abyss; his name in Hebrew is Abaddon, and in the Greek he has the name Apollyon.

<sup>12</sup> The first woe is past; behold, two woes are still coming after these things.

**So What?**