

Revelation 9

The 5th & 6th trumpets are sounded, bringing two demonic invasions on the earth.

I. The fifth trumpet, resulting in the first demonic invasion (9:1-12)

A. The home of these demons (9:1-2) Their abode is in the smoke-filled bottomless pit.

B. The horror of these demons (9:3-12)

1. Their appearance (9:3, 7-10a)

- a. They look like locusts and horses armored for battle (9:3a).
- b. They wear golden crowns, and they have men's faces, women's hair, and lions' teeth (9:7-8).
- c. They are protected by iron breastplates (9:9).
- d. They have stinging tails like scorpions (9:3b, 10a).

2. Their administrator (9:11-12): Their king is named Abaddon (in the Hebrew) and Apollyon (in the Greek) meaning "destroyer".

3. Their assignment (9:4-6, 10b)

- a. Negative (9:4a): They are not to harm the grass or trees.
- b. Positive (9:4b-6, 10b): They are to torture (but not kill) the unsaved for five months.

II. The sixth trumpet, resulting in the second demonic invasion (9:13-21)

A. The action (9:13-21).

1. The home of these demons (9:13-14)

- a. Their location (9:13, 14b): They are now bound in an area near the Euphrates River.
- b. Their leaders (9:14a): They are led by four special demons.

2. The hostility of these demons (9-15)

- a. Their preparation (9:15a): They have been kept in readiness for a particular year, month, day and hour.
- b. Their purpose (9:15b): Upon being released, they kill a third of all mankind.

B. The horror of these demons (9:16-19)

1. Their number (9:16): The army numbers 200 million warriors.

2. Their nature (9:17-19): They have the appearance of horses and riders.

- a. The horses have heads like lions and tails like deadly serpents, and they breathe out smoke and flaming sulphur (9:17b-19).
- b. The riders wear brightly colored breastplates (9:17a).

C. The reaction (9:20-21): How do the survivors of this horrible invasion respond after witnessing the death of untold millions?

1. They refuse to repent (9-20a).
2. They continue to rebel (9:20b-21).