



### The First Four Trumpets

- \_\_\_\_\_ consequences for humans

### The Last Three Trumpets

- \_\_\_\_\_ against portions of \_\_\_\_\_

"Woe, woe, woe to those who dwell on the earth, at the blasts of the other trumpets that the three angels are about to blow!"

As bad as the story has been with the first four trumpets, the transition into the \_\_\_\_\_ initiates a much more hellish experience

### Revelation 9:1-2

<sup>1</sup> And the fifth angel blew his trumpet, and I saw a star fallen from heaven to earth, and he was given the key to the shaft of the bottomless pit. <sup>2</sup> He opened the shaft of the bottomless pit, and from the shaft rose smoke like the smoke of a great furnace, and the sun and the air were darkened with the smoke from the shaft.

### The Fallen Star

- Is it Satan?
- Luke 10:18  
<sup>18</sup> And he said to them, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven.
- Isaiah 14:12-15  
<sup>12</sup> "How you are fallen from heaven, O Day Star, son of Dawn! How you are cut down to the ground, you who laid the nations low!

<sup>13</sup> You said in your heart, 'I will ascend to heaven; above the stars of God I will set my throne on high; I will sit on the mount of assembly in the far reaches of the north; <sup>14</sup> I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will make myself like the Most High.' <sup>15</sup> But you are brought down to Sheol, to the far reaches of the pit.

- Is it a divine agent?
  - Given \_\_\_\_\_ to open the Abyss
  - An \_\_\_\_\_

"It is not at all clear that the angel of the abyss is a designation for Satan, for he is carefully named elsewhere with a selection of aliases in two different contexts (12:9, 20:2), and neither Abaddon nor the angel of the abyss is mentioned again." Perhaps Apollyon is not Satan himself but his proxy or field commander in the form of another evil angel. At any rate, the fact that he is named points to his existence as a real person rather than a symbol, and if this were an alias of someone else, that would likely have been indicated."

Marberry, Pugh and Shaw in *The Randall House Bible Commentary: 1, 2, 3 John and Revelation*

### The Abyss

- The Bottomless Pit, or the Abyss, appears 7 times in Revelation, always using the word as a kind of \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ (Marberry, Pugh and Shaw)
- This will be the same Abyss from which the \_\_\_\_\_ emerges in Revelation 11
- Luke 8:31 – When Jesus is interacting with the demon "legion," they \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus not to send them into the Abyss
- Jude 1:6  
<sup>6</sup> And the angels who did not stay within their own position of authority, but left their proper dwelling, he has kept in eternal chains under gloomy darkness until the judgment of the great day
- Smoke, fire, sulphur... \_\_\_\_\_ (Gen. 19:28, Rev. 21:8)

### Revelation 9:3-6

<sup>3</sup> Then from the smoke came locusts on the earth, and they were given power like the power of scorpions of the earth. <sup>4</sup> They were told not to harm the grass of the earth or any green plant or any tree, but only those people who do not have the seal of God on their foreheads. <sup>5</sup> They were allowed to torment them for five months, but not to kill them, and their torment was like the torment of a scorpion when it stings someone. <sup>6</sup> And in those days people will seek death and will not find it. They will long to die, but death will flee from them.

<sup>3</sup> Death shall be preferred to life by all the remnant that remains of this evil family in all the places where I have driven them, declares the Lord of hosts.

Revelation 9:7-12

<sup>7</sup> In appearance the locusts were like horses prepared for battle: on their heads were what looked like crowns of gold; their faces were like human faces, <sup>8</sup> their hair like women's hair, and their teeth like lions' teeth; <sup>9</sup> they had breastplates like breastplates of iron, and the noise of their wings was like the noise of many chariots with horses rushing into battle. <sup>10</sup> They have tails and stings like scorpions, and their power to hurt people for five months is in their tails. <sup>11</sup> They have as king over them the angel of the bottomless pit. His name in Hebrew is Abaddon, and in Greek he is called Apollyon. <sup>12</sup> The first woe has passed; behold, two woes are still to come.

**The Locusts**

- A plague of locusts would \_\_\_\_\_ in the people of John's day (Exodus 10:15), but THESE locusts were told \_\_\_\_\_ plants
- The plague would last about 5 months, a normal \_\_\_\_\_ for locusts
  - God demonstrates His sovereignty in that the plague is \_\_\_\_\_ (Fee)
  - God, much like His dealing with OT Israel, allows locusts to be an \_\_\_\_\_

**The Appearance of the Locusts**

- Looked like \_\_\_\_\_ prepared for battle... (Joel 2:4)
- Wore something like \_\_\_\_\_
- Their faces resembled \_\_\_\_\_
- Had hair like \_\_\_\_\_
- Had teeth like \_\_\_\_\_ (Joel 1:6)
- Wore breastplates like \_\_\_\_\_
- Sound on their wings like the \_\_\_\_\_ ... (Joel 2:5)
- Had \_\_\_\_\_ like scorpions...

**Torment**

- Those who do NOT have the \_\_\_\_\_
- Ezekiel 9:4
 

<sup>4</sup> And the Lord said to him, "Pass through the city, through Jerusalem, and put a mark on the foreheads of the men who sigh and groan over all the abominations that are committed in it."
- Those who are tormented prefer \_\_\_\_\_
  - Job 3:20-21
 

<sup>20</sup> "Why is light given to him who is in misery, and life to the bitter in soul, <sup>21</sup> who long for death, but it comes not, and dig for it more than for hidden treasures
  - Jeremiah 8:3

**The King of the Abyss**

- Abaddon, Apollyon
  - The \_\_\_\_\_
- Although the fallen star of 9:1 is considered a divine angel, the king of the Abyss in 9:11 should be viewed as Satan himself, the destroyer
- Job 26:6

<sup>6</sup> Sheol is naked before God, and Abaddon has no covering.

- Proverbs 15:11

<sup>11</sup> Sheol and Abaddon lie open before the Lord; how much more the hearts of the children of man!

### Revelation 9:13-19

<sup>13</sup> Then the sixth angel blew his trumpet, and I heard a voice from the four horns of the golden altar before God, <sup>14</sup> saying to the sixth angel who had the trumpet, "Release the four angels who are bound at the great river Euphrates." <sup>15</sup> So the four angels, who had been prepared for the hour, the day, the month, and the year, were released to kill a third of mankind. <sup>16</sup> The number of mounted troops was twice ten thousand times ten thousand; I heard their number. <sup>17</sup> And this is how I saw the horses in my vision and those who rode them: they wore breastplates the color of fire and of sapphire and of sulfur, and the heads of the horses were like lions' heads, and fire and smoke and sulfur came out of their mouths. <sup>18</sup> By these three plagues a third of mankind was killed, by the fire and smoke and sulfur coming out of their mouths. <sup>19</sup> For the power of the horses is in their mouths and in their tails, for their tails are like serpents with heads, and by means of them they wound.

### The Four Angels

- \_\_\_\_\_ at the Euphrates
- Divine or Demonic Angels?
  - Divine – Agents who \_\_\_\_\_ the release of the demonic army
  - Demonic – A part of the \_\_\_\_\_

### The Timing

- The hour, day, month, year...
  - God has \_\_\_\_\_ the precise moment for when these things will happen

### The Army

- Twice 10,000 times 10,000
  - \_\_\_\_\_
- Tasked with \_\_\_\_\_  
1/3 of mankind

"Jesus had specifically compared demons to "snakes and scorpions" (Luke 10:19). Thus, it is fitting that the twin demon hordes of Revelation 9 are both scorpion-like and snake-like."

Kendall Easley in *Holman New Testament Commentary: Revelation*

### Revelation 9:20-21

<sup>20</sup> The rest of mankind, who were not killed by these plagues, did not repent of the works of their hands nor give up worshiping demons and idols of gold and silver and bronze and stone and wood, which cannot see or hear or walk, <sup>21</sup> nor did they repent of their murders or their sorceries or their sexual immorality or their thefts.

### They Did Not Repent

- One of the \_\_\_\_\_ statements in the Bible
- They refused to give up their \_\_\_\_\_ made of inanimate materials
- Psalm 115:4-8
  - <sup>4</sup> Their idols are silver and gold, the work of human hands.
  - <sup>5</sup> They have mouths, but do not speak; eyes, but do not see.
  - <sup>6</sup> They have ears, but do not hear; noses, but do not smell.
  - <sup>7</sup> They have hands, but do not feel; feet, but do not walk; and they do not make a sound in their throat.
  - <sup>8</sup> Those who make them become like them; so do all who trust in them.