

THE FIRST TWO WOES
(Revelation 9:1-21)

- I. Sounding the Fifth Trumpet Brings Demonic INFESTATION (Rev. 9:1-12)
 - A. They had been INCARCERATED (9:1-2)
 - 1. Released by a “STAR” that had “FALLEN”: SATAN (cf. Is. 14:12-17; Luke 10:18; Rev. 12:7-9)
 - 2. Released from the BOTTEMLESS PIT (cf. Luke 9:31; 2 Pet. 2:4)
 - 3. Released amidst SMOKE that darkens SUN and AIR
 - B. They are WARPED (9:3-4)
 - 1. Described as powerful LOCUSTS
 - 2. Described as HURTING MEN, not destroying PLANTS
 - 3. Denied permission to harm those SEALED by God
 - C. They are TORTUROUS (9:5-6)
 - 1. Empowered to TORMENT without KILLING
 - 2. Enduring for FIVE MONTHS
 - 3. Evoking an unfulfillable DESIRE for DEATH
 - D. They are POWERFUL: seen as HORSES prepared for BATTLE (9:7a)
 - E. They are INVINCIBLE: wearing gold CROWNS of CONQUEST (9:7b)
 - F. They are SENTIENT: with FACES like MEN (9:7c)
 - G. They are DECEPTIVE: with HAIR, like WOMEN (9:8a)
 - H. They are PREDATORY: with TEETH like LIONS (9:8b)
 - I. They are ARMORED: with breastplates like IRON (9:9a)

- J. They are SWIFT: sound like many CHARIOTS rushing to BATTLE (9:9*b*)
 - K. They are INJURIOUS: stinging tails like SCORPIONS (9:10)
 - L. They are ORGANIZED (9:11)
 - 1. Commanded by a KING
 - 2. Characterized by DESTRUCTION (cf. Job 26:6)
- II. Sounding the Sixth Trumpet Brings Demonic INVASION (Rev. 9:13-21)
- A. The DIVINE outlook (9:13-15)
 - 1. Influenced by the PRAYERS of the SAINTS (9:13)
 - 2. Incorporates the power of FOUR ANGELS (9:14*a*; cf. 2 Pet. 2:4; Jude 6)
 - 3. Launches from the EUPHRATES RIVER (9:14*b*)
 - 4. Occurs at a DESIGNATED TIME (9:15)
 - B. The SATANIC outreach (9:16-17)
 - 1. Will involve TWO HUNDRED MILLION combatants (9:16)
 - 2. Will include DEMONICALLY DRIVEN combatants (9:17; cf. Ezek. 38-39)
 - C. The HUMAN outcome (9:18-21)
 - 1. The DEATH of 1/3 of all HUMANITY (9:18)
 - 2. A persistent LACK of REPENTANCE (9:19-21)
 - a. Continue to worship DEMONS and IDOLS
 - b. Continue MURDERS, DRUGS, IMMORALITIES, and THEFTS