

# The Fifth Trumpet

Revelation 8:13 – 9:1-11



## Revelation 8:13 - 9:1-11 (HCSB)

13 I looked, and I heard an eagle, flying in mid-heaven, saying in a loud voice, “Woe! Woe! Woe to those who live on the earth, because of the remaining trumpet blasts that the three angels are about to sound!”

1 The fifth angel blew his trumpet, and I saw a star that had fallen from heaven to earth. The key to the shaft of the abyss was given to him.



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2 He opened the shaft of the abyss, and smoke came up out of the shaft like smoke from a great furnace so that the sun and the air were darkened by the smoke from the shaft.

3 Then out of the smoke locusts came to the earth, and power was given to them like the power that scorpions have on the earth.



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4 They were told not to harm the grass of the earth, or any green plant, or any tree, but only people who do not have God's seal on their foreheads.

5 They were not permitted to kill them, but were to torment [them] for five months; their torment is like the torment caused by a scorpion when it strikes a man.



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6 In those days people will seek death and will not find it; they will long to die, but death will flee from them.

7 The appearance of the locusts was like horses equipped for battle. On their heads were something like gold crowns; their faces were like men's faces;

8 they had hair like women's hair; their teeth were like lions' teeth;



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9 they had chests like iron breastplates; the sound of their wings was like the sound of chariots with many horses rushing into battle;  
10 and they had tails with stingers, like scorpions, so that with their tails they had the power to harm people for five months.



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# 1. The Bottomless Pit

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Luke 10:18 – Reference

The star represents Satan



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Abussos (**bottomless**) appears seven times in Revelation, always in reference to the abode of incarcerated demons (cf. 9:2, 11; 11:7; 17:8)



## 2. The Evil Spirits

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Strict limitations were placed on the activities of this demonic host. This judgment, unlike the first four trumpet judgments, is not on the physical world.



## 2. The Evil Spirits

Although Satan has the power of death (Heb. 2:14), its exercise is subject to God's sovereign will and power, thus these demons were not permitted to kill anyone.

After millennia of captivity, the vile demons would no doubt want to give full vent to all of their pent-up evil by slaughtering people.



### 3. The Prince of Darkness

11 They had as their king the angel of the abyss; his name in Hebrew is Abaddon, and in Greek he has the name Apollyon

**Abaddon is used in the Old Testament to describe the place of eternal punishment (cf. Job 26:6; 28:22; 31:12; Ps. 88:11; Prov. 15:11; 27:20), thus further reinforcing this angel's connection with the abyss and hell. Apollyon comes from the Greek verb apollumi, which means "I destroy."**



## Woe?

- Note a critical fact: the enemy of man is the spiritual force that lies behind this world, a force that the Bible calls Satan.
- We only deceive ourselves if we do not cast ourselves upon the power and salvation of Jesus Christ.

