

Revelation Study
Vision 2
Trumpet 5, Woe 1
Revelation 9:1-12

- I. Unlocking The Bottomless Pit (1-2)
 - A. A spiritual darkness is unleashed upon the earth
 - 1. “like the days of Noah”
 - 2. Paul’s progression of spiritual darkness from Romans 1-3
 - B. “Star falling”
 - 1. Could be the historical fall of Satan
 - 2. Antichrist
 - 3. “Burning mountain” – dark kingdom
 - C. Cf. Luke 10:18-20
- II. The “Locusts” (3-10) [cf. Deuteronomy 28; Exodus plague)
 - A. Commission: to inflict pain upon the unbeliever
 - 1. Described in physical terms
 - 2. Should be viewed as spiritual/psychological torment
 - 3. An ever increasing awareness of a lack of hope, peace, or personal security
 - B. Restrictions
 - 1. Not unto death
 - 2. Not against “the sealed”
 - 3. For a short period: 5 months (the life cycle of a locust swarm)
 - C. Description: a demonic misrepresentation of the four living creatures around the throne
 - 1. Locust vs. Eagle
 - 2. Lion’s teeth vs. Lion’s face
 - 3. Man/Woman vs. Man
- III. The “King of the Locusts” (11)
 - A. They have a king – “the destroyer”
 - 1. Satan’s unrestricted oppression of the earth
 - 2. Only for a season: eventually the Incarnation of Jesus restricts the global darkness of Satan and his oppressive minions by the ever magnifying light of the gospel
 - B. Cf. John 10:10
- IV. The “End” of the Woe (12)
 - A. This “woe” is ended - the vision has ceased
 - B. The next woe is much more extensive
 - C. This current woe prepares the way for the emergence of the glory of Jesus on the earth