

The 5th Trumpet

Revelation 9:1-12

I. Introduction:

A. Tribulation judgments

1. The tribulation judgments are judgments of God against a sinful & wicked world.
2. They include: 7 Seal Judgments, 7 Trumpet Judgments, & 7 Bowl Judgments.
3. These judgments are poured out against those in the tribulation period who refuse to repent of their sin & be saved. Like today, God offers mercy & grace to all who will confess their sin & believe on Jesus by faith with a repentant heart.
4. Same offer's available during the tribulation but, like today, many will reject God's offer of grace pursuing sin with all their hearts & will be judged by God for their sin.

B. The first four trumpets

1. – First Trumpet

- a. When 1st angel sounded his trumpet, hail & fire mingled w/ blood was cast to earth.
- b. 1/3rd of the world's trees will be burned up along with all green grass & vegetation.
- c. The fire storm will be horrific while an already strained food supply strains further.

2. – Second Trumpet

- a. When 2nd angel sounds his trumpet a large celestial object will be thrown into the sea & 1/3rd of the world's oceans will be turned to blood.
- b. 1/3rd of all marine life will die. 1/3rd of the world's ships will be destroyed.

3. – Third Trumpet

- a. When 3rd angel sounds his trumpet, celestial object falls & pollutes 1/3rd of fresh water
- b. 1/3rd of world's fresh water supply will be corrupted. Many will die from drinking it.

4. – Fourth Trumpet

- a. When 4th angel sounds his trumpet, 1/3rd of natural light turns to total darkness.
- b. 1/3rd of day will be total darkness. 1/3rd of night there'll be no moonlight or starlight

C. Woe judgments

1. As the world will be reeling from these severe judgments, an angel will make an announcement concerning the last 3 trumpets yet to sound. (**Revelation 8:13**)
2. This angel warns the 3 remaining trumpet judgments will be worse than the 1st four.

II. The 5th Trumpet judgment (Revelation 9:1-2)

A. Star fallen from heaven

1. Unlike 1st 4 trumpets, this isn't an inanimate object falling from heaven, but a person identified as "he." This is none other than Satan himself being cast out of heaven.
2. From **Isaiah 14** & **Ezekiel 28**, there was a time when Satan became proud of his beauty & wisdom and desired the honor due only to God, the first sin in the universe.
3. Because of his sin God cast him out of heaven. A number of the angels followed Satan in his rebellion and those fallen angels are demons.
4. Some of the fallen angels, demons, were locked in the pit, the abyss, where they await judgment for their rebellion. Those demons locked in the abyss are the worst of the worst.
5. Book of Job shows that Satan still has access to heaven, but he does not dwell there.
6. War in Heaven: From **Revelation 12**, there comes a time during the tribulation when Satan's expelled from heaven for good following a war in heaven.

7. Satan & the demons will fight against archangel Michael & the other angels of heaven.
8. Satan's Movement Restricted: Satan and the demons will lose and be cast to the earth
9. The 5th trumpet judgment is Satan's removal from heaven, he is cast to the earth.

III. Key to the bottomless pit (Revelation 9:3-6)

A. Key to the abyss

1. God will allow Satan key to the abyss where the worst of the demons are locked up.
2. He'll open the pit, the abyss, and a great cloud of smoke will fill the atmosphere.
3. Out of this smoke will come a horde of demons in the form of locusts.
4. They aren't normal for they'll not eat any green thing & they have a tail with a stinger.

B. Demons in the form of locusts

1. – Cannot kill anyone

- a. Even in the midst of God's judgment on a sinful and rebellious world, He still set limits as to what could be done and what could not be done.
- b. God is sovereign over Satan and the demons. They must obey His will.
- c. These demons won't be allowed to kill anyone. This is like the limitation God put upon Satan concerning Job, allowing his health touched, but not his life.

2. – Only those without the seal of God

- a. Further limitation, they could only torment those without God's seal in their forehead
- b. Thus, those saved by faith in Jesus were immune from this demonic attack.
- c. Just as Israel was protected by God from the plagues that came upon Egypt, so in the tribulation God will protect those who are His redeemed.
- d. Application: It's comforting to know Satan can only attack or harm us to the degree allowed by our Heavenly Father. H. S. lives in every child of God protecting them
- e. It's impossible for a demon to possess God's child for it'd have to displace the H. S.

3. – Torment men

- a. These demons will be all over the world & allowed to sting & torment lost people.
- b. Torment goes beyond physical pain as demons are allowed to run wild.
- c. These demons, having been locked up in the abyss for so long, would be more than happy to take out their anger and frustration on man.
- d. Illustration: **Luke 8:26-40**, Jesus confronts the demon possessed man of Gadarenes.

4. – Duration

- a. This torment will go on for 5 months! Mental & psychological effect of this torment will be overwhelming so people will seek death rather than face the demons
- b. But death will be temporarily suspended as God will not allow them to die.

IV. Description of the demons (Revelation 9:7-10)

A. War like appearance

1. – Strength

- a. They're like war horses prepared for battle with iron armor. A great host of them.

2. – Deception

- a. They have human faces with long hair like a woman, attractive, yet they are deadly.
- b. Application: Sin comes the same form today, packaged as attractive, but it's deadly.

V. These demons have a king or emperor. (Revelation 9:11-12)

A. Abaddon and Apollyon

1. The king of the demons is not Satan. This is the king of the demons in the abyss.
2. His name means destroyer. The true nature of Satan & the demons is painted here.
3. They are destroyers of all that God created to be good.