

**“Hell Comes to Earth”**  
The Revelation of Jesus Christ—Part 15  
*Revelation 9*

***What’s your worst nightmare?***

**Trumpet Judgment #5**

**1. A hoard of demons with the power to torture.**

The fifth angel sounded his trumpet, and I saw a star that had fallen from the sky to the earth. The star was given the key to the shaft of the Abyss. When he opened the Abyss, smoke rose from it like the smoke from a gigantic furnace. The sun and sky were darkened by the smoke from the Abyss. And out of the smoke locusts came down upon the earth and were given power like that of scorpions of the earth. They were told not to harm the grass of the earth or any plant or tree, but only those people who did not have the seal of God on their foreheads. They were not given power to kill them, but only to torture them for five months. And the agony they suffered was like that of the sting of a scorpion when it strikes a man. During those days men will seek death, but will not find it; they will long to die, but death will elude them. Revelation 9:1-6

**Note:**

The locusts are not insects but demons.

The abyss releases not only demons but pollution.

The demons do not have the power to kill.

People do not have the power to take their own life.

**2. The demonic hoard described.**

The locusts looked like horses prepared for battle. On their heads they wore something like crowns of gold, and their faces resembled human faces. Their hair was like women's hair, and their teeth were like lions' teeth. They had breastplates like breastplates of iron, and the sound of their wings was like the thundering of many horses and chariots rushing into battle. They had tails and stings like scorpions, and in their tails they had power to torment people for five months. They had as king over them the angel of the Abyss, whose name in Hebrew is Abaddon, and in Greek, Apollyon. Revelation 9:7-11

**Note:**

The description is not literal.

These demons will be unstoppable, intelligent, seductive, deceptive, and vicious in their torment.

## Trumpet Judgment #6

### 3. An army of demons with the power to kill.

*The first woe is past; two other woes are yet to come. The sixth angel sounded his trumpet, and I heard a voice coming from the horns of the golden altar that is before God. It said to the sixth angel who had the trumpet, "Release the four angels who are bound at the great river Euphrates." And the four angels who had been kept ready for this very hour and day and month and year were released to kill a third of mankind. The number of the mounted troops was two hundred million. I heard their number.*

Revelation 9:12-16

#### **Note:**

We never read in scripture that heavenly angles are bound.

These four angels are probably high-ranking, fallen angels.

Demonic principalities and powers have stood behind world leaders throughout history.

Nothing is outside God's control.

### 4. How will they carry out their murderous destruction?

*The horses and riders I saw in my vision looked like this: Their breastplates were fiery red, dark blue, and yellow as sulfur. The heads of the horses resembled the heads of lions, and out of their mouths came fire, smoke and sulfur. A third of mankind was killed by the three plagues of fire, smoke and sulfur that came out of their mouths. The power of the horses was in their mouths and in their tails; for their tails were like snakes, having heads with which they inflict injury.*

Revelation 9:17-19

**Note:** The colors on the riders of the horses describe the means of their destruction (fire, smoke and brimstone). Three plagues will be responsible for the death of 1/3 of mankind.

### 5. The reaction of the earth's survivors.

*The rest of mankind that were not killed by these plagues still did not repent of the work of their hands; they did not stop worshipping demons, and idols of gold, silver, bronze, stone and wood—idols that cannot see or hear or walk. Nor did they repent of their murders, their magic arts, their sexual immorality or their thefts.*

Revelation 9:20-21

#### **Note:**

The survivors refuse to repent!

John lists five sins representative of their defiance: idolatry, murder, drugs, sexual immorality, and thefts.

***Under the influence of the massive demonic forces,  
the world will descend into a morass of  
false religion, murder, sexual perversion, and  
crime, unparalleled in human history.***

John MacArthur

**Life Response:** In the passage we studied today, we literally see hell being unleashed on earth. The overwhelming destruction and the unrepentant heart of mankind makes us pause and reflect on our own world and our own lives. Although demons are invisible, they are real. They are organized and committed to our destruction, but they have limitations. Demons cower in fear and run for cover at the very mention of the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. While many more hoards of demons will be unleashed during the Tribulation, there are plenty around today that seek our destruction. We must be aware of their schemes.

*Be self-controlled and alert. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that your brothers throughout the world are undergoing the same kind of sufferings.*

1 Peter 5:8-9

When we read about a world unwilling to give up their sin, we must ask about our own willingness to follow Christ completely.

Are there any idols in your life?

Are there pursuits that need to be stopped?

Is your own heart soft or hard toward repentance?