

Revelation 9:1-12

The Fifth Trumpet Judgment Part 2
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The Unregenerate Long for Death

Revelation 9:4-6 They were told not to hurt the grass of the earth, nor any green thing, nor any tree, but only the men who do not have the seal of God on their foreheads. 5 And they were not permitted to kill anyone, but to torment for five months; and their torment was like the torment of a scorpion when it stings a man. 6 **And in those days men will seek death and will not find it; they will long to die, and death flees from them.**

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The Appearance of the Locusts

Revelation 9:7-10 The appearance of the locusts was **like** horses prepared for battle; and on their heads **appeared** to be crowns **like** gold, and their faces were **like** the faces of men. 8 They had hair **like** the hair of women, and their teeth were **like** the teeth of lions. 9 They had breastplates **like** breastplates of iron; and the sound of their wings was **like** the sound of chariots, of many horses rushing to battle. 10 They have tails **like** scorpions, and stings; and in their tails is their power to hurt men for five months.

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Possible Implication

What are Demons?
Option 1: Fallen angels

Jude 6 And **angels who did not keep their own domain**, but abandoned their proper abode, He has kept in eternal bonds under darkness for the judgment of the great day.

Job 1:6-7 ...the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan also came among them. 7 The LORD said to Satan, "From where do you come?" Then Satan answered the LORD and said, "**From roaming about on the earth** and walking around on it."

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Possible Implication

Option 2: Disembodied spirits of the Nephilim

Jude 9 But Michael the archangel, when he disputed with the devil and argued about the body of Moses, **did not dare pronounce against him a railing judgment**, but said, "The Lord rebuke you!"

Luke 10:17 The seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, **even the demons are subject to us in Your name.**"

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Major Interpretive Point

Revelation 9 Demons:

1. From the abyss
2. Locusts
3. Like horses
4. Appear to have gold crowns
5. Hair like women
6. Teeth like lions
7. Breast plates like iron
8. Wings make noise like chariots
9. Tails like scorpions

Has this ever occurred in history?

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Major Interpretive Point

- Craig Blomberg: "At least in Matthew, however, it would seem that the tribulation Jesus has in mind must refer to the entire church age from a.d. 70 on."*
1. **Idealist:**
 2. **Historicist:**
 3. **Preterist:**
 4. **Futurist:**

Matthew 24:21-22 For then **there will be a great tribulation, such as has not occurred since the beginning of the world until now, nor ever will.**
22 Unless those days had been cut short, no life would have been saved; but for the sake of the elect those days will be cut short.

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These Demons Have a King

Revelation 9:11-12 **They have as king over them,** the angel of the abyss; his name in Hebrew is **Abaddon**, and in the Greek he has the name **Apollyon.** 12 The first woe is past; behold, two woes are still coming after these things.

Proverbs 30:27 **The locusts have no king,** Yet all of them go out in ranks...

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Structure of the Three Woes

Revelation 8:13 Then I looked, and I heard an eagle flying in midheaven, saying with a loud voice, "**Woe, woe, woe** to those who dwell on the earth, **because of the remaining blasts of the trumpet of the three angels who are about to sound!**

5th Trumpet – Rev. 9:1-12

6th Trumpet – Rev. 9:13-11:14 (10:1-11:13 – The little book and two witnesses)

7th Trumpet – Rev. 11:14-16:1

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