

## **Revelation Chapter 9**

*Bible verses are from the New American Standard Bible and are highlighted in blue and italics.*

### **Verse 1**

*1 Then the fifth angel sounded, and I saw a star from heaven which had fallen to the earth; and the key of the bottomless pit was given to him.*

Woe, Woe, Woe – one for each of the trumpet blasts about to sound

The 1<sup>st</sup> 4 trumpets were God's strange work against His own creation.

So are the next 3, but they are directly on rebellious man himself.

Bottomless pit – Shaft of the abyss. In Revelation 20: 1-3, we see an angel descend from heaven with the key of the abyss. He bound Satan with a great chain and threw him into the abyss and shut and sealed it over him for 1000 years.

Verse 1 should be understood in the light of Chapter 10. Same angel with the same key, opening the same abyss. Word translated "Fallen" here could just as easily have been translated "Descended".

### **Verse 2**

*2 He opened the bottomless pit, and smoke went up out of the pit, like the smoke of a great furnace; and the sun and the air were darkened by the smoke of the pit.*

The abyss is a real place. It coexists with the seas, rivers, bodies of water of Earth and evidently Earth itself.

We see it has a real, tangible effect on the real Earth. It's not a medieval fantasy. It's a real place of incarceration of some (not all) demons. It's a jailhouse for some of them. It will be for Satan, as we mentioned in Chapter 20. Satan now "prowls around like the roaring lion..."

Can I make a conjecture here. One I am convinced is true.

Gadarene Demoniac, man possessed by "Legion" of demons.

Lived naked among tombs. Chains couldn't hold him he was so strong. "What business do we have with each other, Jesus, son of the most High God?" They begged Jesus not to cast them into the abyss. They asked Jesus to cast them into a herd of pigs feeding on the hillside.

### **Verses 3-11**

*3 Then out of the smoke came locusts upon the earth, and power was given them, as the scorpions of the earth have power.*

*4 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.*

*7 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.*

*11 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.*

*13 Then the sixth angel sounded, and I heard a voice from the four horns of the golden altar which is before God,*

Not helicopters manufactured in Ft. Worth. They have an appearance like no earthly creature. They are presented here as demons from the abyss, released from there to torment incorrigible mankind.

They have a demon king named destroyer as their commander, under the authority of God Almighty.

#### **Verse 14**

*14 one saying to the sixth angel who had the trumpet, "Release the four angels who are bound at the great river Euphrates."*

"Bound at Euphrates"

I want to say something here I prefer to call an insight, and not just a conjecture. I'll let you be the judge of that.

Remember how prophet Isaiah in Isaiah 11:19, says that during Christ's millennial reign that "knowledge of God will fill the earth as waters cover the sea?"

Waters cover the sea (and rivers like Euphrates here, other bodies of water) in the sense that they are like a jail door over the sea or body of water.

As far as at least some bodies of water coexist with this abyss, so are there their physical waters a jail door sea over sea.

There's a reason the spirit that indwells anti-christ is seen as rising up from the sea in Revelation Chapter 13.

There is a reason why that legion rushed into the lake. There's a reason why these 4 demons are bound at the great river Euphrates.

I could name many other corroborating scriptures, but that is not enough.

Just as the demons in previous verses of chapter 9 were released when the angel with the key "Opened the bottom-less pit" so they could ascend out and of it; so must the waters of the Euphrates be opened so that they 4 demons bound in the abyss, bound by the waters can be released.

### **Verse 15**

*15 And the four angels, who had been prepared for the hour and day and month and year, were released, so that they would kill a third of mankind.*

Specific Hour/Day/Month/Year

Previously, ¼ killed, now 1/3 of what is left = ½ total

*16 The number of the armies of the horsemen was two hundred million; I heard the number of them.*

*17 And this is how I saw in the vision the horses and those who sat on them: the riders had breastplates the color of fire and of hyacinth and of brimstone; and the heads of the horses are like the heads of lions; and out of their mouths proceed fire and smoke and brimstone.*

*18 A third of mankind was killed by these three plagues, by the fire and the smoke and the brimstone which proceeded out of their mouths.*

*19 For the power of the horses is in their mouths and in their tails; for their tails are like serpents and have heads, and with them they do harm.*

*20 The rest of mankind, who were not killed by these plagues, did not repent of the works of their hands, so as not to worship demons, and the idols of gold and of silver and of brass and of stone and of wood, which can neither see nor hear nor walk;*

### **Verse 21**

*21 and they did not repent of their murders nor of their sorceries nor of their immorality nor of their thefts.*

### **Sorcery**

Charms, magic spells, curses, witchcraft usually drugs were involved and the purpose was to elicit power from or within the spirit world – demonic.

The root word for sorcery is the same as that for our word pharmacy.

Incorrigible man of the last days will give heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of demons. They will not believe the truth, but will take pleasure in wickedness.

To those who walk in the light of your (own) fire (way)" this you will have from my hand; You will lie down in torment." Isaiah 50:11

*Behold, all you who kindle a fire,  
Who encircle yourselves with firebrands,  
Walk in the light of your fire  
And among the brands you have set ablaze  
This you will have from My hand:  
You will lie down in torment. Isaiah 50:11*