

THE OPENING OF THE BOTTOMLESS PIT
REV. 9:1-12

Introduction:

- A. The earth has received a warning.
 - 1. An Eagle flies in the midst of heaven.
 - 2. "Woe, Woe, Woe, to the inhabitants of the earth."
 - 3. Three more trumpets are to sound.

- B. We now read of the sounding of the fifth trumpet.
 - 1. "And the fifth angel sounded."
 - 2. This is the fifth trumpet of the seventh seal.

I. THE OPENING OF THE DEMONIC PRISON. V1-2

- A. "and I saw a star fall from heaven unto the earth."
 - 1. star = aster = a star, an angel.
 - 2. Job 38:4-7, "...when the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy."

- B. "and to him was given the key to the bottomless pit."
 - 1. Key = kleis - a key for locking and unlocking.
 - 2. bottomless = abussos = unfathomed, the abyss.
 - 3. pit = phrear - a well, or pit.
 - 4. II Peter 2:4, Jude 6.

- C. "And he opened the bottomless pit."
 - 1. opened = anoigo - to open, to stand open.
 - 2. same as B. # 2,3.

II. THE CREATURES FROM THE PIT. [LOCUSTS]

- A. "and there arose a smoke out of the pit."
 - 1. "as of a great furnace."
 - a. furnace = kaminos = an oven or kiln.
 - b. great =
 - 2. "and the sun and the air were darkened by reason of the smoke of the pit."

- a. darkened = skotizo - to make dark.
- B. "and there came out of the smoke locusts upon the earth."
 - 1. locusts = amris = locust, grasshoppers.
 - 2. earth = gen = earth.

III. THE LOCUSTS, THEIR POWER, APPEARANCE, AND KING. V3b-11

- A. Their power. v3b
 - 1. power = eksousia = delegated power, liberty or authority.
 - 2. scorpions = skorpios = A lobster-like vermin some four or five inches long, it had a claw on the end of the tail that secreted a poison when it struck.
 - 3. They had the power, not the appearance, of locusts.
- B. Their limitations. v4-5
 - 1. commanded = hneo - to say, God spoke to them His mind and His will.
 - 2. hurt = adikeo = to wrong, to injure.
 - 3. "have not the seal of God."
 - 4. "should not kill them," the others on earth.
 - 5. torment = basanos - examination by trial, enquiry by torture, torture, pain.
 - 6. stricketh = paio - to strike, to smite.
- C. Their shape, v7.
 - 1. shapes = homoioma - something made like, a likeness, shape, implying resemblance.
 - 2. They were armoured. He saw mens faces.
- D. Their hair, and their teeth. v8.
 - 1. "hair, as the hair of women." long.
 - 2. "teeth, as the teeth of lions.: strong.
- E. Their breastplates. v9
 - 1. "breastplates of iron."
 - 2. Had the appearance of mail.

F. Their wings. v9

1. pteruks - a pinion, a wing.
2. sound = phone - a sound, a tone.
3. chariots = a chariot of war, with two wheels.
4. battle = polemos - a battle, a fight.
5. "And their wings roared like an army of chariots rushing into battle." TAY

G. Their tails. v10

1. stings = kentron = a point, a prick.
2. Effect of sting was five months.

H. Their king. v11

1. Abaddon = Hebrew, Jews.
2. Apollon = Greek, gentiles.

IV. THE MISSION OF THE LOCUSTS. v5,10

A. To punish those who did not have the seal of God.

1. "torment five months."
2. "hurt men five months."

B. To cause men to repent.

1. From false religion. v20
2. From evil ways. v21

V. THE PAIN THEY INFLICT. v6

A. "And in those days shall men seek death, and shall not find it."

1. seek = zeteo - to strive to find.
2. death thanatos = the end of life.
3. find = heurisko = meet with, discover.

B. "and shall desire to die, and death shall flee from them"

1. desire = epithumeo - to long for, to desire earnestly.

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2. flee = pheugo = to fly, to take flight.
3. They pray for death to take them.
4. It would not solve their problem!

VI. IS THIS THE END? V12

A. v12.

1. "one woe is past!"
2. "there come two more."