

BOOK OF REVELATION



13. The Seven Trumpets (2)

Revelation 9

Introduction

The Book of Revelation is a series of visions that were given to John while he was on the Island of Patmos. Jesus told John to write down what he had seen – what was now, and what would take place later. The letters to the 7 churches was what was happening at that time, but from chapter 4 onwards he describes events that would take place in the last days. The first of these events are described as the 7 Seals and the 7 Trumpets. We have already studied the 7 Seals, and in our last study we looked at the first 4 Trumpets. Now we will look at the 5th and 6th Trumpets.

Scripture Reading: Revelation 9:1-21

The last 3 Trumpets are also called the 3 Woes. See Revelation 8:13, 9:12 and 11:14.

The 5th Trumpet (1st Woe)



Describe what happens during the fifth Trumpet in 9:1-11.



Who or what was this 'star' that had fallen to the earth and opened the Abyss? 9:1. Compare with 12:7-9, Luke 10:18.



What is the Abyss that is referred to in v1? Look at Revelation 9:2, 20:1-3 and Luke 8:31.



When John saw this vision he described hordes of locusts coming out of the Abyss. What do you think these locusts are? Are they insects or demonic spirits? Study the verses carefully and give your reasons.



Why do you think these locusts only attacked those who did not have the seal of God on their foreheads? What can we learn from this? 9:4-6, Luke 10:18-19.

The 6th Trumpet (2nd Woe)



Who do you think the 4 angels in v14 are? Compare with 2 Peter 2:4, Jude 6.

These 4 angels are in charge of a huge army of 200 million mounted troops. (9:16) In the same way that the locusts are demonic beings, it would seem that these are too, although this does not mean that humans won't be involved in these horrors!



Why do you think that the people left after all these plagues still did not repent? 9:20-21? What does this show us about the human heart? Ephesians 4:17-19, Hebrews 3:12-13, Proverbs 28:14.



How can we guard our heart from being hardened? Hebrews 3:13, 4:11-12, Jeremiah 4:3-4.

Conclusion

As we read these terrible judgments that come upon the earth, we may think it does not affect us. However God has chosen to tell us about what is going to happen in the near future, so that we will continue to keep our hearts soft toward Him, and share the good news of His Salvation to as many as we can.