



Rev 9

**The 7 Trumpets  
Part II**

# Revelation Review

## Chapter Headings



Chapter 1 Christ among the lampstands

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# Review: Chapter 8 Trumpets 1-4

Trumpet one: **Economic devastation**: 1/3 earth burned up.



Trumpet two: **Corrupt society failing**: 1/3 shipping destroyed



Trumpet three: **Society leaders fall**: Great star falls to earth.



Trumpet four: **Nations Fall**: Sun/moon are darkened.



# Rev 9:1 -11 The **Fifth Trumpet** Misery

Rev 9:1 Then the *fifth angel* sounded, and I saw a *star* from heaven *which had fallen to the earth...*

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When John saw the *star*, it was not falling, *but had fallen already.*" (JFB)



*“Perfect tense”* an action

in past time but with continuing results.

This star represents an person who was given a key & opened a bottomless pit v.1c

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Who was the fallen *star*?

(Isa 14:4, 12) Described the King of Babylon

Barnes = *A military commander*

Jewish Commentary = *Evil angel*

Others: Fallen Bishop = *Boniface III*

McGuiggan, Ogden; Coffman & Pulpit =

***Satan Himself*** (2 Cor 11:14)



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Rev 9:1 And the Key of the **Bottomless Pit** was given to him.

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Key: “**Power or Authority to open**”  
Mclintock & Strong

Bottomless Pit/Abyss occurs 7 times in Rev.

**The realm of demons** from which they can be released. Rev 11:7; 17:8 (Vines p 142)



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Rev 9:2 He opened the bottomless pit, and *Smoke* went up out of the pit, like the *Smoke* of a great furnace & the **Sun** & the **Air** were darkened by the smoke of the pit.

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You know it's gonna be bad when it comes out of the pit !

***Smoke is used 12 times in Revelation!***

**Twice Good** (Rev 8:4; & 15:8) **Incense**

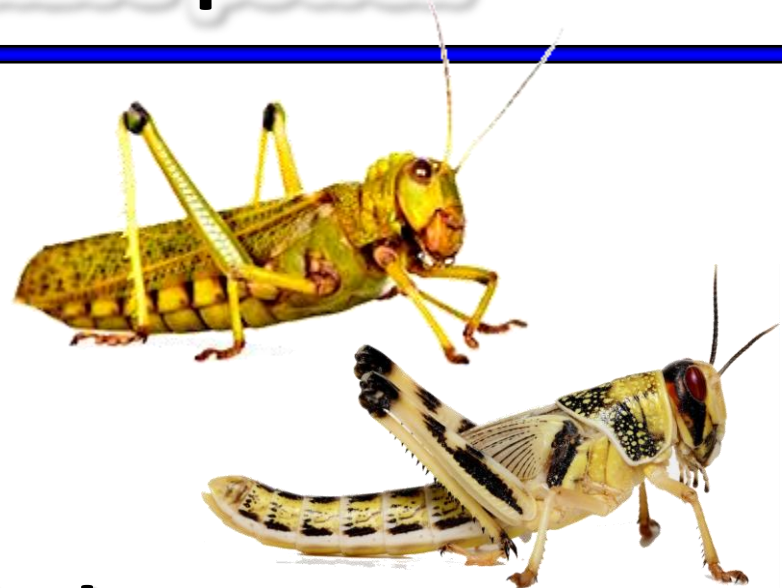
**10 X Bad** (Rev 9:2,18; 18:9; 19:3) **Burning**

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**Locusts**— Migratory grasshoppers. *John the Baptist's protein source.*



They were a dreaded plague > **4,000** sq yd  
(Ex 10:4-20; Dt 28:38; 1 Ki 8:37f)



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**Scorpions** — are related to spiders. They're are carnivores. Their sting is very painful, but **NOT usually fatal**.



Jews acted as **scorpion** sting to Ezekiel (Ezk 2:6)  
Rehoboam taxed like **scorpion** to Jews (1 Ki 12:11)  
Apostles could tread on **scorpions** (Lk 10:19)

# Rev 9:1 -11 The **Fifth Trumpet** Misery

Rev 9:4 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.

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v.4 “**NOT to hurt grass.. green thing, tree**” But that’s what locusts eat!



# Rev 9:1 -11 The **Fifth Trumpet** Misery

Rev 9:4 Hurt ...only the men who do **NOT** have the *seal of God on their foreheads*.

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Those **Without** the seal of God are the **Unfaithful** on earth!

- The **sealed** are **bond-servants** of God (Rev 7:4)
- The **sealed** are **spiritual** Israel on earth (**Gal 3:29**)
- The **sealed** are **protected** from plagues (Rev 7:3)



# Rev 9:1 -11 The **Fifth Trumpet** Misery

Rev 9:5 “**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.”

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**Symptoms** of scorpion sting: vary depending on age and size of victim, plus size and species of scorpion.

**Neurotoxin may produce some or all:**

Intense burning at sting site; pins and needles in hands face; scalp. Tremors; weakness, difficulty swallowing; nausea; vomiting; diarrhea; convulsions & sometimes death



# Rev 9:1 -11 The **Fifth Trumpet** Misery

Who were these **Locusts**  
that sting like **Scorpions**  
*but were forbidden to kill?*



Haverstock says: “This is a Very BAD and misleading translation. This seems to say that the locusts were not permitted to kill anyone. Not so at all, in fact backwards.”

*Haverstock printed Class Notes*

Why is the Biblical translation challenged?  
Because if locusts are Jewish Zealots then  
the zealots were forbidden to kill.

# Rev 9:1-11 The **Fifth Trumpet** Misery

But is Our translation correct— (Rev 9:5)  
that the **Locusts** *were forbidden to kill?*

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Yet **COMBINED** and Unanimous Scholarship  
of 29 Biblical Translations say it is **Correct!**

ASV	CJB	KJV	NET	NLT	RSV	TEV
AMP	CEV	NAS	NIV	NRS	TLB	YL
BBE	ERV	NASU	NIRV	NTMS	TM	WE
DB	GWT	NCV	NKJV	NWB	TNIV	WEB

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*When asked about this Gary Martin said 2/17/04*



1. Re the NASV: “It is ***Not a bad*** translation / interpretation. It is easily defended.”
2. Re Larry’s Haverstock’s translation: “It is a rather more problematic translation / interpretation. I cannot yet defend that one.” 2/17
3. “The textural evidence supports the traditional rendering.”
4. “Advanced grammars all agree: Construction according to sense.” ***Not Killer Zealots***

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(Rev 9:5) **Locusts** *forbidden to kill anyone.*

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What does Art Ogden say? “This means the wicked Jews were permitted to hurt and torment all others except Christians.”

*To try to support his position that this are Jews he turns not to the Bible but to Josephus. (Wars 4.9.7)*

*But Josephus says (Wars 4.9.7) “Whatever grew in the country, they either trod it down or fed upon it.”*

*But Rev 9:4 says the locusts are “Not permitted to hurt the grass, any green thing, nor any tree.” That’s opposite of what Josephus says.*



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What does Hal Lindsey say?

These are *mutant locusts with demons in them.*

*(LGPE p. 138)*

Lindsey suggests these “*may be Cobra Helicopters.*” **But THESE KILL !!!**



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- 9:7 Horses prepared for **battle. Awesome Joel 2:4** **Locusts like**
- 9:7 On heads... **crowns of gold: Victory crowns**
- 9:7 Faces like **men: Anthropos, intellect, courage**
- 9:8 Hair like **women: long hair (1 Cor 11:15)**
- 9:8 Teeth like **lions: Vicious, terrible (Joel 1:6)**
- 9:9 Breastplates like **iron: Defense (Dan 2:40)**
- 9:9 Wings like sound of **chariots: Speed (Joel 2:4-7)**
- 9:10 Tails like **scorpions— Painful sting (1 Cor 15:56)**



# Rev 9:1-11 The **Fifth Trumpet** Misery

Rev 9:11 They have as **king** over them, **the angel of the abyss**; his name in Hebrew is **Abaddon**, and in the Greek... **Apollyon**.

**What are these **Un-interpreted Locusts**?**

Lindsey: ***Demonic*** locusts or Helicopters

Ogden: ***Assassin*** Jews dressed like women<sup>1</sup>

Barnes: ***Moslem hordes***

JFB; BKC: ***Army of demons***

McGuiggan: ***Sin & Decadence of society***



# Rev 9:12 - 21 The **Sixth Trumpet**: **DEATH**

Rev 9:12 The first woe is past; behold, *two woes are still coming* after these things.

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

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**Altar of Incense** = Prayers of saints (Rev 8:3-4)

**Voice** = Here's the answer to the prayers of saints.



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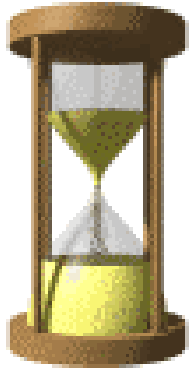
*Assyria* crossed it to attack Israel (Isa 8:7-8)  
*Babylon* defeated Egypt near it. (Jer 46:2-6)



*Here's the threat of military might !*

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Rev 9:15 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**.



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**Hour & day & month & year** = God's time table!

Gal 4:4 God sent forth Son "in fullness of time"

John 2:4 At Cana "My hour has not yet come."

John 7:6 To brothers "My time is not yet here."

John 8:20 In Temple "His hour had not yet come."

John 13:1 Passover "Knowing His hour had come."

John 19:30 At the cross... "It is finished."

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***Who is this 200 Million Horsemen Army? v17***

**Lion's** head

**Serpent** tail

**Breath** fire

**Breastplate** fire





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Rev 9:16 The number of the *armies of the horsemen* was two hundred million

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People's Republic of China has 2.3 million man active military. **USA** has 1.4 million active-duty military and 850,000 reservists.



This Revelation Army is **100 Times Larger** than our modern world's **LARGEST** armies! **Wow!**

God's Protection: Elisha's chariots and horsemen (2 Ki. 6:15-17)

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Art Ogden says this is the *Roman army of 60,000* under Vespasian in the campaign against Galilee.

How does Art Ogden harmonize his *numerical discrepancy* in relation to the war on Jeru?

“The whole world, thought to be numbered about 200 million at that time was behind the Roman Army in this conflict.” Ogden

But Revelation doesn't say that 200 million serfs & slaves *agreed* with Rome's war – but *army of HORSEMEN was 200 million.*



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Rev 9:18 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.

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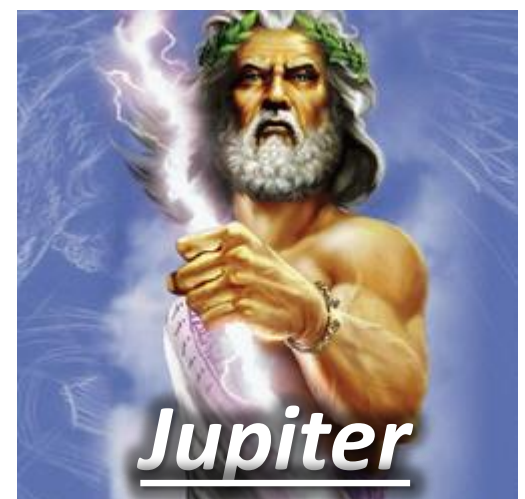
Hal Lindsey & John Walvrood say 1/3 of mankind slain in future war by the Red Chinese.

Lindsey: the horses = some kind of **Ballistic Missile launchers** (LGPE 1973) with expected war 1981-1988.



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Rev 9:20 And 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 & of silver & of brass & of stone and of wood... (Ps 115:4-7)



# Rev 9:12 - 21 The **Sixth Trumpet: DEATH**

Rev 9:21 And they did not repent of their *murders* nor of their *sorceries* nor of their *immorality* nor of their *thefts*.

Roman Pagans were involved in greed, idolatry, homosexuality, murder, deceit, hated God, were disobedient to parents, unloving, unmerciful...  
(Rom 1:26-31)

