

Wednesday in the Word
Digging Deeper
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The Bottomless Pit

Revelation 8:13-9:11 KJVS

[8:13] And I beheld, and heard an angel flying through the midst of heaven, saying with a loud voice, Woe, woe, woe, to the inhabitants of the earth by reason of the other voices of the trumpet of the three angels, which are yet to sound!

[9:1] And the fifth angel sounded, and I saw a star fall from heaven unto the earth: and to him was given the key of the bottomless pit. [2] And he opened the bottomless pit; and there arose a smoke out of the pit, as the smoke of a great furnace; and the sun and the air were darkened by reason of the smoke of the pit. [3] And there came out of the smoke locusts upon the earth: and unto them was given power, as the scorpions of the earth have power. [4] And it was commanded them that they should not hurt the grass of the earth, neither any green thing, neither any tree; but only those men which have not the seal of God in their foreheads. [5] And to them it was given that they should not kill them, but that they should be tormented five months: and their torment was as the torment of a scorpion, when he striketh a man. [6] And in those days shall men seek death, and shall not find it; and shall desire to die, and death shall flee from them. [7] And the shapes of the locusts were like unto horses prepared unto battle; and on their heads were as it were crowns like gold, and their faces were as the faces of men. [8] And they had hair as the hair of women, and their teeth were as the teeth of lions. [9] And they had breastplates, as it were breastplates of iron; and the sound of their wings was as the sound of chariots of many horses running to battle. [10] And they had tails like unto scorpions, and there were stings in their tails: and their power was to hurt men five months. [11] And they had a king over them, which is the angel of the bottomless pit, whose name in the Hebrew tongue is Abaddon, but in the Greek tongue hath his name Apollyon.

8:13. The Greek spelling for the words Angel and eagle are very similar and so various versions of the Bible have interpreted the word both ways. Neither will change Doctrine or the Perfection of God's word. Compare revelation 4:7 ἀετός; aetos 14:6 ἄγγελος; aggelos. The Three Woes are comprised of the fifth, sixth and seventh trumpets. These are the final and most dreadful yet to occur.

9:1. See Luke 10:18 and refer to our separate handout. The Deep= abussos. See Romans 10:7. Also 2 Peter 2:4. Hell= tartaroō. 17:8. Pit= abussos. Also 20:1. Genesis 1:2. Deep= Abyss. Also 7:11, Proverbs 8:28. Confer as well Job 1:6-11 Revelation 1:18. Hell= Hades, Jude 1:6.

9:2 Confer Genesis 19:28, Psalm 37:20.

9:3 Demons seem to want or need to inhabit physical bodies. Luke 8:30-32, 22:31, Genesis 6:1-6. Locusts represent the all consuming evil of demonic forces. See Exodus 10:1-20 Judges 7:12. See Joel 1:2-2:13 for references to locusts as all consuming armies in a primary, lesser version of the dual fulfillment of the Day of the Lord.

9:4. Compare 6:6, 7:3, 8:7. God protects and seals those who obey. See Revelation 7:3-4, Exodus 8:22, 12:23, Ez 9:4, Genesis 4:14-15.

9:5. See Luke 11:12, Ezekiel 2:6. Scorpions represent the power and sting of evil yet are controlled by God. In biblical symbolism the number 5 represents God's Grace and Mercy.

9:6. See Job 3:20-22. Compare Isaiah 2:17-21 to Revelation 6:15-16 and 8:18-19. Also. Jeremiah 8:3, Hosea 10:8, Luke 23:30. Contrast these to Philipians 1:23:24.

9:7 Joel 2:1-11. Nahum chapter 3.

9:8 Joel 1:6. No explanation of the hair is available other than perhaps the mane of a lion. Extra biblical references recognize hair as symbolizing physical strength and virility, perhaps tying back to Samson. Judges 16:16-17.

9:9 Joel 2:4-11.

9:10. See notes for 9:5. Confer Deuteronomy 28:38, 1 Kings 8:35-41, 2 Chronicles 7:13-14, Amos 4:9-10. What is God here telling His people?

9:11. People will once again (if not already) yearn for an evil king. Eph 2:2-3. How do these verses compare evil to Almighty God? Proverbs 15: 8-11, 27:20, 30:27, Job 26:6, Ps 88:10-12. Abaddon and. Apollyon speak of destruction and are the name of a Destroying Angel, the name of the angel-prince of the infernal regions, the minister of death and the author of havoc on the earth.