

Bereans Bible Institute

Module XI – Revelation

Lesson 23 – Revelation 9:1-21

I. The last 3 Trumpets are called “woes” – a term that refers to a great catastrophe: *Rev. 8:13 “And I saw and heard an eagle flying in mid-air, saying with a great voice, ‘Woe, woe, woe, land dwellers, from the remaining trumpet blasts of the three messengers about to sound!’”*

A. Rev. 9:1-12 The 5th Trumpet (1st woe):

1. Satan cast out of the heavens @ mid-point (Luke 10:18; Eph. 2:2; Rev. 12:7-9)
2. Given the key to the well of the deep:
 - a. It is now “locked”
 - b. the “well of the deep” refers to the source of water throughout the OT (Gen. 1:2; Gen. 7:11; Gen. 8:2; Deut. 8:7; Deut. 33:13; Psalm 33:7).
 - c. the angels that sinned while Noah prepared the ark are held in chains:
2 Pet. 2:4-5 *“For if God did not spare the sinning messengers, but gave them up, incarcerating to bondage of doom, having been reserved for judgment, and [if God] did not spare the first world, but preserved Noah – the eighth, a proclaimer of justice, having brought the flood to the world of the ungodly, ...”*
Jude 1:6 *“And angels, those not having guarded their personal dominion, but having abandoned their own domain, He has placed under guard in enduring confinement under doom for judgment of the great Day.”*
 - d. The abyss was this place of confinement for demons (Luke 8:31).
3. The “locusts” are the incarcerated demons from Noah’s day, turned loose upon mankind with nothing to lose.
 - a. Vs. 4 Locusts commanded not to disturb the environment (like 1st 4 Trumpets), but only those not having the “seal of God.”
 1. The 144,000 have the “seal of God”
 2. The Christian assemblies already have the “seal of God” – the presence of the holy Breath (John 6:27; Eph. 1:13; Eph. 4:30; 2 Tim. 2:19).
 3. Cause excruciating pain for 5 months – Passover to Rosh Hashannah
 - b. Their king is “Abaddon/Apollyon” = Destroyer

B. Rev. 9:13-21 The 6th Trumpet (2nd woe):

1. The 4 Messengers bound @ Euphrates: 4 great empires have battled for control of the area of the Euphrates River – Babylon (Iraq), Persia (Iran), Syria/Turkey; Rome (Europe). There have been demonic forces seeking to control these empires, which have been restrained by Michael and his messengers. (Dan. 10:13,20-21; Dan. 12:1).