

Revelation 9:1-21

Introduction:

The fifth and sixth trumpets are sounded, bringing two demonic invasions to the earth.

- I. The Fifth Trumpet, Resulting In The First Demonic Invasion (9:1-12)
 - A. The home of the demons (9:1-2): Their abode is the smoke-filled bottomless pit.
 - B. The horror of these demons (9:3-13)
 1. Their appearance (9:3, 7-10a)
 - a. They look like **locusts** and horses armored for battle. (9:3a)
 - b. They wear golden **crowns**, and they have men's faces, women's hair, and **lion's** teeth. (9:7-8)
 - c. They are protected by **iron** breastplates. (9:9)
 - d. They have stinging **tails** like scorpions. (9:3b, 10a)
 2. Their administrator (9:11-12): Their king is named Abaddon (in the Hebrew) and Apollyon (in the Greek), meaning "**Destroyer**."
 3. Their assignment (9:4-6, 10b)
 - a. Negative (9:9a): They are not to harm the grass or trees
 - b. Positive (9:4b-6, 10b): They are to **torture** (but not kill) the unsaved for five months.
- II. The Sixth Trumpet, Resulting In The Second Demonic Invasion (9:13-21)
 - A. The Action (9:13-19)
 1. The home of these demons (9:13-14)
 - a. Their location (9:13, 14b): they are now bound in an area near the **Euphrates** River.
 - b. Their leaders (9:14a): They are led by four special demons.
 2. The hostility of these demons (9:15)
 - a. Their **preparation** (9:15a): They have been kept in readiness for a particular year, month, day and hour.
 - b. Their **purpose** (9:15b): Upon being released, they kill and third of all mankind.

- B. The horror of these demons (9:16-19)
1. Their **number** (9:16): They army numbers 200 Million warriors.
 2. Their **nature** (9:17-19): They have the appearance of horses and riders.
 - a. The horses have heads like lions and tails like deadly serpents, and they breathe out smoke and flaming sulphur. (9:17b-19)
 - b. The riders wear brightly colored breastplates (9:17a)
- C. The reaction (9:20-21): How do the survivors of this horrible invasion respond after witnessing the death of untold millions?
1. They refuse to **repent** (9:20a)
 2. They continue to **rebel** (9:20b-21)