

I. Introduction

If the first four trumpet judgments in chapter 8 are natural disasters that destroy one-third of creation, then the two trumpet judgments in chapter 9 bring suffering and death upon people.

A torment will come in which people long to die but cannot, and one-third of humanity will die. Today, we will examine the fifth trumpet judgment as the first woe.

II. Main Body

1. Interpretation of Verses 1-2

The abyss means a bottomless pit, a spiritual place where God confines Satan and demons so that they cannot act freely. (Luke 8:31; Revelation 11:7; 17:8; 20:1)

The star fallen from heaven may refer either to Satan (Isaiah 14:12; Luke 10:18) or to an angel sent by God (Revelation 1:18; 20:1), but in either case it is a being under God's control and permission.

Smoke rising from the abyss darkens the sun and the air-meaning people become unable to discern between evil and good, truth and falsehood.

(Isaiah 5:20; Romans 1:21, 24; Ephesians 4:18-19; 2 Corinthians 4:4)

2. The Locusts with the Power of Scorpions (Verses 3-4)

The locusts given the power of scorpions are not literal insects flying in the fields, but beings that torment unbelievers. (1 John 5:18)

They can be understood as various demons, servants of Satan the destroyer (v.11).

3. The Locusts Will Inflict Great Pain for Five Months (Verses 5-6)

They will bring severe torment like the sting of a scorpion for five months.

This pain is spiritual and internal suffering caused by the power of Satan.

It signifies the various afflictions that will come upon unbelievers in the last days. (2 Timothy 3:1)

Example: Mr. Sang-sik Kim, who suffered from gambling addiction for 20 years (The Windmill of the Gospel)

The sufferings of Judas Iscariot, the Gerasene demoniac, and King Saul

The torment experienced by those living like zombies through addiction to alcohol and drugs

Therefore, unbelief itself is already a form of judgment. (John 3:18)

4. Eight Characteristics of the Locusts (Verses 7-10)

Their appearance is like horses prepared for battle – an organized army

On their heads are something like crowns of gold – imitating God as though victorious

Their faces are like human faces – cunning beings with intelligence and reason

They have hair like women's hair – attractive and seductive in their temptation

Their teeth are like lions' teeth – destructive and leading people to ruin

They have breastplates like iron – cannot be overcome by human strength

The sound of their wings is like chariots rushing into battle – terrifying attacking power

They have tails and stings like scorpions – inflicting painful torment

III. Conclusion

Let us look only to Jesus, who gives salvation and peace. (Luke 4:18-19; Matthew 11:28; John 14:27)

Bible Memorization

A VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

“The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.” (John 10:10)

Bible Reading

4/13(Mon)	4/14(Tue)	4/15(Wed)	4/16(Thur)	4/17(Fri)	4/18(Sat)	4/19(Sun)
1 Samuel 23-25	1 Samuel 26-28	1 Samuel 29-31, 2 Samuel 1	2 Samuel 2-3	2 Samuel 4-6	2 Samuel 7-10	2 Samuel 11-12

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Quiet Time Passage

4/13(Mon)	4/14(Tue)	4/15(Wed)	4/16(Thur)	4/17(Fri)	4/18(Sat)	4/19(Sun)
Psalms 96:1-13	Psalms 97:1-12	Psalms 98:1-9	Psalms 99:1-9	Psalms 100:1-5	Psalms 101:1-8	Psalms 102:1-16

Sharing Questions

1. Through today’s sermon, share one truth or grace that especially stood out to you.

2. It says that when a star fallen from heaven opened the abyss with a key, smoke like from a great furnace came out and darkened the sun and air. What does this symbolize?

3. It says that locusts with the power of scorpions came out of the abyss and tormented those who did not have God’s seal on their foreheads. Explain what this means.

4. Today’s message reminds us how precious and valuable it is to believe in Jesus and be saved. Share the reasons why.