

“Sounding the 1st Woe”

Revelation 9:1-12

Intro:

- * Talk about being warned of something & trying to anticipate it but it is actually worse than you could anticipate or imagine.
- * Illustration:
- * Tie this back into Revelation about the announcement of the final 3 Woes (Trumpets)

Reflecting on the Word: What do we learn about the 5th Trumpet (1st Woe) when it is sounded?

1. The Power (9:1-3)

- 1 Then the fifth angel sounded, and I saw a star from heaven which had fallen to the earth; and the key of the bottomless pit was given to him.---**Luke 8:31; Isa. 14:12; Luke 10:18**
- 2 He opened the bottomless pit, and smoke went up out of the pit, like the smoke of a great furnace; and the sun and the air were darkened by the smoke of the pit.---**Joel 2:2, 10**
- 3 Then out of the smoke came locusts upon the earth, and power was given them, as the scorpions of the earth have power.---**Exodus 10:12-15**

2. The Permission (9:4-5)

- 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.---**Revelation 6:6; 8:7; 7:2,3 Ezekiel 9:4**
- 5 And they were not permitted to kill anyone, but to torment for five months;

3. The Pain (9:5-6)

- 5 but to torment for five months; and their torment was like the torment of a scorpion when it stings a man.
- 6 And in those days men will seek death and will not find it; they will long to die, and death flees from them.---**Job 3:21; 7:15; Jeremiah 8:3; Revelation 6:16**

4. The Profile (Appearance) (9:7-11)

- 7 The appearance of the locusts was like horses prepared for battle; and on their heads appeared to be crowns like gold, and their faces were like the faces of men.---**Joel 2:4**
- 8 They had hair like the hair of women, and their teeth were like the teeth of lions.---**Joel 1:6**
- 9 They had breastplates like breastplates of iron; and the sound of their wings was like the sound of chariots, of many horses rushing to battle.---**Joel 2:5; Jeremiah 47:3**
- 10 They have tails like scorpions, and stings; and in their tails is their power to hurt men for five months.
- 11 They have as king over them, the angel of the abyss; his name in Hebrew is Abaddon, and in the Greek he has the name Apollyon.---**Job 26:6; 28:22; 31:12; Psalm 88:11; Proverbs 15:11**

5. The Prediction (9:12)

- 12 The first woe is past; behold, two woes are still coming after these things.

Responding to the Word:

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Word Studies

Star:

Had Fallen:

Fall (πεπτωκότα). Lit., *fallen*. The star had fallen before and is seen as fallen. Rev., properly, construes *star* with *from heaven* instead of with *fallen*. Compare **Isa. 14:12; Luke 10:18**; Perfect Participle Active

Bottomless Pit: Shaft of the abyss or a hole or cavern used as a dungeon---**Luke 8:31**

A supernatural, unfathomable, bottomless gulf or pit regarded as the antithesis to heaven, most often used for the detaining and punishment of demons

Smoke: A hot vapor containing fine particles of carbon being produced by combustion

Locusts: A migratory grasshopper having a short antennae that was considered clean for food

Power: Authority or the power or right to give orders or make decisions

Scorpions: An insect of warm dry regions having a long segmented tail ending in a venomous stinger and often associated with punishment---**2 Chronicles 10:11, 14; Ezekiel 2:6**

Hurt: To cause or do harm; Aorist Indicative Subjunctive

Seal: Mark, a distinguishing symbol especially the impression left from a signet---**Ezekiel 9:4; Revelation 7:2, 3**

Permitted: To be granted or given permission; Aorist Indicative Passive

Tormented: To be or become extremely troubled, conceived of as being physically tortured; Future Indicative Passive

Torment: The experience of unbearable physical pain and extreme mental distress

Long: To crave or have an intense desire for some particular things; Future Indicative Active

Flees: To avoid, escape, conceived of as successfully running away

Appearance: Likeness or the quality of being similar to something---**Joel 2:4, 5; 1:6; Jeremiah 47:3**

Prepared: To be made or become ready (in state of readiness), suitable or equipped in advance for a particular purpose or for some use or event; Perfect Participle Passive

Battle: War, the waging of armed conflict against an enemy

Crowns (Stephanos): A wreath worn on the head to signify victory or prestige and sometimes sovereignty

Like: Resembling or similar, having same or some characteristics

Had: To have some aspect or feature; Imperfect Indicative Active

Breastplates:

Battle: An open clash between 2 opposing groups

Have: To have a personal or familial relationship with someone; Present Indicative Active

Angel: A supernatural being created by God to serve Him

Abaddon: Means destroyer or destruction

Apollyon: Means destroyer or destruction