

When All Hell Breaks Loose

Revelation 9:1-12

The door to the Abyss is unlocked.

BOOK Revelation 9:1 (NIV84) "The fifth angel sounded his trumpet, and I saw a star that had fallen from the sky to the earth. The star was given the key to the shaft of the Abyss."

BOOK Isaiah 14:12-14 (NIV84) "How you have fallen from heaven, O morning star, son of the dawn! You have been cast down to the earth, you who once laid low the nations!¹³ You said in your heart, "I will ascend to heaven; I will raise my throne above the stars of God; I will sit enthroned on the mount of assembly, on the utmost heights of the sacred mountain.¹⁴ I will ascend above the tops of the clouds; I will make myself like the Most High."

BOOK Revelation 9:1b-2 (NIV84) "...The star was given the key to the shaft of the Abyss.² When he opened the Abyss, smoke rose from it like the smoke from a gigantic furnace. The sun and sky were darkened by the smoke from the Abyss."

The demons in the Abyss are different.

BOOK Luke 8:26-33 (NIV84) "They sailed to the region of the Gerasenes, which is across the lake from Galilee.²⁷ When Jesus stepped ashore, He was met by a demon-possessed man from the town. For a long time this man had not worn clothes or lived in a house, but had lived in the tombs.²⁸ When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell at His feet, shouting at the top of his voice, "What do you want with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, don't torture me!"²⁹ For Jesus had commanded the evil spirit to come out of the man. Many times it had seized him, and though he was chained hand and foot and kept under guard, he had broken his chains and had been driven by the demon into solitary places.³⁰ Jesus asked him, "What is your name?" "Legion," he replied, because many demons had gone into him.³¹ And they begged Him repeatedly not to order them to go into the Abyss.³² A large herd of pigs was feeding there on the hillside. The demons begged Jesus to let them go into them, and He gave them permission.³³ When the demons came out of the man, they went into the pigs, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned."

BOOK Revelation 9:3-5 (NIV84) "...out of the smoke locusts came down upon the earth and were given power like that of scorpions of the earth.⁴ They were told not to harm the grass of the earth or any plant or tree, but only those people who did not have the seal of God on their foreheads.⁵ They were NOT GIVEN POWER TO KILL THEM, but only to torture them for five months. And the agony they suffered was like that of the sting of a scorpion when it strikes a man."

BOOK Mark 13:19 (NLT) "...there will be greater anguish in those days than at any time since God created the world. And it will never be so great again."

BOOK Revelation 9:6 (NIV84) "During those days men will seek death, but will NOT find it; they will long to die, but DEATH WILL ELUDE them."

The locusts from the Abyss are described.

BOOK Revelation 9:7-11 (NIV84) "The locusts looked like horses prepared for battle. On their heads they wore something like crowns of gold, and their faces resembled human faces.⁸ Their hair was like women's hair, and their teeth were like lions' teeth.⁹ They had breastplates like breastplates of iron, and the sound of their wings was like the thundering of many horses and chariots rushing into battle.¹⁰ They had tails and stings like scorpions, and in their tails they had power to torment people for five months.¹¹ They had as king over them the angel of the Abyss, whose name in Hebrew is Abaddon, and in Greek, Apollyon."

Lucifer's Locusts

1. Their appearance will be horse-like.
2. Their heads will be crown-like.
3. Their faces will be human-like.
4. Their hair will be woman-like.
5. Their teeth will be lion-like.
6. Their chests will be iron-like.
7. Their sound will be war-like.
8. Their sting will be scorpion-like.

BOOK Revelation 9:12 (NIV84) "The first woe is past; two other woes are yet to come."

Digging Deeper: In today's message, is there a truth to believe, a sin to confess, a promise to claim, or a principle to apply? What did you learn about God, yourself, or the world? Do you have any questions that need answering?