



Today's Message

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Title: *Trumpets of Woe*

Text: Revelation 8:6—9:12

9 ¹And the fifth angel blew his trumpet, and I saw a star fallen from heaven to earth, and he was given the key to the shaft of the bottomless pit. ²He opened the shaft of the bottomless pit, and from the shaft rose smoke like the smoke of a great furnace, and the sun and the air were darkened with the smoke from the shaft. ³Then from the smoke came locusts on the earth, and they were given power like the power of scorpions of the earth

¹¹They have as king over them the angel of the bottomless pit. His name in Hebrew is Abaddon, and in Greek he is called Apollyon.

¹²The first woe has passed; behold, two woes are still to come.

Introduction: Our text continues the description of John's vision of divine judgment that will occur just prior to the return of Christ. In it we encounter a startling feature: Satan and his demonic horde serve as an instrument that God uses to carry out judgment. This reveals the true nature of the evil one.

I. Trumpets explained:

- A. Four trumpets: God pours out furious wrath upon the idolatrous world. 8:6-12
1. Judgment of the scorched land
 2. Judgment of the bloody sea

3. Judgment of bitter water
 4. Judgment of darkened sky
- B. Interlude: Greater woe is about to come! 8:13
- C. The fifth trumpet: God unleashes the fury of Satan's demonic horde. 9:1-11
- D. Summary: The first "woe" is over, but two more are coming. 9:12

II. Today's take-home truth: The king of the earth is a hard master.

- A. From the beginning, humanity's rebellion against God has been inspired by Satan . . .
- B. But he only despises and seeks the destruction of all who follow him.