**Revelation Chapter 9**

**Demons from the Abyss**

**Part 1**

1. The Fifth Trumpet Angel: verses 1-12
   1. The fallen star with the key to the bottomless pit.
      1. Verse eleven identifies this star as Abaddon (destruction) in Hebrew and Apollyon (destroyer) in Greek.
         1. In Revelation 12:3 reference is given to the dragon and then in 12:9 the identity is the devil/Satan.
         2. Jewish tradition sometimes refers to fallen angels as fallen stars.
      2. Satan will play more of a prominent role from here through the rest of Revelation.
         1. Satan never speaks in Revelation.
   2. Locust like creatures from the abyss.
      1. Their purpose is to afflict humans.
         1. Nature was afflicted by previous plagues announced by the first four trumpet angels.
      2. Those who are not sealed (see handout on Revelation 7) are the ones who are afflicted.
         1. Locusts represent the demons from hell which fall upon the human race.
         2. Christians will suffer from the onslaught of Satan and his demons as He seeks to attack the church.
            1. This attack is emphasized in chapters 12 and 13.
         3. Here in chapter 9 the demons attack those who are not followers of Jesus.
            1. God allows this to happen in order to move people to repentance (v21).
      3. 5 months of torment.
         1. This time frame maybe modeled after the life expectancy of locusts.
         2. The afflictions are not a constant continuum.
            1. At any given point during the time frame of Revelation (Christ’s ascension to His return) unbelievers will suffer the anguish of the devil’s demons.

Can be of the mental and physical kind.

Demonic possession.

* + - * 1. On-again, off-again.

Think of a cat playing with a ball of yarn.

* + - 1. Pain like a scorpion’s sting
         1. While the demons will not cause death, the afflictions will be such that people will desire death.

Job 3:20-26 is a powerful cry of the soul which longs for death which never comes.

This cry of Job is obviously different than what we see in Revelation 9. Job belonged to God and desired to be with Him.

* + 1. Warriors of the devil
       1. Their appearance is certainly grotesque.
       2. They are ferocious and savage.
       3. Their “armor” presents any kind of counter-attack.
  1. Their leader/king
     1. This fallen star/angel is the Devil.
        1. In 2 Corinthians 11:14 the Apostle Paul referred to Satan masquerading as an “angel of light.”
        2. Here in verse 11 the devil is referred to as the destroyer.
           1. This is the only time in the Bible he is referred to as such. Much more common is the name Satan, which means adversary.
           2. The devil seeks to destroy all that is holy and godly.

His most wicked attempt was to destroy the Christ child (Revelation 12:3,4; Matthew 2:16-18)

* + - * 1. The devil seeks the destruction of the human race.

He doesn’t want people to believe the gospel and enjoy the fruits of Christ’s victory.