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A STUDY OF REVELATION

Rev. 9:1-12

Rev. 9:1 And the fifth angel sounded, and I saw a star fall from heaven unto the earth: and to him was given the key of the bottomless pit.

- 2 And he opened the bottomless pit; and there arose a smoke out of the pit, as the smoke of a great furnace; and the sun and the air were darkened by reason of the smoke of the pit.
- 3 And there came out of the smoke locusts upon the earth: and unto them was given power, as the scorpions of the earth have power.
- 4 And it was commanded them that they should not hurt the grass of the earth, neither any green thing, neither any tree; but only those men which have not the seal of God in their foreheads.
- <u>5</u> And to them it was given that they should not kill them, but that they should be tormented five months: and their torment was as the torment of a scorpion, when he striketh a man.
- 6 And in those days shall men seek death, and shall not find it; and shall desire to die, and death shall flee from them.

- 7 And the shapes of the locusts were like unto horses prepared unto battle; and on their heads were as it were crowns like gold, and their faces were as the faces of men.
- 8 And they had hair as the hair of women, and their teeth were as the teeth of lions.
- 9 And they had breastplates, as it were breastplates of iron; and the sound of their wings was as the sound of chariots of many horses running to battle.
- 10 And they had tails like unto scorpions, and there were stings in their tails: and their power was to hurt men five months.
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- 12 One woe is past; and, behold, there come two woes more hereafter.

Scriptural Introduction

Rev. 1:19 Write the things which thou hast seen, and the things which shall be hereafter;

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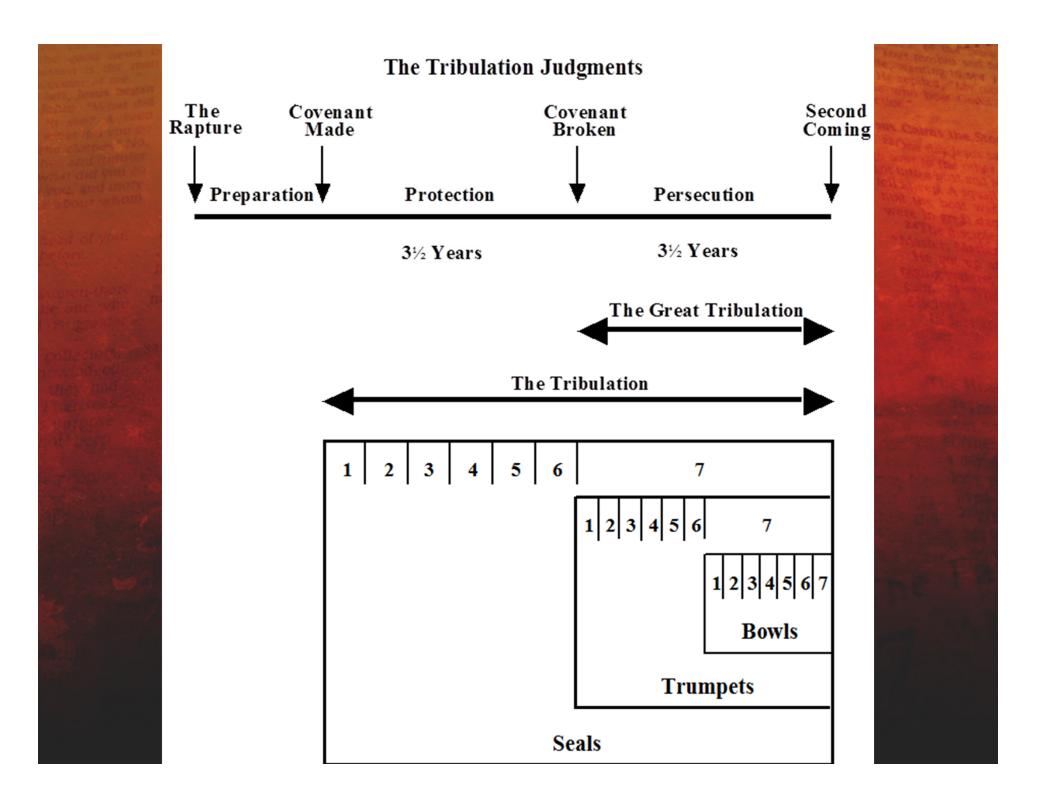
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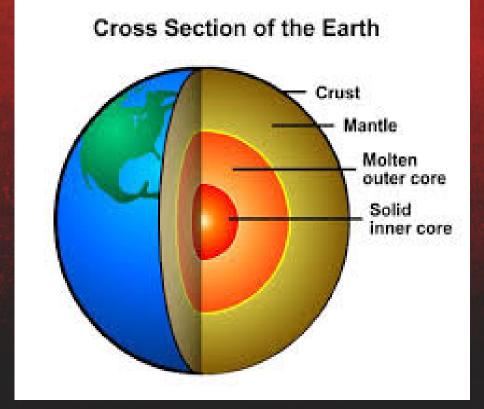
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Rev. 20:1 And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand.

2 And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years,

3 And cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled: and after that he must be loosed a little

season.



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Original Word: ἄβυσσος

Transliteration: abussos

Definition: boundless, bottomless

Usage: the abyss, unfathomable depth, ("the deep" – Lu. 8:31, Rom.

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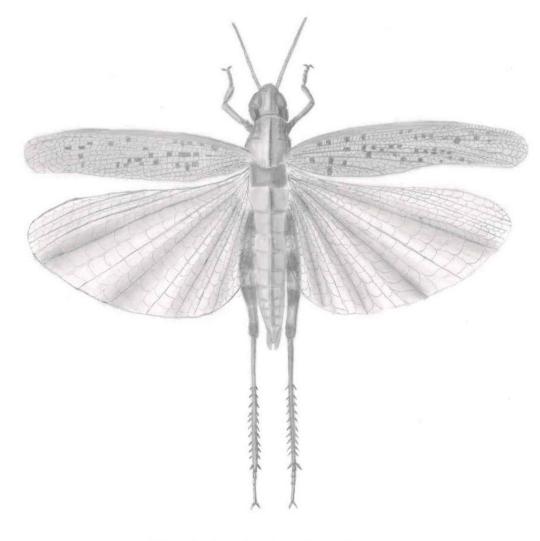
Gen. 5:5 And all the days that Adam lived were nine hundred and thirty years: and he died.

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Pazuzu — the Scorpion Man in Assyria https://www.jstor.org/stable/4200233?seq=1#page_scan_tab_contents





The Rocky Mountain Locust Melanoplus spretus

REV 9:7 And the shapes of the locusts..





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1500 years before John I was just thinking the description of this, fit's better than a Blackhawk Helicopter or an Apache Gunship. Rev. 9:10 And they had tails like unto scorpions, and there were stings in their tails: and their power was to hurt men five months.

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Prov. 30:27 The locusts have no king, yet go they forth all of them by bands;

Original Word: Άβαδδών

Transliteration: Abaddón

Definition: Abaddon, the angel of the abyss

Usage: Abaddon, Destroyer (i.e. Destroying Angel) or place of

destruction (personified). https://biblehub.com/greek/3.htm

Original Word: Ἀπολλύων

Transliteration: Apolluón

Definition: "a destroyer", Apollyon, the angel of the abyss

Usage: Apollyon, The Destroying One, a Greek translation of the

Hebrew: Abaddon.

Apollýōn (from apóllymi, "cause to perish, be ruined") – properly, "the destroyer" (from the Abyss), i.e. Satan (used only in Rev 9:11). https://biblehub.com/greek/623.htm

Jude 1:6 And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day.

<u>2 Pet. 2:4</u> For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to hell, and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment;

Original Word: ταρταρόω

Transliteration: tartaroó

Definition: to cast into hell

Usage: I thrust down to Tartarus or Gehenna.

tartaróō – properly, send to *Tartarus* ("*Tartaros*"). The NT uses (tartaróō) for the netherworld – the place of punishment fit only for demons. Later, Tartaros came to represent eternal punishment for wicked people.

(tartaróō) is a Greek name for the under-world, especially the abode of the damned – hence to cast into hell" (A-S); to send into the subterranean abyss reserved for demons and the dead. https://biblehub.com/greek/5020.htm

<u>Job 1:6</u> Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan came also among them.

<u>Job 38:7</u> When the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of **God** shouted for joy?

Gen. 6:2, That the sons of God saw the daughters of men that they were fair; and they took them wives of all which they chose. ...

4 There were giants in the earth in those days; and also after that, when the sons of God came in unto the daughters of men, and they bare children to them, the same became mighty men which were of old, men of renown.

Conclusion

1 Jn. 4:4 Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world.

5 They are of the world: therefore speak they of the world, and the world heareth them.

6 We are of God: he that knoweth God heareth us; he that is not of God heareth not us. Hereby know we the spirit of truth, and the spirit of error.