

THE FIFTH TRUMPET— AND THE FIRST WOE

Studies in the Revelation

SOME QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS:

Question One: Who is the star that falls from heaven?

Then the fifth angel sounded, and I saw a (what) star from (where) heaven which had fallen to the earth. Revelation 9:1a

Answer:

“How you have (what) fallen from heaven, (who) O star of the morning, son of the dawn! You have been cut down to the earth, you who have weakened the nations! But you said in your heart, ‘I will ascend to heaven; I will raise my throne above the stars of God, and I will sit on the mount of assembly in the recesses of the north. I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will make myself like the Most High.’”

Isaiah 14:12-14

Again the word of the LORD came to me saying, “Son of man, take up a lamentation over the king of Tyre and say to him, ‘Thus says the Lord GOD, “You had the seal of perfection, full of wisdom and perfect in beauty. You were in Eden, the garden of God; every precious stone was your covering: the ruby, the topaz and the diamond; the beryl, the onyx and the jasper; the lapis lazuli, the turquoise and the emerald; and the gold, the workmanship of your settings and sockets, was in you. On the day that you were created they were prepared. You were the anointed cherub who covers, and I placed you there. You were on the holy mountain of God; you walked in the midst of the stones of fire. You were blameless in your ways from the day you were created until unrighteousness was found in you.”

Ezekiel 28:11-15

The seventy returned with joy, saying, “Lord, even the demons are subject to us in Your name.” And He said to them, “I was watching Satan fall from heaven like lightning. Behold, I have given you authority to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing will injure you. Nevertheless do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rejoice that your names are recorded in heaven.”

Luke 10:17-20

See also: Revelation 12:7-12

Question Two: Who gave the star the keys?

Then the fifth angel sounded, and I saw a star from heaven which had fallen to the earth; and the (what) key of the bottomless pit was (what) given to him (by whom). Revelation 9:1

Answer:

When I saw Him, I fell at His feet like a dead man. And He placed His right hand on me, saying, “Do not be afraid ; I am the first and the last, and the living One; and I was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore, and I have the (what) keys of death and of Hades.”

Revelation 1:17-18

Question Three: What is the bottomless pit?

He opened the (what) bottomless pit, and smoke went up out of (what) the pit, like the smoke of a great furnace; and the sun and the air were darkened by the smoke of (what) the pit. Revelation 9:2

Answer:

Greek: “*Abussos*”

Lit: the “pit of the abyss.” – the place of demonic incarceration.

Dwelling Place of the Beast:

When they (the two witnesses) have finished their testimony, the beast that comes up (where) out of the abyss will make war with them, and overcome them and kill them. Revelation 11:7

“The beast that you saw was, and is not, and is about to come up (where) out of the abyss and go to destruction. And those who dwell on the earth, whose name has not been written in the book of life from the foundation of the world, will wonder when they see the beast, that he was and is not and will come.”

Revelation 17:8

Where Satan is bound for 1,000 years:

Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, holding (what) the key of the abyss and a (what) great chain in his hand. And he laid hold of the dragon, the serpent of old, who is the devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years; and he threw him (where) into the abyss, and shut it and sealed it over him, so that he would not deceive the nations any longer, until the thousand years were completed; after these things he must be released for a short time. Revelation 20:1-3

Question Four: Who is held in the abyss? And why?

Then out of the smoke came (what) locusts upon the earth, and power was given them (by whom) , as the scorpions of the earth have power.

Revelation 9:3

Answer:

For if God did not spare angels when they sinned, but cast them into hell and committed them to (what) pits of darkness, (why) reserved for judgment.
2 Peter 2:4

And angels who did not keep their own domain, but abandoned their proper abode, He (God) has kept in (what) eternal bonds under darkness (why) for the judgment of the great day, just as Sodom and Gomorrah and the cities around them, since they in the same way as these indulged in gross immorality and went after strange flesh, are exhibited as an example in undergoing the punishment of eternal fire.

Jude 6-7

For Christ also died for sins once for all, the just for the unjust, so that He might bring us to God, having been put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit: in which also He went and made (what) proclamation to (who) the spirits now in prison.
1 Peter 3:18-20

Now it came about, when men began to multiply on the face of the land, and daughters were born to them, that the sons of God saw that the daughters of men were beautiful; and they took wives for themselves, whomever they chose. Then the LORD said, "My Spirit shall not strive with man forever, because he also is flesh; nevertheless his days shall be one hundred and twenty years." The Nephilim (or, fallen ones) were on the earth in those days, and also afterward, when (what) the sons of God came in to the daughters of men, and they bore children to them. Those were the mighty men who were of old, men of renown.

Genesis 6:1-4

Question Five: What is the seal of God?

They were told not to hurt the grass of the earth, nor any green thing, nor any tree, but only (who) the men who do not have (what) the seal of God on their foreheads.
Revelation 9:4

Answer:

Nevertheless, the firm foundation of God stands, having this seal, "The Lord knows those who are His," and, "Everyone who names the name of the Lord is to abstain from wickedness."
2 Timothy 2:19

And I saw another angel ascending from the rising of the sun, having (what) the seal of the living God; and he cried out with a loud voice to the four angels to whom it was granted to harm the earth and the sea, saying, "Do not harm the earth or the sea or the trees until we have sealed the bond-servants of our God on their foreheads." And I heard the number of those who were sealed, one hundred and forty-four thousand sealed from every tribe of the sons of Israel.
Revelation 7:2-4

Then I looked, and behold, the Lamb was standing on Mount Zion, and with Him one hundred and forty-four thousand, having (what) His name and the name of His Father written on their foreheads.

Revelation 14:1

Then he showed me a river of the water of life, clear as crystal, coming from the throne of God and of the Lamb, in the middle of its street. On either side of the river was the tree of life, bearing twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit every month; and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. There will no longer be any curse; and the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and His bond-servants will serve Him; they will see His face, and His name will be on their foreheads.

Revelation 22:1-4

Question Six: What do the demons look like?

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. They had hair like the hair of women, and their teeth were like the teeth of lions. 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. They have tails like scorpions, and stings; and in their tails is their power to hurt men for five months.

Revelation 9:7-10

Answer:

Locusts / horses prepared for battle – description of locusts
Crowns like gold – a “*stephanoi*” – a victor’s crown, unstoppable
Faces like the face of men – intelligent, rational beings
Hair / like a woman’s hair – seductiveness / lured to doom
Teeth like a lion – vicious, fierce
Breastplates of iron – invulnerable, invincible
Wings / Chariots – swift, mobile, global

Question Seven: What do the names mean in vs. 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. The first woe is past; behold, two woes are still coming after these things.

Revelation 9:11-12

Answer:

Hebrew (Jewish): “Abaddon” – the place of eternal judgment
Greek (Gentile): “Apollyon” – “I destroy” or “the Destroyer”