

A Study Of The Book Of Revelation

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Resources used:

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- Revelation charts by Keith Greer.
- Studies In The Book Of Revelation by Ferrell Jenkins
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- The Book of Revelation by Foy E. Wallace
- The Avenging of the Apostles and Prophets by Arthur M. Ogden
- Worthy Is The Lamb by Ray Summers
- Written exchange on "The Domitian Persecution" between Arthur M. Ogden and Ferrell Jenkins presented in Searching The Scriptures, June 12, 1989, pages 7-12

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I. Struggle on Earth (1-11)

- A. *John's Vision* (1)
- B. *Letters to 7 churches* (2-3)
- C. *God in control* (4-5)
- D. *Opening of seven seals* (6-11)

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Outline

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- C. *Their description* (verses 7-10)
- D. *Their king* (verses 11-12)

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MAIN THEME: The transgressor who will not repent brings destruction upon himself as well, as he shall feel the wrath of almighty God! (Proverbs 11:3, 5, 6, 17, 19, 21, 23, 27, 29, 31).

- *Should I really envy the prosperity of wicked?*
- *Should I fret because it seems like the wicked have the fat of the earth?*

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Revelation 9:1

“And the fifth angel sounded, and I saw a star from heaven fallen unto the earth: and there was given to him the key of the pit of the abyss.”

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Revelation 9:2

“And he opened the pit of the abyss; and there went up 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.”

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The Fifth Angel

- **Star falls** from heaven (*Agent of Satan personified*).
 - “When Jesus said in Luke 10:18, ‘I beheld Satan fall as lightning from heaven,’ he meant the complete defeat of all the personified agents of Satan. By his fall from heaven, Jesus meant that Satan would be dethroned from his exalted dominion; and his downfall would come swiftly as lightning in the shaping conflict.” (Foy Wallace)
 - In Isaiah 14:12 The prophet spoke of a Babylonian ruler. It referred to the downfall of the ruler, personified as **Lucifer**.
 - The name Lucifer in the Septuagint, is translated “**Star**,” which was represented as falling from heaven – the wicked king’s exalted place of dominion.

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The Fifth Angel

- **Star falls** from heaven (*Agent of Satan personified*).
- Satan defeated. Hebrews 2:14-15
- Given the **key** to the bottomless pit.
- The pit was **open**.
- Smoke like the **smoke of a great furnace** escaped from the pit.
- The great smoke **darkened** the sun and air.

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The Fifth Angel

- The fifth trumpet sounds the warnings as the devilish **forces are unleashed**.
- They shall torment those who do not have the “**seal of God on their foreheads**” (*saints*). cf. 7:2-3
- **Punishment** is unleashed on those who have **committed** heinous crimes against God and His people.

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The Fallen Star

- The star “**a messenger**” came from heaven to earth.
 - Perhaps personifying Satan. (Revelation 11:7; 17:8; 20:1-3)
- Key to the “**abyss**” (*bottomless pit*)
- This is the abode of **demons**. (Luke 8:31)
- Preliminary punishment for **fallen angels**, the **beast** (17:8)
- Final abode for Satan himself (20:3)
- Satan has control over the **demonic forces**

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Revelation 9:3

“And out of the smoke came forth locusts upon the earth; and power was given them, as the scorpions of the earth have power.”

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Revelation 9:4

“And it was said unto them that they should not hurt the grass of the earth, neither any green thing, neither any tree, but only such men as have not the seal of God on their foreheads.”



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The Tormenting Locusts

- Locusts were a common pest in that day.
- From the time of Moses they were the instruments of divine judgment as in Exodus 10:4-15
- Various illustrations in the Bible are drawn from their characteristic features (Deuteronomy 28:38; Joel 2:1-11, 25; 2 Chronicles 7:13; Psalms 105:34; Nahum 3:15).
- These locusts that could sting like a scorpion were emerging from the bottomless pit, causing great pain.

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The Tormenting Locusts

- Tormenting **locusts** arise from the pit out of the smoke.
- Power over only those **not numbered** with the 144,000 (*sealed*).
- Given power as the **scorpions** on earth have power
 - They are not to eat the **earth’s vegetation**, grass, or any green thing.
- Their mission is to **hurt** and **torment**.

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The Smoke and Darkness

- Smoke and darkness tend to “**blind**” men.
- This plague of evil causes men to be **blind to their sins**.
- Sin has a **vicious sting** – it hurts, but it is **not yet fatal**. cf. **Galatians 6:7-8**
- Proverbs 13:15-16, “*Good understanding giveth favor; But the way of the transgressor is hard. Every prudent man worketh with knowledge; But a fool flaunteth (his) folly.*”
- Those who subjected God’s people to much torment will receive **much worse** in return!

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Revelation 9:5

*“And it was given them
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 it striketh a man”*

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Revelation 9:6

*“And in those days men
shall seek death, and
shall in no wise find it;
and they shall desire to
die, and death fleeth
from them.”*

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Mission of the Locusts

- Power is limited for only “**five months.**”
- Commanded **not to kill** – just **torment**.
- Torment is like a scorpion’s **sting**.
- For some extended period of time, men will experience **something worse than death**.
- Death would be **preferred**, but it cannot be found.
(cf. 6:15-16; cf. Luke 21:26, Matthew 24:22, and Mark 13:12, 20)
- Could it be the “**inner corruption**” that leads to moral and spiritual decadence?