"Locusts From Hell" <u>Revelation 9: 1-12</u>

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Verse 1 - 2 Fallen Star - *Who is this guy?*

Jesus gives us a hint - <u>Luke 10: 18</u> *"I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven"*

Lucifer

T T Serpent

What does *"fall"* mean?

- The fall of Satan and man
- Both fell from their high position of favor and service to God, to sin and disfavor with God!
- Satan the anointed Cherub, #1 in the angelic realm Ezekiel 28: 14
 - From shining one, light bearer, (Lucifer) to Satan (adversary)

Man - theocratic administrator of earth, to ruling earth under God - <u>Genesis 1:28</u>

> - From ruling earth, to toiling on the earth, all the days of his life - <u>Genesis 3: 17</u>

Satan, today, is actively involved in the affairs of planet earth

The whole world is under his sway 1 John 5:19

<u>Pit</u> = abyss = "abussos" = depthless, bottomless

- Refers to a prison where the worst demonic hordes are incarcerated

Jude 6 and 2 Peter 2: 4 tells us why these fallen angels are imprisoned *now!!*

Their crime: Genesis 6: 1-4

They cohabited with the daughters of men to produce a hybrid of part human and part demonic species to contaminate the gene pool and prevent Messiah from being born

Someday, this pit will be opened, and God will use these awful beings for His purpose to torment the earth dwellers!

Verse 3 Locusts like Scorpions

Out of the abyss, a great number of demons are released for the first of two demonic invasions

There will be horrific torture for those who experience this woe!!

Verse 4

Their Target: Those not sealed - *earth dwellers!*

God is orchestrating these events, only after warning after warning to repent!!

God's people will not experience this wrath; *they are sealed for protection!*

Verse 5 - 6 The length of this torture is limited

This is an act of mercy on the part of God; *He is still giving these people a chance to repent and live!*

This is a picture for them of hell tortured, no way out, *absolute hopelessness!*

Hell was created for the devil and his angels, not for humans!

God has provided humanity with a rescue - John 3:16

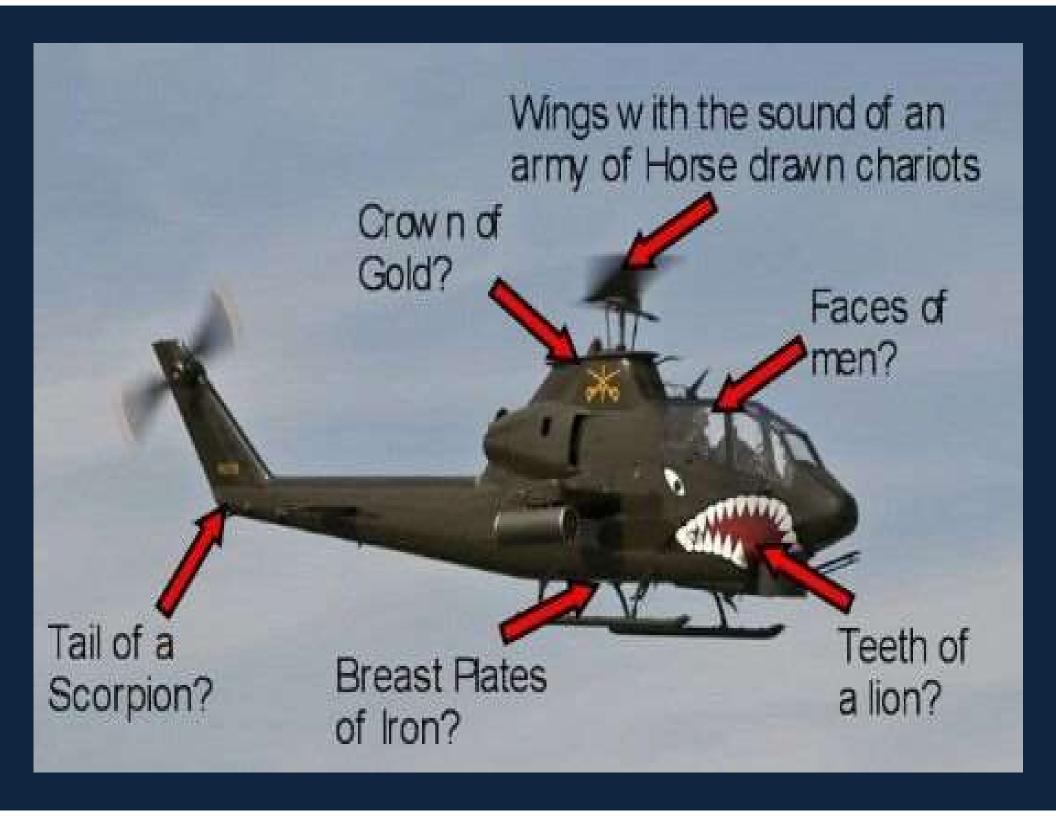
Verse 7 - 10 What these demonic locusts look like



If we must endure the Seal and Trumpet judgments, how is anyone comforted by this?

<u>1 Thessalonians 4: 18</u>

Some commentators liken these locusts to an apache attack helicopter



Verse 11 The angel of the bottomless pit is a DESTROYER!

The character of Satan is to **DESTROY!**

Those affiliated with him as wicked angels - *DESTROY*!!

Satan often appears as an *"angel of light"* - <u>2 Corinthians 11:13-15</u>

Transform = "metaschematizo" = a change in outer appearance without a change in character -SATAN IS A CON MAN! Transform = "metamorpho" - an inner change of character - this happens to a believer - <u>Romans 12: 2</u>

Satan can appear as an *"angel of light"*, but he is a thief and a liar!! John 8: 44

Verse 12 It just keeps getting worse!

The next demonic horde brings death!

Amazingly, the earth dwellers *still* will not repent! (<u>Revelation 9: 20</u>)

<u>CLOSING</u>: Locusts From Hell

We are living in troubling times!

REMEMBER: It will cost you to serve God -<u>2 Samuel 24: 24</u>

All of us have locust problems!

Locusts have attacked our lives and have made one big mess!!

Hear the words of the prophet, Joel, on locusts -

Joel 2: 24 and 27

Never believe that your situation is hopeless!

Do what you can and *leave the rest* to God!

Remember . . .

WITH GOD ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE!!

Matthew 19:26

THIS DO IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME