

Revelation 9

Fifth and Sixth Trumpets

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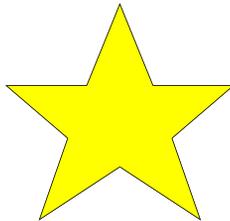
Fifth Trumpet - Star and Abyss

(Rev 9:1-12 NIV) The fifth angel sounded his trumpet, and I saw a star that had fallen from the sky to the earth. The star was given the key to the shaft of the Abyss. (2) When he opened the Abyss, smoke rose from it like the smoke from a gigantic furnace. The sun and sky were darkened by the smoke from the Abyss. (3) And out of the smoke locusts came down upon the earth and were given power like that of scorpions of the earth. (4) They were told not to harm the grass of the earth or any plant or tree, but only those people who did not have the seal of God on their foreheads. (5) They were not given power to kill them, but only to torture them for five months. And the agony they suffered was like that of the sting of a scorpion when it strikes a man. (6) During those days men will seek death, but will not find it; they will long to die, but death will elude them. (7) The locusts looked like horses prepared for battle. On their heads they wore something like crowns of gold, and their faces resembled human faces. (8) Their hair was like women's hair, and their teeth were like lions' teeth. (9) They had breastplates like breastplates of iron, and the sound of their wings was like the thundering of many horses and chariots rushing into battle. (10) They had tails and stings like scorpions, and in their tails they had power to torment people for five months. (11) They had as king over them the angel of the Abyss, whose name in Hebrew is Abaddon, and in Greek, Apollyon. (12) The first woe is past, two other woes are yet to come.

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The Star

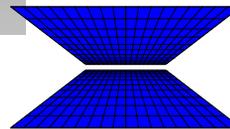
- Star
 - "had fallen"
 - Apostasy
 - Satan?
- Interpretation:
 - political or spiritual leader (or both)
 - fallen, in some sense.



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The Abyss

- Literally, a shaft
- Christ descending to Hades (1 Peter 3:18-20)
- Demons fate (Luke 8:31)
- Key = Authority
- Beast in Revelation
- Interpretation: Home to Demons



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Smoke

- Parallel to incense -- except evil
- "Smoke and mirrors"
- Like clouds of locusts, blocking the sun



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Locusts - the theories

- Literal
 - Lindsey's mutant demon possessed locusts.
 - Helicopters and nerve gas
 - real locusts (Barclay)
- Figurative (locusts eat grass)



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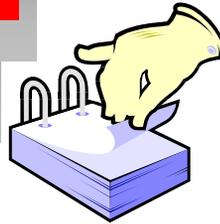
4 Angels at the Euphrates

- Angels are "bound"
- Boundary of Roman Empire
- Boundary given to Abraham (Gen 18:15)
- Boundary of Garden
- Turkish Empire
 - 1057
 - 4 sons of Malek Shah



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hour and day and month and year



- **Historicist: time elapsed**
 - Greek *eniautos*, the 365 1/4 day year
 - = 396 years, 4 months
 - January 1057 through 29 May 1453
- **Futurist = literal time held**

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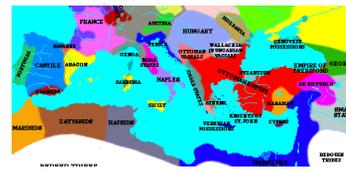
AD 1075



Less than 20 years after 6th Trumpet

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AD 1430



27 years before end of 6th Trumpet

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200 Million

- Literally, 200 myriads of myriads.
- Futurist: literal
 - Lindsey- Chinese
 - Talbot - Japanese
- Historicist
 - Turkish regiment



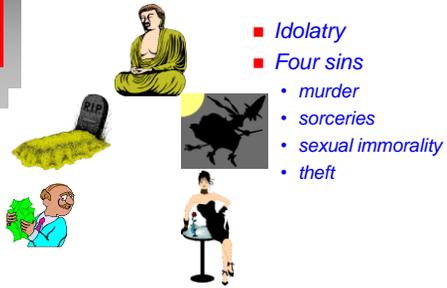
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Other Historicist Details

- 1/3 of mankind
- Colors
- Lion
- Fire, smoke and sulfur
- Power in tails
- 1/3 of Roman Empire
- Turkish Army colors
- Arp Arslan
- First use of cannon and sidearms
- Badge of rank

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They did not repent



- *Idolatry*
- *Four sins*
 - *murder*
 - *sorceries*
 - *sexual immorality*
 - *theft*