

Hell on Earth

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I. Introduction.

- A. Text: Revelation 9.
- B. The fifth trumpet judgment is in view.
- C. The church will be raptured before the Great Tribulation.
- D. An angel comes announcing great judgment to those who dwell on the earth. (Ezekiel 33:11)
- E. If people make it through this judgment, they will be fixed in their judgment.

II. Demons are bound in the abyss.

- A. Satan is described as an already fallen star. (Luke 10:18)
- B. Satan will again be thrown again so that he can no longer accuse other believers. (Revelation 12, Job 1)
- C. God incarcerates some demons. (2 Peter 2:3)
- D. God finally sentences them later. (Revelation 20)
- E. The demons abandoned their proper domain. (Jude 6-7)
- F. The demons do not want to be sent to the pit because they cannot do their work down there. (1 Peter 3)

III. Demons appearing as monster locusts in Revelation will swarm the earth.

- A. They have the ability to create great pain.
- B. The world goes through five months without relief.
- C. Demons will not be allowed to terrorize believers who have been marked. (2 Timothy 2:19, Ezekiel 9)
- D. All while this happens, the gospel will be preached.

IV. The appearance of the demons.

- A. They are pictured as a formidable spiritual army. (Joel 2)
- B. They are rational.
- C. They lure.
- D. They are inescapable.

E. Their purpose is to give pain.

F. Their leader is the “destroyer.” (Job 26:6)

Application Questions:

1. What does this passage teach us about the demonic?

2. Where will believers be during these horrible future events?

3. How should believers respond when reading a passage such as this? Explain.
