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THE PASSAGE:

Trumpet 5:

Trumpet 6:

4 END TIMES REALITIES THAT MATTER FOR US TODAY:

1) Spiritual	is real: Pay attention to	(v1-12)
5 Signs of Spiritual Wa	rfare in Your Life:	
A) A	for spiritual things	
B)		
C) Toxic		
D)	to sin	
E)	about the most important things	
2) God will never	no matter how bad it get	s: Pay attention to
	(v1, 3, 4, 5, 14, 15)	
3) God's	always rides with God's (v5, 6, 10)	_: Pay attention to
4) Unchecked sin will	: Pay atten	tion to
	(v20-21)	



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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1. What feelings and emotions linger in you after reading Revelation 9:1-21?
- 2. Read 2 Peter 2:4; Luke 8:31; and Revelation 20:1. What do you learn about the bottomless pit (also known as "the Abyss") mentioned in Revelation 9:1?
- 3. Verses 2-7 describe horrible torment. Evil forces are unleashed on humankind. What person is protected from this demonic torment? What person is not protected? What does that tell you about God, His character, and sin?
- 4. Have you thought much about spiritual warfare? Why or why not? Does spiritual warfare play out differently in the life of a believer versus a non-believer? Explain.
- 5. Who gives the "key to the shaft" (v1)? Who provides the power to the locusts (v3)? Who gives the instructions to the locusts (v4)? What limits are prescribed on the locusts' power, and who sends them out (v5)? Who gives the command in verse 14? Who releases the four angels (v15)?
- 6. The passive voice in the above verses (was given, were given, were told, were allowed, had been prepared) is a stylistic choice that indicates the action is *performed upon the subject*. Who is performing those actions, and what does it tell you about that being's control over the unfolding events?
- 7. Where do we see evidence of God's mercy in verses 5, 6, and 10? What opportunity does God's mercy provide the people? What sorts of responses does seeing God's mercy amid such torment stir in you?
- 8. Read the last sentence in verse 6 and read verses 20-21. What strikes you about these verses? What contemporary images does it bring to mind?

APPLICATION:

Spiritual battles are real! Ephesians 6:11-18 shows us how to prepare our minds for action against the inevitable struggles to come on those who believe. Next to the individual parts representing the "whole armor of God," explain what the metaphor means and how you plan to "put it on" daily.

Belt of truth: Breastplate of righteousness: Shoes of readiness: Shield of faith: Helmet of salvation: Sword of the Spirit: Prayer:

PRAYER POINTS (based on Revelation 9:1-21):

THE PRAISEWORTHY QUALITIES OF GOD THE FATHER AND GOD THE SON:

- God maintains perfect control over all the events of the end (v1, 3, 4, 5, 14, 15)
- He is the God of righteous judgement and perfect mercy (v5, 6, 10)
- God's plan and timing are always perfect (v15)
- God is patient in giving sinners opportunity to repent and believe (v1-21)

REVERENCE:

- Lord, we worship you because . . .
- God, we praise you because you have authority over . . .
- Lord, thank you for your mercy that I see when . . .

RESPONSE:

- Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner . . .
- Father, I confess that I tend to _____ when I'm in a spiritual battle; help me to . . .

REQUEST:

- God, because you have all authority, help me to trust you for . . .
- Father, I pray that you would show mercy to _____ and deliver him/her/them from your judgement

READINESS:

- Lord, when it comes to _____, I will trust you to give me what I need
- Lord, when I notice my desire lessening for spiritual things, help me to . . .
- Lord, give me the courage to share the gospel with _____