

Rev 9:1 And the fifth angel sounded, and I saw a star from heaven which had fallen to the earth; and the key of the bottomless pit was given to him.

Not an angel – but Satan to do his work on earth.

Jude 6 And angels who did not keep their own domain, but abandoned their proper abode, He has kept in eternal bonds under darkness for the judgment of the great day.

Satan is not a fallen angel of God.

Isa 14:12 "How you have fallen from heaven, O star of the morning, son of the dawn! You have been cut down to the earth, You who have weakened the nations! 13 "But you said in your heart, 'I will ascend to heaven; I will raise my throne above the stars of God, And I will sit on the mount of assembly In the recesses of the north. 14'I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will make myself like the Most High.' 15 "Nevertheless you will be thrust down to Sheol, To the recesses of the pit. 16 "Those who see you will gaze at you, They will ponder over you, saying, 'Is this the man who made the earth tremble, Who shook kingdoms,

Luke 10:18 And He said to them, "I was watching Satan fall from heaven like lightning.

19 "Behold, I have given you authority to tread upon serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall injure you.

Jesus tells us that Satan will be defeated.

The abyss = Hades

Rom 10:7 or' Who will descend into the abyss?'
(that is, to bring Christ up from the dead).

Rev 9:11 They have as king over them, the angel of the abyss; his name in Hebrew is Abaddon, and in the Greek he has the name Apollyon.

Rev 11:7 And when they have finished their testimony, the beast that comes up out of the abyss will make war with them, and overcome them and kill them.

Rev 17:8 "The beast that you saw was and is not,
and is about to come up out of the abyss and to go to
destruction. ...

Rev 20:1 And I saw an angel coming down from
heaven, having the key of the abyss and a great
chain in his hand. ... 3 and threw him into the abyss,
and shut it and sealed it over him, so that he should
not deceive the nations any longer, until the
thousand years were completed; after these things he
must be released for a short time.

Rev 9:2 And he opened the bottomless pit; and smoke went up out of the pit, like the smoke of a great furnace; and the sun and the air were darkened by the smoke of the pit. (3) Then out of the smoke came locusts upon the earth, and power was given them, as the scorpions of the earth have power. (4) They were told not to hurt the grass of the earth, nor any green thing, nor any tree, but only the men who do not have the seal of God on their foreheads. (5) And they were not permitted to kill anyone, but to torment for five months; and their torment was like the torment of a scorpion when it stings a man.

v. 2 smoke from pit = evils come
into the world in great abundance
-- deception, delusion, sin,
sorrow, moral darkness,
degradation which constantly
pours from hell

The locusts (evil) come but Satan's power is limited in the gospel age.

Rev 20:2 And he laid hold of the dragon, the serpent of old, who is the devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years,

1 Cor 10:13 No temptation has overtaken you but such as is common to man; and God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will provide the way of escape also, that you may be able to endure it.

Rev 9:6 And in those days men will seek death and will not find it; they will long to die, and death flees from them. (7) The appearance of the locusts was like horses prepared for battle; and on their heads appeared to be crowns like gold, and their faces were like the faces of men. (8) They had hair like the hair of women, and their teeth were like the teeth of lions. (9) They had breastplates like breastplates of iron; and the sound of their wings was like the sound of chariots, of many horses rushing to battle. (10) They have tails like scorpions, and stings; and in their tails is their power to hurt men for five months.

The first woe

Joel 1:4 that the gnawing locust has left, the swarming locust has eaten; And what the swarming locust has left, the creeping locust has eaten; And what the creeping locust has left, the stripping locust has eaten.

...6 For a nation has invaded my land, Mighty and without number; Its teeth are the teeth of a lion, And it has the fangs of a lioness. 7 It has made my vine a waste, And my fig tree splinters. It has stripped them bare and cast them away; Their branches have become white.

... 10 The field is ruined, The land mourns, For the grain is ruined, The new wine dries up, Fresh oil fails.

Joel 1:4-12 gives picture of destruction by locusts
-- no vegetation for miles and insects large enough
to provide a meal (Matt 3:4 Now John himself
had a garment of camel's hair, and a leather belt
about his waist; and his food was locusts and wild
honey.)

these are not locusts who eat vegetation but men
are harmed. Power to harm for a limited time -

Locusts on
a stick for
a snack



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2 Cor 12:7 And because of the surpassing greatness of the revelations, for this reason, to keep me from exalting myself, there was given me a thorn in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to buffet me — to keep me from exalting myself!

an *angelos* – Gr translated as messenger

Our war is heavenly, not earthly!

Eph 6:12 For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places.

2 Cor 4:4 in whose case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelieving, that they might not see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.

The second woe

Rev 9:12 The first woe is past; behold, two woes are still coming after these things. (13) Then the sixth angel sounded, and I heard a voice from the four horns of the golden altar which is before God, (14) one saying to the sixth angel who had the trumpet, "Release the four angels who are bound at the great river Euphrates." (15) And the four angels, who had been prepared for the hour and day and month and year, were released, so that they would kill a third of mankind.

The second woe...

Rev 9:16 The number of the armies of the horsemen was two hundred million; I heard the number of them. (17) And this is how I saw in the vision the horses and those who sat on them: the riders had breastplates the color of fire and of hyacinth and of brimstone; and the heads of the horses are like the heads of lions; and out of their mouths proceed fire and smoke and brimstone.

v. 16 a tremendous evil - 200 million in the army –

Rev 9:18-19 A third of mankind was killed by these three plagues, by the fire and the smoke and the brimstone which proceeded out of their mouths.

(19) For the power of the horses is in their mouths and in their tails; for their tails are like serpents and have heads, and with them they do harm.

v. 17-19 horrible weaponry from recurve bow of Egypt to Nuclear weapons

Rev 9:20-21 The rest of mankind, who were not killed by these plagues, did not repent of the works of their hands, so as not to worship demons, and the idols of gold and of silver and of brass and of stone and of wood, which can neither see nor hear nor walk; (21) and they did not repent of their murders nor of their sorceries nor of their immorality nor of their thefts.

Mankind did not repent

Heb 1:5 For to which of the angels did He ever say, "Thou art My Son, Today I have begotten Thee"? And again, "I will be a Father to Him And He shall be a Son to Me"? 6 And when He again brings the first_born into the world, He says, " And let all the angels of God worship Him."

Rev 19:10 And I fell at his feet to
worship him. And he said to me,
"Do not do that; I am a fellow
servant of yours and your
brethren who hold the testimony
of Jesus; worship God. For the
testimony of Jesus is the spirit of
prophecy."

Rev 22:9 And he said to me, "Do not do that; I am a fellow servant of yours and of your brethren the prophets and of those who heed the words of this book; worship God."

Ps 119:103 How sweet are Thy
words to my taste! Yes, sweeter
than honey to my mouth!

Ezek 2:9 Then I looked, behold, a hand was extended to me; and lo, a scroll was in it. 10 When He spread it out before me, it was written on the front and back; and written on it were lamentations, mourning and woe. 3:1 Then He said to me, "Son of man, eat what you find; eat this scroll, and go, speak to the house of Israel." 2 So I opened my mouth, and He fed me this scroll. 3 And He said to me, "Son of man, feed your stomach, and fill your body with this scroll which I am giving you." Then I ate it, and it was sweet as honey in my mouth. 4 Then He said to me, "Son of man, go to the house of Israel and speak with My words to them.

2 Tim 3:12 And indeed, all who
desire to live godly in Christ
Jesus will be persecuted.

Rev 1:9 I, John, your brother
and fellow partaker in the
tribulation and kingdom and
perseverance which are in Jesus,
was on the island called Patmos,
because of the word of God and
the testimony of Jesus.