

## The Fifth Trumpet; the First Woe

Revelation 9:1-12

- 1) Summary of end-times events
  - a) Rapture of the Church (imminent event)
  - b) Six of seven seals opened (Rev. 6)
    - i) False peace, war, famine, pestilence (6:1-11)
    - ii) Martyrdom, earthquake, death (12-17)
    - iii) Interlude: Israel sealed; Gentiles saved (Rev. 7)
    - iv) Seventh seal: trumpets of judgment (Rev. 8)
      - (1) Extensive damage to earth
      - (2) Widespread damage to sea
      - (3) Pervasive damage to fresh water
      - (4) Heavenly lights altered
- 2) Fifth trumpet; first woe (9:1-11)
  - a) Even today demons are active; not all are confined
    - i) Demons are organized, committed to destruction (1 Pet 5:8)
    - ii) Though powerful, demons are limited by God
  - b) Christians are armed for spiritual battle (Eph. 6:11-17)
    - i) By seeing the future battle, we understand the present one
    - ii) Demons flee at the name of Christ (Luke 8:26-31; Jas. 4:7)