

# The Fifth Angel Sounded

Rev 9: 1-11

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- Chapter 9 introduces us to major shift in judgment
  - Prior to the sounding by the 5<sup>th</sup> angel...
  - Everything that has happened has been confined to the physical world.....
  - Now we see an unveiling of spiritual darkness of untold magnitude.....
- Satan has always hated mankind.....
  - Man was created in the image of God
  - Gen 1: 27.... And God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.

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- God gave the dominion of the earth to Adam
  - Gen 1: 26.... And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.
- Satan thought that “dominion” belonged to him
  - Isa 14: 12-15
- Satan then used the same tactic (Isa 14: 14) on Eve
  - “you shall be like God”

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- Adam surrendered his dominion over to Satan
  - Satan since then has tried to destroy mankind
    - Because God said (Gen 3: 15.... And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.)
  - First..... through trans-humanism (to corrupt the human race....Gen 6: 1-6)
  - Second..... through world-wide unity (Babel....Gen 11: 1-4)

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- All the while Satan is trying to gain authority over the things of God.....but.....
  - Rev 12: 10b.... “for the accuser of our brethren has been thrown down, who accuses them before our God day and night. Rev 12: 12...For this reason, rejoice, O heavens and you who dwell in them. Woe to the earth and the sea, because the devil has come down to you, having great wrath, knowing that he has *only* a short time.”
- Rev 9: 1.....I saw a star from heaven which has fallen to the earth....
  - We know this is not an actual star based on the latter portion of this verse
  - “a key was given to him”

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- Luke 10: 18.....And He (Jesus) said unto them, I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven.
  - You will note John uses a past tense (Rev 9: 1)
  - “I saw a star from heaven which had fallen”
- We must also note.....
  - The key to the bottomless pit was given to him
  - By whom? Who has this key?
  - Rev 1: 18.... *I am* he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death.
  - Satan does not have authority even over hell itself
  - But that does not mean he going to roll over and play dead

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- Sun Tzu....the art of war
  - “All warfare is deception”
    - Prov 14: 12.... There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof *are* the ways of death.
    - II Cor 11: 14.... And no wonder, for even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light.
  - “Know your enemy”
    - I Pet 5: 8...Be of sober *spirit*, be on the alert. Your adversary, the devil, prowls about like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.
    - Rev 12: 10b..... for the accuser of our brethren, who accused them before our God day and night, has been cast down.

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- Jude 1:9.. But Michael the archangel, when he disputed with the devil and argued about the body of Moses, did not dare pronounce against him a railing judgment, but said, “The Lord rebuke you.”
  - Eph 6: 10-18.....
- I John 2: 1.... My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous:
- What we are seeing in this chapter is a defeated but very bitter foe

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- He is bitter because.....
  - He will stand by helplessly as Christ gathers His Bride
  - “The dead in Christ will rise first and we who are alive and remain shall be caught up with them in the air and so shall we be with the Lord forever. ( 1 Thess 4: 16-17)
  - He knows that he has limited time (Rev 12: 12)
  - He can only watch as millions come to Christ during the time of the Tribulation (Rev 7: 9)
  - He cannot even open Hell without permission (Vs 1)
  - He will hear commands that he must obey (Rev 9: 1-5)

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- What is our lesson to learn?
  - It is this.....
  - Every victory that we will ever have over Satan, sin, death and Hell comes through the cross of Calvary
  - Not some wooden thing, rather that which was done on that wooden thing.....
  - This is the new covenant in My blood.....
  - I Jn 4: 4..... You are from God, little children, and have overcome them; because greater is He who is in you than he who is in the world.