

TRUMPET BLASTS AND EXPOSING DEMONS Revelation 9:1-21

REVELATION'S REPEATED THEMES:

- God's wrath and judgment on sinners
- God's patience and mercy, time for repentance
- Share the gospel
- Pursue holiness
- Things will happen like *never before* except – people will keep on sinning

THE BLAST OF THE TRUMPETS:

- The first 4 trumpets are focused on Planet Earth
- The 5th and 6th trumpets bring painful suffering to individuals

The 5th Trumpet - Revelation 9:1-12

- star – angels called stars, means king/ruler Isaiah 14:12
- king over demon locusts – Abaddon (Hebrew) /Apollyon (Greek) – meaning destroyer
- abyss – holding place for demons
- Satan releases demon locusts to torment

The 6th Trumpet – Revelation 9:13-21

- 4 angels bound (demons) -released at God's command
- 4 demons - “generals” of 200 million demon army - allowed to kill
- 200 million horses and riders – demonic beings with 3 plagues to kill people
- decimation of population: ¼ killed by 4th seal, ½ killed by 3 plagues
- reaction - continue in sin, rebellion against God

Where is the encouraging blessing in this information about the future? God rules and He will save

Satan will be allowed to kill, steal and destroy, Demons will be allowed to torment

Satan and demons want:

- Control
- to stop God's plan for Jesus to reign as King on the earth
- to prevent the Jews from calling on Jesus as their Messiah

EXPOSING DEMONS Acts 19:18-19

- Some give Satan and his demons too much credit
- Some don't give Satan and his demons any credit at all
- Be sober minded, discerning, and recognize that Satan and his demons are active.

Fact #1 - Demons exist.

Fact #2 - Jesus taught that demons exist and He cast them out. Matthew 12:22-28

Fact #3 - Demons are referred to in the Old Testament by various names:

1. Angels of evil – *malake ra'im* KJV Psalm 78:49
2. Sons of God - *bene'Elohim* KJV Genesis 6:2
3. Shedim – *to rule, to be lord - demons* - NAB Deuteronomy 32:17
4. Seirim – demons with the form of a goat, goat-demons, satyrs, goat-idols, devils. Leviticus 17:7, 2 Chronicles 11:15, Isaiah 13:21
5. Lilit – night demons, demons of the night , Isaiah 34:14
6. Evil spirit – *ruach ra'ah* – spirit, evil, 1 Samuel 16:14
7. Lying spirit - *ruach seger* – liar, deceiver, 1 Kings 22:22
8. Familiar spirits – *haobot* – necromancer, medium, communicates with the dead, Deuteronomy 18:9-12, Isaiah 8:18-19
9. Gad – fortune, Isaiah 65:11-12
10. Meni - fate, destiny; the god of fate, Isaiah 65:11-12
11. El-i-lim – something worthless, weak, deficient, Psalm 96:5
12. Qeteb – destruction, Psalm 91:5-6

Fact # 4 – Demons are referred to in the New Testament by 2 main words:

1. Greek: *daimon* or *daimonion* – an evil spirit, an intelligent supernatural spiritual being
2. Greek: *pneuma* - spirit
 - *Pneuma poneron* – evil spirit
 - *Pneuma akathartos* – unclean spirit
 - *Pneuma ponerotera* – more wicked spirit
 - *Pneuma planos* – seducing spirit
 - *Pneumata daimonion* – spirits of demons
3. Hebrew: *Abaddon*, Greek: *Apollyon* – destruction, king over demon locusts

Fact #5 - demons are beings with intellect, emotions, and will. Matthew 8:28-29

- know who Jesus is (intellect)
- demonstrate violence (anger) and fear (emotions)
- request what they want (will)

Fact #6 - Some demons are confined, some are not.

Temporarily confined demons:

- The demon “Legion” was cast into pigs. Luke 8:30
- Demon locusts- confined now in abyss, will be released to torment (Rev. 9:1-11)
- 4 angels bound (demons) at the Euphrates River temporarily until they are released. (Rev. 9:14-15)
- 200 million demon army – seem to be confined until they are released at the 6th trumpet blast. (Rev. 9:13-21)

Permanently confined demons:

- Gen 6:1-4, 2 Peter 2:4-5; Jude 1:6-7. (Sons of God – fallen angels)
- Confined in Tartarus (Greek)- place where demons are held, pits of darkness.
- Confined until the Great White Throne
- Will be cast into the Lake of Fire

Fact #7 – There are a finite number of demons. 2 Kings 6:16-17

- Mark 5:9, 15; Luke 8:30 – a legion of demons in one man, Roman legion of soldiers - 4000-6000 men
- Revelation 9:16 – 200 million
- Swarm of demon locusts

Fact #8 – All these demons are organized, with ranks and titles

- an imitation of God’s organization, ranking, and assignments for the holy angels, Ephesians 6:12
- Principalities - chiefs, magistrates, officers, administrators
- Powers - authorities, powerful leaders
- Rulers - lord, prince, in charge of the darkness of this age

Fact #9 – General characteristics of demons:

- Spirit beings
- Unclean spirits
- No bodies, but have shapes and features, frequently animal-like
- Seek to control and/ or afflict people (see activities list)
- Evil spirits
- Fierce, vicious, malicious (Mat 8:28, Luke 9:39)
- They try to thwart the purposes of God. (1 Thessalonians 2:18)

Fact #10 – God commands demons to carry out His purposes.

- A demon tormented Saul, but Saul’s servants brought David to him. 1 Samuel 16:14-16
- A lying spirit was used to arrange for the death of King Ahab. 1 Kings 22:19-23
- A demon was used to keep Paul humble. 2 Corinthians 12:7-9

Demons do no good....

But God does!

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Demons are involved in twelve particular activities that should be noted:

1. Demons are linked to the control of nations. Daniel 10:10-14 and 10:20-21 show that just as God has good angels controlling nations, Satan has evil angels doing the same.
2. Demons can and do inflict physical maladies. For instance, a demon inflicted dumbness or muteness in Matthew 9:32-33; 12:22; and Mark 9:17. Certain demons inflicted deafness in Mark 9:25. They inflicted curvature of the spine in Luke 13:10-13. They inflicted epilepsy in Matthew 17:15-18; Mark 9:20; and Luke 9:37-42. They inflicted blindness in Matthew 12:22. And they inflicted personal injury in Mark 9:18. Hence, demons can cause physical illnesses. However, it is important to note that there is a difference between physical problems caused by human frailty and those caused by demons (see, for example, Matthew 4:24 and 8:16).
3. Demons cause insanity (Mk. 5:1-5; Lk. 8:26-27).
4. They give great physical strength (Mk. 5:1-4; Lk. 8:29).
5. They cause suicide (Mk. 9:22).
6. Demons possess animals (Mk. 5:12-13).
7. Demons promote idolatry (Lev. 17:7; Deut. 32:17; Isa. 65:11; Zech. 13:2; Hos. 4:12; Acts 17:22-23; I Cor. 10:20).
8. They cause people to worship demons (Rev. 9:20-21).
9. Demons cause impurity and immorality (Lk. 8:27).
10. They promote false doctrine (I Tim. 4:1; Jas. 3:15; I Jn. 4:1).
11. They oppose the spiritual growth of believers (Eph. 6:12).
12. They attempt to separate believers from the love of God (Rom. 8:38).