Questions on Revelation chapter 9

1. In your judgment, who is the person who is represented as a star that fell from heaven? Verse 1.

2. What was the person given and what is suggested by the phrase “was given”? Verse 1.

3. Who inhabits the pit (abyss, American Standard Version)? Verse 2.

4. What came out of the pit and what do you think is represented by it? Verse 3.

5. What came out of the smoke and what was their power like? Verse 3.

6. How are these different from those in nature? Verse 4. (See Exodus 10:15)

7. We learned in Revelation 7:4 that the 144,000 were those sealed. Now those not sealed are the only ones hurt. Does this constitute further proof that the 144,000 represents the saints on earth and not a special group on the final day? Verse 4.

8. Since the torment did not kill, what kind of torment do you think may have been inflicted? Verse 5.

9. Is physical death a gain for the wicked? Verse 6.

10. How are the locusts described in verses 7-10?

11. Is the power of the locusts limited? Verse 10.

12. What are the meanings of the names of the king of the locusts, the angel of the abyss, and who would they fitly describe? Verse 11.

13. What does John call the last three of the seven trumpets? Verse 12.

14. Where is the river Euphrates located and of what empire is it the eastern boundary? Verse 14.

15. Since the voice came from the golden altar (where the prayers of the saints were offered, Revelation 8:3), would we be justified in thinking that these trumpet sounds, and judgments, are in response to the prayers of the saints? Verse 13.

16. Since four is a worlds number, could the “four angels” signify a judgment of worldwide proportions in which a third of mankind is “killed”? Verse 15.

17. Would the number of horsemen in the army be enough to accomplish God’s purpose? Verse 16.

18. What came out of the heads of the horses that “were as the heads of lions”? Verse 17.

19. In the American Standard Version, what came out of the horses’ heads were called “plagues.” What are plagues? Verse 18.

20. There have been many fanciful explanations of the heads and tails of the horses, but could we say simply that this cavalry - plague killed as it marched and left terrible destruction in its wake? Verse 19.

21. How did the rest of mankind respond to the devastation wrought by the plagues? Verse 20.

22. What were the five things named of which the men not killed would not repent? Verses 20-21.

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