

Revelation 9
THE THREE WOES

Demons released (1-6)

Darkened skies – smoke from opening the pit (Jude 6-7 – bound angels)

Destined to harm humans – except those who are sealed

Death is not an option – intense suffering is experienced

Devil as their king (7-11)

Describing the demon creatures

Destroyer is his name (I Peter 5:8)

Destroying one-third of mankind (12-19) – compare Revelation 6:8

Releasing the four bound angels (only demons are bound)

Readied for this moment and this time (hatred released upon mankind)

Raising an army (demonic or human?)

Drugs and delusions (20-21) (Matthew 24:24 / II Thessalonians 2:9-12)

Returning to idolatry – darkness of the soul (Hosea 5:4 / John 3:19-21)

Returning to immorality (II Peter 2:19-22)

Refusing to repent – only in repentance do we find forgiveness (Hosea 14:1-2, 9)

Discussion questions for Revelation 9

What impact does un-checked evil have upon created beings? How has evil been allowed into our nation? Churches? Personal lives? (Genesis 6:5-6 / Romans 1:28 / Ephesians 4:17-19)

What causes hardness of heart? Why does sinful behavior always draw us back? (Jeremiah 17:9 / James 1:13-15 / I Timothy 4:1-2)

How can recognizing Satan's desire help turn us from evil? (Hebrews 11:25-26 / II Corinthians 11:13-15 / II Peter 2:18-19)

What is the only path to conquering evil in our own lives and hearts? (II Corinthians 5:17, 21 / Galatians 2:20-21)

Ephesians 5:11-18 describes the days as evil. How does this passage encourage us to combat the evil days?