

THINGS TO COME | ARMIES OF DARKNESS

REVELATION 9:1-21

The bird of prey cries out. Three woes are given- three warnings. Four trumpets have been sounded and there is environmental upheaval. The bird's cry signifies there is more to come and that what is coming is even worse. There are seven trumpets total. Paul writes in Ephesians that we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but rulers, authorities, cosmic powers over present darkness, spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places (Eph. 6:11-12). Even though this is unseen, this is reality. In our passage, John writes about demonic armies that will be unleashed on the earth when the fifth and sixth trumpet blasts are sounded. What are these terrible judgments and what is the shocking conclusion of our passage?

1. The Fifth Trumpet will include demonic forces being unleashed that will afflict all those who do not trust the Lord Jesus.
2. The Sixth Trumpet will release a massive army (seemingly from the East) that will bring unparalleled destruction.
3. Even after these horrific events, hard-hearted humanity will still refuse to give up their idols and worship the Lord.