Revelation 9 Demonic power unleashed.

- **I.** Fifth Trumpet (First Woe)
 - 1. Remember the killer bees? This judgment is something like that...but worse!
 - 2. This fallen angel (past tense) is Satan.
 - A. Luke 10:18 "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven.
 - B. To him: a being
 - C. Their king is named "destruction" and "destroyer."
 - 3. Bottomless Pit: gk. abussos
 - A. The place of incarcerated demons
 - B. This shaft is running through the center of the earth.
 - 1. Luke 8:30-31 Jesus asked him, saying, "What is your name?" And he said, "Legion," because many demons had entered him. And they begged Him that He would not command them to go out into the abyss.
 - 2. Rev. 20:3 And he cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal on him...
 - 4. Demonic hordes likened to locust.
 - A. It is estimated that the largest swarms have covered hundreds of square miles and consisted of many millions of locusts.
 - B. These demonic creatures have stings in their tails.
 - 1. A scorpion has a venom-injecting barb.
 - 2. Not to kill but to torment.
 - 3. This judgment extended for five months
 - C. Death will flee from them.
 - Perhaps the torment will be so bad that men will chose death rather than life.
 - 2. The poison of the sting could be paralyzing so as one could not take their life.
 - D. Shape of the locust.
 - E. Their King

- 1. Destruction & Destroyer.
- 2. This is the plan of Satan for mankind.
 - a. John 10:10 The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.
 - b. See how Satan has destroyed lives.
 - i. People are deceived to think Satan is cool.

II. Sixth Trumpet (second Woe).

- 1. Voice from the alter of incense.
 - A. This is a result of the consideration of God at the beginning of the $8^{\rm th}$ chapter.

2. Four angels.

A. Bound

- 1. These are so fierce that they have been held back until this day of God's judgment.
- 2. Jude 1:6 And the angels who did not keep their proper domain, but left their own abode, He has reserved in everlasting chains under darkness for the judgment of the great day.
- B. Released to kill a third of man kind
 - 1. Current Population is World 6,580,374,524 (U.S. census bureau)
 - a. 1.65 billion people will die under 4th seal.
 - i. Sword, hunger, pestilences, beasts.
 - b. 1.65 billion people will die under this trumpet.

3. The four angels are in control of a multitude

- A. Two hundred million.
 - 1. China's military: Between their active duty and reserve personnel they have almost 3 million soldiers.

B. Description

- 1. Not natural horses.
 - a. Fire smoke and brimstone.
- 4. Men did not repent.
 - A. Many do not believe in God simply because they want to continue to live for the lusts of their flesh.
 - B. Rev. 16:10-11 Then the fifth angel poured out his bowl on the throne of the beast, and his kingdom became full of darkness; and they gnawed their tongues because of the pain. They blasphemed the God of heaven because of their pains and their sores, and did not repent of their deeds.
- 5. It is as Jesus said it would be Matthew 24:21 For then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been since the beginning of the world until this time, no, nor ever shall be.

Effects of a nuclear war.

In nuclear explosions, about 90 percent of the energy is released in less than one millionth of a second. Most of this is in the form of the heat and shock waves which produce the damage. It is this immediate and direct explosive power which could devastate the urban centers in a major nuclear war.

The dimensions of the initial catastrophe should not overshadow the after-effects of a nuclear war. They would be global, affecting nations remote from the fighting for many years, because of the way nuclear explosions behave in the atmosphere and the radioactive products released by nuclear bursts.

It has been estimated that an attack on U.S. population centers by 100 weapons of one-megaton fission yield would kill up to 20 percent of the population immediately through blast, heat, ground shock and instant radiation effects; an attack with 1,000 such weapons would destroy immediately almost half the U.S. population. These figures do not include additional deaths from fires, lack of medical attention, starvation, or the lethal fallout showering to the ground downwind of the burst points of the weapons.

What would be the effects of nitric oxides driven into the stratosphere by an all-out nuclear war, involving the detonation of 10,000 megatons of explosive? According to the recent National Academy of Sciences study, the weapons could reduce the ozone levels in the northern hemisphere by as much as 30 to 70 percent.