

“Trumpet after Trumpet3”
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Just before the seven vials in the Revelation are the seven trumpets—prophecies of wars and political disturbances. Evidently these are multiple application prophecies. One symbolic application spanned the centuries from the fourth century to the nineteenth century. Another symbolic application spanned the twentieth century, concluding in the first Gulf War and the subsequent fall of the Soviet Empire. We now appear to be in a symbolic but more literal application of the fifth and sixth trumpets. This is scarier. For killing a third part of mankind (Revelation 9:15 NKJV) in the sixth trumpet referred only to the overthrow of empires in the two symbolic applications, but may refer to a literal killing of a third of the people on this planet during the time period of the sixth trumpet in the more literal application. This evidently refers to World War III and a use of nuclear weapons culminating in an all out nuclear holocaust in the Northern Hemisphere and the nuclear destruction of thousands of cities by atomic bombs.

The Biblical trumpets come with time periods—five months for part of the fifth trumpet and an hour, day, month and year for the sixth trumpet. These time periods appear to be calculated by a so-called “calendar” calculation with 30 days per month and 360 days per year. This is the way it always worked out before, and the way it worked out for the first part of the fifth trumpet in this application.

When does the fifth trumpet begin in the symbolic but more literal application? The fifth trumpet is of less serious but significant events than the sixth trumpet is, so we can get our bearings and prepare for the holocaust in the sixth trumpet. Something phenomenal has taken place in the Middle East and North Africa. An unemployed man in Tunisia, Mohamed Bouazizi, was selling vegetables from a cart. The police tipped over his cart and confiscated his scale because he was selling without a license. In protest he burned himself to death. Boom! All over the Middle East and North Africa there occurred a chain reaction of thousands of protestors taking to the streets protesting against the tyrants in power, demanding that they leave office, and demanding the chance at democracy and freedom. Bouazizi’s immolation occurred December 17, 2010 during the day Tunisian time. Let us now pay more attention to the prophetic symbolism of the fifth and sixth trumpets so we can get the interpretation right.

Revelation 9 (KJV)

“1 And the fifth angel sounded, and I saw a star fall from heaven unto the earth: and to him was given the key of the bottomless pit.

“2 And he opened the bottomless pit; and there arose a smoke out of the pit, as the smoke of a great furnace; and the sun and the air were darkened by reason of the smoke of the pit.

“3 And there came out of the smoke locusts upon the earth; and unto them was given power, as the scorpions of the earth have power.

“4 And it was commanded them that they should not hurt the grass of the earth, neither any green thing, neither any tree; but only those men which have not the seal of God in their foreheads.

“5 And to them it was given that they should not kill them, but that they should be tormented five months: and their torment was as the torment of a scorpion, when he striketh a man.

“6 And in those days shall men seek death, and shall not find it; and shall desire to die, and death shall flee from them.

“7 And the shapes of the locusts were like unto horses prepared unto battle; and on their heads were as it were crowns like gold, and their faces were as the faces of men.

“8 And they had hair as the hair of women, and their teeth were as the teeth of lions.

“9 And they had breastplates, as it were breastplates of iron; and the sound of their wings was as the sound of chariots of many horses running to battle.

“10 And they had tails like unto scorpions, and there were stings in their tails: and their power was to hurt men five months.

“11 And they had a king over them, which is the angel of the bottomless pit, whose name in the Hebrew tongue is Abaddon, but in the Greek tongue hath his name Apollyon.

“12 One woe is past; and, behold, there come two woes more hereafter.

“13 And the sixth angel sounded, and I heard a voice from the four horns of the golden altar which is before God,

“14 Saying to the sixth angel which had the trumpet, loose the four angels which are bound in the great river Euphrates.

“15 And the four angels were loosed, which were prepared for an hour, and a day, and a month, and a year, for to slay the third part of men.

“16 And the number of the army of the horsemen were two hundred thousand thousand: and I heard the number of them.

“17 And thus I saw the horses in the vision, and them that sat on them, having breastplates of fire, and of jacinth, and brimstone: and the heads of the horses were as the heads of lions; and out of their mouths issued fire and smoke and brimstone.

“18 By these three was the third part of men killed, by the fire, and by the smoke, and by the brimstone, which issued out of their mouths.

“19 For their power is in their mouth, and in their tails: for their tails were like unto serpents, and had heads, and with them they do hurt.

“20 And the rest of the men which were not killed by these plagues yet repented not of the works of their hands, that they should not worship devils, and idols of gold, and silver, and brass, and stone, and of wood: which neither can see, nor hear, nor walk:

“21 Neither repented they of their murders, nor of their sorceries, nor of the fornication, nor of their thefts.”

The specifications of this more literal application of the Revelation 9 prophecy are symbolic in the main. The second and third applications are a mixture of the literal and symbolic. The star that fell from heaven unto the earth was not a meteor, but a human personage: in the first application it is Mohammed; in the second it is Ayatollah Khomeini; in the third more literal application it is Mohamed Bouazizi. The fall from heaven unto the earth symbolizes a moral fall of the human personage—in Mohamed Bouazizi’s case his immoral suicide. In all cases the bottomless pit symbolizes the desert wastelands of the Middle East. The smoke symbolically, in all cases, represents fanatical doctrines stirring the populace of those regions. In the last case, the doctrine stirring the populace is down with dictators, up with democracy and freedom. Literally, the smoke arising from the bottomless pit in the second application was the literal black smoke coming from an oil well fire in Abadon, Iran. In this third application, oil refinery and oil well fires resulting from this revolution in Libya may be referred to. The sun and the air that are darkened symbolically are the heads of state of the

countries put in jeopardy and the innumerable laity surrounding those heads of state. The sun and the air are literally darkened by the black smoke from burning petroleum. The locusts that come out of the smoke in some views are people—soldiers or protestors. These locusts are like scorpions—they can sting but not kill. While literal deaths do occur in this revolution, not killing here is symbolic of not over throwing the nation—which is true in the rebels’ attacks on the Moammar Gadhafi’s forces in Libya in first five months. The protests are supposed to last five months (which is literal time in this application), after which a worse affliction will break out on mankind.

“The shape of the locusts was like horses prepared for battle.” Revelation 9:7, NKJV. “They had tails like scorpions, and there were stings in their tails.” Revelation 9:10, NKJV. The four footed horse might bear some semblance to the four wheeled pickup truck with gun mounted in its bed, which seems to be the weapon of choice for the Libyan rebels. The locusts had wings (vs. 9:9), “the sound of their wings was like the sound of chariots with many horses running into battle.” In one sense the locusts may be jet aircraft of the NATO forces employed to assist the rebels in this contest with wings with the sound of jet engines.

In a nutshell
Fifth Trumpet Symbols (third application)

Symbol	Interpretation
The star that fell from heaven unto the earth	Mohamed Bouazizi human meteoric figure
Bottomless pit	desert wastelands of the Middle East
Smoke	doctrines stirring the populous— down with dictators, up with democracy, freedom
The sun and air that are darkened	heads of state and laity in countries like Libya
Locusts	protestors, soldiers, NATO jets
Death	overthrow of nation or empire

Descriptions of the locusts are not symbols; they are rough approximate literal applications. Also much of the prophecy may be fulfilled literally.

The application of the sixth trumpet of Revelation 9 is more ominous, for the war angels are loosed, “which were prepared for an hour, and a day, and a month, and a year, for to slay the third part of men” Revelation 9:15, KJV. Symbolically that would be the end of a world empire like what happened to the Soviet Union. But literally, the slaying of the third part of men could mean the killing of over two billion people, which is very serious. The tentative timing of the fifth and sixth trumpets in the third application may be illustrated as follows:

Start fifth	start five	consolidating	start 391 days 1 hour =	nuclear
Trumpet	months = 150 days	victory	hour, day, month, and year	holocaust
12/17/2010	stinging attacks	non-specified timing	preparing for holocaust	

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One difficulty with computing the day and time of the potential nuclear holocaust is that there are so many possible beginning dates for the five month period of the fifth trumpet. But each ends in a significant partial fulfillment. See next Table. Another difficulty in computing the day and time of the potential nuclear holocaust is that the victory consolidation in the third application of the fifth trumpet between the five months' guerilla warfare and the sixth trumpet time period is of non-specified duration in the Revelation 9 prophecy. We can only watch and go by signs.

The fifth and sixth trumpets of Revelation 9 in the third application appear to be fulfilling in stages. So far we have noted the following fulfillments:

Possible Beginning and Ending Dates of the Five Months

From	+ (5 mo. = 150 day)	To
12/17/10, Bouazizi's immolation, begin 5th trumpet		5/16/11 U.S. reaches debt limit
2/15/11, begin Libyan Civil War protest phase		7/15/11 Gadhafi regime voted not legitimate by 30 nations
3/04/11 first rebel military advance begun		8/01/11 House vote to raise debt limit
3/05/11 first rebel military advance ended		8/02/11 U.S. default deadline Senate votes to raise debt limit Debt limit raise signed into law
3/17/11 UN votes limited military action against Gadhafi controlled Libya		8/14/11 Tripoli surrounded
3/19/11 No fly zone begins		8/16/11 Tripoli under siege
3/24/11 NATO agreed to take over no fly zone		8/21/11 Rebels conquer 95% of Tripoli, Gadhafi overturned and goes into hiding

The conquest of Tripoli, August 21, 2011, was the close of the best application of the five month period of stinging hit and run attacks by the rebel forces against the Libyan Gadhafi forces. But the consolidation of the rebel gains has taken months longer. God did not see fit to reveal exactly how long that would take, but the subduing of loyalist cities Sirte and Bani Walid, the capture and death of Moammar Gadhafi, the choosing of a new Prime Minister, and the soon installation of a new Libyan government are features compatible with the closing scenes of the fifth trumpet. The sixth trumpet should immediately follow the fifth trumpet (not necessarily the five months). It appears the fifth trumpet is on the very edge of being finished. Is the sixth trumpet on the very edge of starting? It strongly appears that it is! The Arab League's sanctions against defiant Syria could lead Syria to lash out against all the Arab States that voted against it in the Arab League and lash out against other enemies like Israel. This could start the 391 day 1 hour stop watch to the international nuclear holocaust. Syria apparently has more tanks, jet planes, and missiles than Israel—not counting Iran her ally. It portends to be a great time of trouble for Israel and many other countries. But God promises deliverance this time. Jeremiah 30:7; Isaiah 17:12-14.

Answers to Objections

Are you sure the self immolation of Mohamed Bouazizi on December 17, 2010 begins the fifth trumpet and not some other trumpet? See *Advanced Prophetic Studies*, Chapter 6 – <http://benevolententerprises.org> Book List. The six trumpets were categorized as 1. Troubles with the Goths (Germans); 2. Troubles with the Vandals (Germans); 3. Troubles with the Huns (Chinese); 4. Troubles with the Western governments (heads of states); 5. Troubles with the Moslems; and 6. Worse troubles with the Moslems (and the overthrow of one third of the world empires). The events following Bouazizi's death can fit in the fifth category, but not any of the other trumpet categories. As shown above, Bouazizi's death and subsequent events fit the Biblical symbolism in the fifth trumpet.

The next item to consider is what occurs at the end of each time period. At the end of the fifth trumpet there is a sudden invasion toward the south from the region of the Euphrates, causing great international consternation and reaction. At the end of the hour, day, month and year one third of mankind would be slain either symbolically, literally or both. Military planners say an all-out nuclear holocaust in the northern hemisphere would not kill all the people on the planet—it would kill one third. The author therefore believes the holocaust in the sixth trumpet is nuclear. That is in harmony with Isaiah 24:5, 6; 25.

Conclusion

The situation looks pretty grim: a nuclear holocaust killing one third of the population of earth in little more than a year, or at least one out of three world empires ceasing to exist in little over a year, or both. The peoples of earth need to be warned and counseled.

An Alternative

“All the promises and threatening of God are alike conditional.” There must be a way to escape a nuclear holocaust. God now has shared with humanity the knowledge of the technology of how to prevent a nuclear war, stop all bombs and bullets, stop all wars, make old people young again, back all diseases out of existence, reverse all decay and pollution, resurrect the dead of all ages, eliminate criminal and sinful tendencies from the brain and restore the planet to its Edenic condition in three and a half years of machine time. This is a technology that is safe to share with enemies, because it cannot be made into an offensive weapon. This is a technology that can make enemies friends, and halt wars.

For the theory of this technology see *Refresher 1 Manual* and *Rad Waste-free Power*, <http://benevolententerprises.org> Book List. For a history of revival and reformation and a system of truth to unite God's people see *Key to Revival*, same website. For how the nations can use this technology to unite in a United States of Abraham and a Unified Universe, see *Governing with Refresher 1*, same website.