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Apocalypse Now: The Lion Roars
“From the Bottomless Pit”
Revelation 9:1-21
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Focal: 1b: *‘I saw a star fallen from heaven to earth, and he was given the key to the shaft of the bottomless pit.’*

As we turn to Revelation 9, the fifth and sixth trumpets reveal horrors that fill readers with dismay. The fifth trumpet summons an army of demonic locusts that could inhabit a science fiction movie about space aliens. The sixth trumpet releases fire-breathing horses with stinging serpents for tails. Phillips notes: ‘These are the bizarre images that cause some Christians to avoid the book of Revelation as too disturbing and difficult. Yet the reality behind these visions is too real for us to dismiss.’



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