

NOTES: "It was on the twenty-seventh of July, in the year 1299," says Gibbon, "that Othman first invaded the territory of Nicomedia," in Asia Minor, "and the singular accuracy of the date," he adds, "seems to disclose some foresight of the rapid and destructive growth of the monster."- "*Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire*," chap. 64, par. 14. This, then, we take to be the beginning of the period referred to.

A Bible month consists of thirty days; five months would be 150 days. Allowing a day for a year, 150 years from July 27, 1299 would reach to July 27, 1449. During this period the Turks were engaged in almost constant warfare with the Greek Empire, and yet without conquering it.

13. With what statement does the fifth trumpet close?

"One woe is past; and, behold, there come _____ woes more hereafter."

Revelation 9:12

14. What command is given under the sixth trumpet?

"And the sixth angel sounded, and I heard a voice from the four horns of the golden altar which is before God, saying to the sixth angel which had the trumpet, *Loose the _____ angels which are bound in the great river _____*." **Revelation 9:13-14**

NOTES: These four angels are understood to refer to the four leading Turkish sultanies--Aleppo, Iconium, Damascus, and Bagdad--of which the Ottoman Empire was composed, situated in the country watered by the river Euphrates.

As a striking parallel it may be noted that under the sixth plague (**Revelation 16:12-16**) the four angels of **Revelation 7:1-3** will loose the winds of war, the waters of the river Euphrates (the Turkish Empire) will be dried up, and the armies of the nations will assemble for the battle of Armageddon.

15. What warlike scene is given under this trumpet?

"The number of the armies of the horsemen was *twice ten thousand times ten thousand*: . . . and the heads of the horses are as the heads of lions; and out of their mouths proceeds _____ and _____ and _____."

Revelation 9:16-17, R.V.

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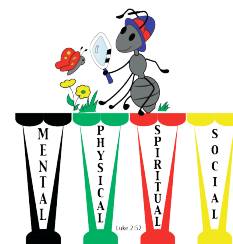
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8. After the fall of Western Rome, what power in the East arose to harass and overrun the Roman world, East and West?

Mohammedanism, commonly known as the Turkish or Ottoman power, which arose in Arabia, with Mohammed, in **622 A.D.**

9. How is the fifth trumpet, or first woe, introduced?

"And the fifth angel sounded, and I saw a ____ fall from ____ unto the earth: and to him was given the key of the bottomless pit. And he opened the bottomless pit; and there arose a smoke out of the pit, as the smoke of a great furnace; and, the ____ and the ____ were darkened by reason of the smoke of the _____. And there came out of the smoke _____ upon the earth: and unto them was given power, as the scorpions of the earth have power."

Revelation 9:1-3

NOTES: Attila is symbolized by the star of the third trumpet (**Revelation 8:10-11**); Mohammed, by the star of this trumpet. The bottomless pit doubtless refers to the wastes of the Arabian desert, from which came forth the Mohammedans, or Saracens of Arabia, like swarms of locusts. The darkening caused by the smoke from this pit fitly **represents the spread of Mohammedanism and its doctrines over Asia, Africa, and portions of Europe**. Their power as scorpions is strikingly seen in their vigorous and speedy attacks upon, and overthrow of, their enemies.

"Over a large part of Spain, over north Africa, Egypt, Syria, Babylonia, Persia, north India, and portions of Central Asia were spread-to the more or less perfect exclusion of native customs, speech, and worship-the manners, the language, and the religion of the Arabian conquerors."- **Myers's "General History," page 401.**

10. What command was given these locusts?

"And it was commanded them that they should not _____ the _____ of the earth, neither any green thing, neither any tree; but only those _____ which have not the seal of God in their foreheads." **Revelation 9:4**

NOTES: When the Arabian tribes were gathered for the conquest of Syria, **633 A.D.**, the caliph Abu-Bekr, the successor of Mohammed, instructed the chiefs of his army not to allow their victory to be "stained with the blood of women and children;" to "destroy no palm-trees, nor burn any fields of corn;" to "cut down no fruit-trees, nor do any mischief to cattle;" and to spare those religious persons "who live retired in monasteries, and propose to themselves to serve God in that way;"

but, he said, "you will find another sort of people that belong to the synagogue of Satan, who have shaven crowns: be sure you cleave their skulls and give them no quarter till they either turn Mohammedan or pay tribute." In this, Mohammedanism, itself a false religion, is revealed as a scourge to apostate Christianity.

"In a short time they [the Mohammedan Saracens] had taken from the Aryans all the principal old Semitic lands-Palestine, Syria, Mesopotamia, Assyria, and Babylonia. To these was soon added Egypt." -*Encyclopedia Britannica, article "Mohammedanism."*

11. What were these locusts said to have over them?

"And they had a _____ 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 [margin, a destroyer]." **Revelation 9:11**

NOTES: For hundreds of years the Mohammedans and invading Tartar tribes, like the locusts (**Proverbs 30:27**), had no general government or king over them, but were divided into bands, or factions, under separate leaders. But in the twelfth century Temuljin, king of the Mongols, or Moguls, who is described as "the most terrible scourge that ever afflicted the human race," built up an empire "at the cost," it is estimated, says Myers in his "General History," page 461, of "fifty thousand cities and towns and five million lives." This was followed by the more permanent Tartar empire founded by Othman a century later, commonly known as the Ottoman Empire, and ruled by the sultan.

From the first, the great characteristic of the Turkish government has been that of a "destroyer." Speaking of a war by the Turks upon the Byzantine Empire in 1050, Gibbon (chapter 57) says: "The myriads of Turkish horse overspread a frontier of six hundred miles from Taurus to Erzeroum, and the blood of one hundred and thirty thousand Christians was a grateful sacrifice to the Arabian prophet."

In 1058 the Turks wrested the Holy Land from the Saracens, desecrated the holy places, and treated the pilgrims to Jerusalem with cruelty. This brought on the nine unsuccessful crusades of the next two centuries for the recovery of the Holy Land.

12. What definite period is mentioned under this trumpet?

"And they had tails like unto scorpions, and there were stings in their tails: and their power was to hurt men _____ months." **Revelation 9:10. See also Revelation 9:5**