The host of Horrible Monsters, with complex appearance of Locusts, Horses, Scorpions, Lions and Humans, came out of the Abyss (9:1,2,11), or Bottomless Pit, led by Abaddon, or Apollyon, who was the Devil, or one of his Angels. This indicates the Hellish Origin of the Woes to follow. Satan has already been mentioned as Persecuting and Corrupting the Churches in Smyrna, Pergamum and Thyatira (2:9,10,13,14,24); and is named as instigator of Rome’s Imperial Persecutions of the Church. Of what he is now about to do in the Locust Plague, we are warned, "Woe, woe, woe," hinting its Frightfulness.

These Demon Locusts are thought, by many commentators, to be a predictive picture of the Rise and Spread of Mohammedanism; or, of the Tribulation Period of the Last Days; or, Both.

In the Seventh century A.D., Muhammedanism swept the Eastern World like a tidal wave, and Blotted out Christianity in Southwest Asia and North Africa: the Euphrates and Nile Valleys: the Eastern and Southern Borders of the Mediterranean: lands of the Bible Story: lands in which the Bible originated and grew: lands in which God's Revelation of Himself to Mankind was nurtured and brought to completion: lands in which God formed and trained the nation Israel, for two thousand years, to pave the way for the coming of Christ; lands hallowed forever as the scene of Christ's Life and Death and Resurrection and His Redemptive work for Mankind; lands which were the Cradle of Christianity, and which were for 600 years Christian; The Original Christian World; in these lands, by one fell blow of the Mohammedan Sword, CHRISTIANITY WAS BLOTTED OUT, and Mohammedanism was Established. And they HAVE BEEN MOHAMMEDAN EVER SINCE.

600 years Christian. Now, for 1300 years, Mohammedan. More Mohammedans now in the world than Protestant Christians.

Muhammed (A.D. 570-632), in Mecca, Arabia, declared himself to be The Prophet of God, and set out, at the head of an army, to propagate his religion by the Sword. Soon the whole of Arabia was conquered. Mohammedan armies, under successive leaders, swept on in their conquest. Syria fell (A.D. 634), Jerusalem (A.D. 637), Egypt (A.D. 633), Persia (A.D. 640), North Africa (A.D. 689).

Asian and African Christianity, thus swept away, Mohammedans moved into Europe. Spain fell (A.D. 711). Then they headed on into France, where, at Tours, the Mohammedan Army was met and defeated (A.D. 732), by Charles Martel, grandfather of Charlemagne. That was one of the Decisive Battles of the Ages. EXCEPT FOR THAT VICTORY, CHRISTIANITY MIGHT HAVE BEEN ENTIRELY EXTERMINATED FROM THE EARTH.
Here are some of the things that make it look like this Fifth Trumpet might refer to Mohammedanism.

“Locusts” (9:3). Arabia, pre-eminently, was a land of Locusts. It was in Arabia that Mohammedanism originated.

“Shapes of Locusts like War—Horses, with Scorpion like Tails, Crowns Ilike Gold, Faces like Men's Faces, Hair like Women’s Hair, Teeth like Lions Teeth, Breastplates as of Iron, and Wings that sounded like Chariots and Horses rushing to War” (9:7-10).

This is indeed a very good description of Mohammedan Armies, composed of Fierce, Relentless Horsemen, famous for their Beards, with Long Hair like Women's Hair, with Yellow Turbans on their Heads that looked like Gold, and they had Iron Coats of Armor.

"Smoke from the Abyss" (9:2, 3). It was out of this Smoke that the Locusts came. The Smoke had Darkened the Sun and the Air. This may refer to the False Teachings, which had Clouded and Corrupted the Church of Mohammed's day, in its Worship of Images, Relics and Saints. It was the IDOLATRY of a Degenerate and Apostate Church that gave Mohammed his chance. Destruction of Idols was his slogan.

“Hurt Not the Grass, nor any Green thing” (9:4). Mohammedans spared Trees, Grass and All Vegetation, because Mohammed had so commanded; for, to those living in the wastes of Arabian deserts, Trees and Vegetation were blessings.

“Torment Men Five Months” (9:5). Five months, the normal stay of Locusts, May 'to September, is about 150 days; which, on the Year-Day interpretation (Ezekiel 4:6), would be 150 Years. That was, approximately, the period (AD. 630 to AD. 786), in which Mohammedanism continued its effort at World Conquest. With Haroun-Al-Raschid (A.D. 786—809), at the height of Mohammedan Power and Glory, they abandoned the idea of Conquest, and began to cultivate peaceful relations with other nations.

Revelation Chapter 9:12-21
The Sixth Trumpet
The Army of 200,000,000 Euphratean Horsemen

Horrible looking Monsters, of complex appearance of Men, Horses, Lions and Serpents, belching Fire, Smoke and Brimstone.

They also may be a predictive picture of Mohammedanism, with a possible more literal fulfillment in things yet to be.

ARABIANS ruled Mohammedan World 400 years (A.D. 630-1058).
TURKS then took over, and have been in control almost till now. This Trumpet seems to point to Turkish Mohammedanism.

“Euphrates” (9:14), whence the Sixth Trumpet Armies of Horsemen were loosed. In A.D. 1057 a vast horde of Turks, from central Asia, appeared on the banks of the Euphrates. In their west-ward march they replaced the Arabians as rulers of Mohammedan lands.

The Turks were more cruel and intolerant than the Arabians had been. Their barbarous treatment of Christians in Palestine led to the Crusades (A.D. 1095-1272), almost 300 years of intermittent War in which European Christians tried to regain the Holy Land from Mohammedans.

“Out of the Horses’ Mouths proceeded Fire, Smoke, Brimstone” (9:17). The Eastern Roman Empire (A.D. 395—1453), its capital, Constantinople, had, for centuries (A.D. 630-1453) been the bulwark of Europe against Mohammedanism. But in A.D. 1453 it fell to the Turks.

It was at the battle of Constantinople (A.D. 1453), that Artillery with GUNPOWDER was First Used; which gave victory to the Turks; the “Fire, Smoke and Brimstone,” of 9:17.

Then followed another threat to European Christianity. The victorious Turks marched on in toward central Europe. But met their defeat in Vienna (A.D.1683), at the hands of a Polish army under John Sobieski. As in the Battle of Tours (A.D. 732), so here, a second time, after almost 1000 years, Europe was again saved from Mohammedans.

“Hour, Day, Month, Year” (9: 15), may mean at an exact appointed time. Or, on the Year-Day interpretation (Ezekiel 4:6), 365 plus 30 plus 1, 396 days, that is 396 years. From A.D. 1057, when the Turks crossed the Euphrates, to the Fall of Constantinople (AD. 1453), was 396 years.

“Third Part of Men Killed” (9:18). This may refer to the Fall of the Eastern Roman Empire (AD. 1453), the last remaining “Third” of the original Roman Empire, at the hands of the Turks.