

Chapter 9

The ^afifth Angel founding the trompet, a ftarre falleth. 3. The iffuing forth of locuftes from the fmoke of the deep pitte to vexe men, 7. and the defcription of them. 13. The fixt Angel founding, foure Angels are let loofe, 18. which with a great troupe of horfmen doe murder the third part of men.

And the fifth Angel founded with the trompet, & I faw ^ba ftarre to haue fallen from heauen vpon the earth, and there was giuen to him the key of the pit of bottomles depth. ² And he openeth the pit of the bottomles depth: and the fmoke of the pit afcended, as the fmoke of a great fornace: and the funne was darkned and the aier with the fmoke of the pit. ³ And from the fmoke of the pit there iffued forth ^clocuftes into the earth. And power was giuen to them, as the fcorpions of the earth haue power: ⁴ and it was commanded them that they fhould not hurt the graffe of the earth ^dnor any green thing, nor any tree: but only men which haue not the figne of God in their foreheads. ⁵ And it was giuen vnto thẽ that they fhould not kil them: but that they fhould be tormented fiue moneths: and their torments as the torments of a fcorpion when he ftriketh a man. ⁶ And in thofe daies men fhall feeke for death, and fhall not find it: and they fhall defire to die, & death fhall fly from them.

Apoc. 6, 16.

⁷ And the fimilitudes of the locuftes, like to horfes ^dprepared into battel: and vpon their heads as it were crownes like to gold: and their faces as the faces of men. ⁸ And they had haire as the haire of women; & their teeth were as of Liõs. ⁹ And they had habbergions

coate of male,
or other coate
of offence.

^a Moft vnderftād al this of Heretikes.

^b The fal of an Arch-heretike, as Arius, Luther, Caluin, out of the Church of God which haue the key of Hel to open & bring forth al the old cōdemned herefies buried before in the depth.

^c Innumerable pety heretikes following their Maifters after the opening & the fmoke of the bottomleffe pit.

as habbergiōs of yron, and the voice of their wings as the voice of the chariots of many horfes running into battel. ¹⁰ And they had tailes like to scorpions, and ftings were in their tailes: and their power was to hurt men fiue months. ¹¹ And they had ouer thē a King, ^a)the Angel of the bottomles depth, whose name in Hebrew is *Abaddon*, and in Greek *Apollyon*: in Latin hauing the name *Exterminans*. ¹² One woe is gone, & behold two woes come yet after these.

אָבַדְדֹן Ἀπολλύων, in English *Destroyer*.

¹³ And the fixt Angel founded with the trompet: and I heard one voice from the foure hornes of the golden altar, which is before the eyes of God, ¹⁴ faying to the fixt Angel which had the trompet: Loofe the foure Angels which are bound in the great riuer Euphrates. ¹⁵ And the foure Angels were loofed, who were prepared for an houre, & a day, and a moneth, and a yeare: that they might kil the third part of men. ¹⁶ And the number of the armie of horfe-men was twentie thoufand times ten thoufand. And I heard the number of them. ¹⁷ And fo I faw the horfes in the vifion: and they that fate vpon them, had habbergions of fire and of hyacinth and brimftone, and the heads of the horfes were as it were the heads of Lions: and from their mouth proceedeth fire, and fmoke, and brimftone.

¹⁸ And by thefe three plagues was flaine the third part of men, of the fire and of the fmoke and of the brimftone, which proceeded from their mouth. ¹⁹ For the power of the horfes is in their mouth, and in their tailes. For, their tailes be like to ferpents, hauing heads: and in thefe they hurt.

²⁰ ^b)And the reft of men which were not flaine with thefe plagues, neither ^c)haue done penance from the workes of their hands, not to adore Diuels and Idols

^a The cheefe Maifter of heretikes.

^b Pagans, Infidels, and finful impenitent Catholikes muft be condemned alfo.

^c This phrafe being the like both in Greek and Latin, fignifieth fuch forowful & penal repentance as caufeth a man to forfake his former finnes and depart from them. οὐ μετενόησαν ἐκ τῶν ἔργων. See the fame phrafe *c. 2, 21, 22. & Act. 8. v. 22.*

of gold and filuer and braffe and ftone and wood, which neither can fee, nor heare, nor walke, ²¹ and haue not done penance from their murders, nor from their forceries, nor from their fornication, nor from their thefts.

ANNOTATIONS

4 Nor any green thing.) The Heretikes neuer hurt or feduce the green tree, that is, fuch as haue a liuing faith working by charitie, but commonly they corrupt him in faith who should otherwife haue perished for il life, and him that is reprobate, that hath neither the figne of the Croffe (which is Gods marke) in the forehead of his body, nor the note of election in his foule.

Who are feduced by Heretikes.

7 Prepared into battel.) Heretikes being euer ready to contend, doe pretend victorie, and counterfeit gold: in shape as men, as fmothe and delicate as women, their tongues and pennes ful of gal and venim: their harts obdurate: ful of noife and shuffling: their doctrine as peftiferous and ful of poison, as the taile and fting of a fcorpion; but they endure for a litle feafon.

The manifold hypocriefie of Heretikes.

20 Idols of gold.) Here againe the new Tranflatours abufe the people, for *idols* faying *images*: this place being plainely againft the pourtraits of Heathen Gods, which are here and in the *Pfalme 95*. called, *dæmonia*, *Diuels*.

Heret. tranflation.