



Sermon Series: Revelation - Jesus Revealed
Sermon Title: Satan Unmasked
Scripture: Revelation 9:1-21
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INTRODUCTION

John 8:44 and John 10:9-10 and Luke 10:18-20

The Big Picture of Revelation 9: Satan is NOT your friend; here, he is “unmasked”. We see that he desires only death, deception, and destruction! Jesus, on the other hand, is the Savior, the Door, the Good Shepherd who gives life-changing grace, abundant joy, and eternal life!

Remember where we’ve been...

- In chapters 4 & 5, John is “caught up” to see the glory and worship of Heaven.
- In chapter 5, John sees JESUS (the Lion and the Lamb) come and take the scroll.
- In chapter 6, Jesus begins to open the scroll and the first 6 seals.
- In chapter 7, we see a Heavenly Interlude of power and sovereignty, of safety and protection.
- In chapter 8, the 7th Seal is opened and there is SILENCE in heaven for about 30 minutes.
- Also in chapter 8, we hear the First Four Trumpet Judgments where God strikes His creation.

I. SATAN UNMASKED: STEAL, KILL, DESTROY

A. TRUMPET #5 - Pain/Misery: Locust-Like Army from the Bottomless Pit/Abyss (verses 1-12)

1) Restraining Sovereignty: GOD limits what these demons can and cannot do!

Isaiah 14:12 and Luke 10:18 and Revelation 20

2) Demonic Cruelty: This demonic plague moves out to unleash their hatred on image-bearers.

Revelation 9:11 and Genesis 3:1, 4-5

3) Meaningful Imagery: What John sees and hears should inform our thinking about the nature, deception, and destructive power of Satan and his demons.

“horses prepared for battle” -

“crowns of gold” -

“human faces” -

“hair like women’s hair” and “teeth like lions’ teeth” -

“breastplates” and “the noise of their wings” -

Remember: Luke 10:19-20

B. TRUMPET #6 - Death: Lethal Army from the East, from the Euphrates River (verses 13-21)

1) There is a high degree of detail in this passage!

- Four specific angels (or demons) bound at the Euphrates River -

- Prepared for this specific moment: hour, day, month, year -

- The specific number of this massive army -

- Mounted troops on fearsome horses breathing out fire, sulphur, and smoke -

2) In the Fifth Trumpet, we saw the patience of God (we saw only pain/misery), BUT in this Sixth Trumpet Judgment God uses this army to bring death to a third of those living on the earth.

Matthew 10:28 and Hebrews 10:31

3) The really scary thing that this chapter reveals is the human heart (the dark, idol-loving, stubborn, self-deceived human heart)!

John 3:19 and Romans 2:4 and Romans 1:16 and Revelation 5:9-10

Questions for Further Study, Reflection, and Application...

1. What does Revelation chapter 9 show us about the nature and intent of Satan and his demons?

2. What is the purpose of the Fifth Trumpet Judgment? What does it produce?

3. What is the purpose of the Sixth Trumpet Judgment? What does it lead to?

4. We see a description of the “locusts” in verses 7-10 and a description of the army in verses 17-19.

What is the point of these descriptions? What do they show/tell us?

5. What do we learn about the human heart in verses 20-21?

6. As followers of Christ, what kinds of things should we do in response to the truth we see here?