

Unleashing Hell on Earth Notes

Revelation 9:1-21

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Main Point: When Hell comes to earth, evil will be released, judgment will be rendered, and mercy will be rejected.

Preliminary Points

1. We can't _____ and choose Bible passages to embrace and ones to avoid.
2. We can't fully _____ grace and mercy until we understand God's holiness and justice.
3. Hell is a _____ place (Matthew 13:50).
4. If you're saved, there's no need to be _____ (1 Thessalonians 1:10, 1 John 4:4).
 - Even if hordes of demons are howling at the door, Christ is the door, and as Revelation 3:7 says, "no one can open what he has shut."
 - The Christian fights _____ victory, not for victory.
 - If you are saved, you do not need to live in fear. But if you are not saved, you should be scared because _____ is real and Hell is hot.
5. The symbols point to real _____.
6. Revelation is all about _____.

The Fifth Trumpet

1. The Abyss opens: evil is _____ (9-12).
2. While the word "star" referred to an object in the sky in chapter 8, here "star" refers to a spiritual _____. We see this from the two uses of the pronoun "he."
 - Since this star is "fallen from Heaven," it likely refers to Satan who was expelled from Heaven (Isaiah 14:12, Luke 10:18, Revelation 12:9).
3. Jesus has "the _____ of death and Hades."
 - Satan is _____ the key, he doesn't steal it.
4. The term "bottomless pit" literally refers to "the pit of the abyss," which is used seven times in Revelation and refers to an extremely _____ place.
 - According to Jude 6, the abyss was where the _____ demons were incarcerated (2 Peter 2:4).
 - This place was so bad that the _____ demons didn't want to end up there (Luke 8:31).
 - Revelation 11:7 tells us the _____ "arises from the bottomless pit."
 - Revelation 20:3 says that Satan will be _____ in the abyss for one thousand years.
5. Darkness in Scripture consistently signals the _____ of God's order and blessing.
6. These demon locusts were not allowed to harm the grass or those belonging to God (vs. 4).

7. The crowns suggest _____. The human faces speak of intelligence. The lion's teeth represent ferocity and purposeful torment.
8. The word "torment" means to "harass, afflict, and _____."
9. They could sting like a scorpion, causing incredible unrelenting _____.
 - For five long months, people will _____ for death but will not be able to die.
10. Both names mean _____.
 - This is not a minor demon, but a _____ and deadly figure who rises from the abyss itself.
 - The fact that we're given both the Hebrew Greek names is significant, showing that this evil being is unleashed upon every _____, every language, every nation, to the Jew and to the Greek.

The Sixth Trumpet (vs. 13-14).

1. The "voice" from the four horns of the golden altar literally reads, "the one voice," referring to the _____ Himself.
 - The horns of the altar were emblems of strength and _____.
 - Judgment and intercession are not _____.
2. This judgment is localized "at the great river Euphrates."
 - The Euphrates was one of the four rivers connected to _____ (Genesis 2:14).
 - The Euphrates marked the eastern boundary of the land God _____ to Abraham (Genesis 15:18).
 - Babylon will become the symbol of the world's final _____ before God's judgment falls (Revelation 17-18).
 - The Euphrates region is not a random geographic detail. Throughout Scripture it's been a staging ground for human rebellion, false religion, oppression, and divine judgment.
3. Before the trumpet blows, God _____ here four angles, bound, and waiting (vs. 15).
 - The definite article "the" tells us this will happen at a precise and _____ time in the future (Isaiah 34:8).
 - A third of the remaining population of the world will be _____ in the greatest military slaughter in human history (vs. 16).
 - The number is two hundred _____ soldiers.
4. _____ is often called brimstone in the Bible and is a yellow mineral that burns with an intense flame, emitting a choking, rotten-egg odor.
5. It is as though the army is a multiplied manifestation of the original _____ from Genesis 3.
6. Every trumpet blast is another merciful call from God to _____ before final judgment comes.
 - That mercy will be met with the most heartbreaking response possible: people will still _____ to repent.

The Arrogance Remains: Mercy is Rejected

1. Judgment does not _____ produce repentance because the heart of the problem is always the problem of the heart (vs. 20-21).
2. They hold on to...
 - _____ worship – What was once practiced in the shadows is now celebrated in the open. Witchcraft is one of the fastest growing spiritual movements in the Western world today.
 - _____ – anything that takes the place of God. An idol is whatever you trust most, treasure most, and turn to first.
 - _____ – the deliberate, premeditated taking of innocent human life.
 - _____ – drugs were often used to induce a religious state of communion with the gods. The global drug crisis is not merely a public health emergency; it is a spiritual one.
 - _____ immorality – covers every form of sexual sin outside of God's design: fornication, adultery, homosexuality, and pornography.
 - _____ – people will fight for the increasingly scarce supplies of food and water by taking what does not belong to them.
3. The very fact that John records their refusal to repent implies that repentance was still _____ (Ezekiel 33:11).