“Unlocking & Unleashing Hell”
Revelation 9:1-21
11/8/26
Message 17

Introduction

- Title Of The Message: “Unlocking & Unleashing Hell”
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    - Vision of Jesus
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    - John (The Church) is RAPTURED (Rev. 4:1)
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  - ***Chapter 5***
    - John saw a scroll with 7 Seals in the right Hand of God
    - What IS IT?
      - I believe - The title deed to the earth
      - Others - What is Going take place
      - Chapter 6-19 shows us What will take place

- ***Chapter 6***
    - **7 Tribulation Period begins**
        - Remember we are Pre-Trib NOT Pre-Trouble
            - We will see all that is happening now is birth pains
    - **First Seal Judgment vv. 1-2**
        - White Horse - False Peace – Anti Christ
            - Takes over with deception
                - **IMPORTANT to Deception proof the church**
    - **Second Seal Judgment - vv. 3-4**
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        - Black Horse - Famine
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        - Martyrs = Tribulation Saints
    - **Sixth Seal Judgment – vv. 12-17**
        - Catastrophe – Great Earthquake – Sun Became Black – Moon Blood Red
    - **We see the people on earth**
        - Hiding in caves asking the mountains to fall on them

Revelation 6:16–17 (NKJV)
16 *and said to the mountains and rocks, "Fall on us and hide us from the face of Him who sits on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb!*
17 *For the great day of His wrath has come,* ***<u>and who is able to stand?"</u>***

- The Know it's Jesus / **yet they still DO NOT REPENT**
- The Question - Who is able to stand

- ***<u>Chapter 7</u>***
  - **We saw 144,000 Jewish men sealed and protected**
    - Proclaiming the Gospel in the Tribulation period
    - We ALSO talked about that God is NOT done with Israel
    - That Hatred for the Jewish people Anti-Semitism is on the rise
    - We traced Anti-Semitism back – we noted that the Catholic Church has a long history with Anti-Semitism
  - **A huge multitude of Tribulation Believers in heaven**
    - Resting 😊
    - Asking for judgment on those who persecuted them
- ***<u>Chapter 8</u>***
  - We saw the planet get hammered by the first 4 Trumpet judgments
  - **1. Trumpet**
    - Hail & Fire from heaven 1/3 of all trees, grass burned up
  - **2. Trumpet**

- Something "like a mountain" hit the sea…
    - ⅓ Of the sea became blood
    - ⅓ Of sea life died
    - ⅓ Of ships destroyed

- **3. Trumpet**
    - A Great Star fell to Earth
        - ⅓ Of all fresh water was poisoned - Rivers & Springs

- **4. Trumpet**
    - The Sun, Moon and Stars were darkened by 1/3
    - Probably affecting temperatures

- ***<u>It's about to Get EVEN WORSE</u>***
    - And JUST WHEN you would think… it can't get any worse… It DOES!
        - It going to much worse…
        - Literally hell on earth!
        - Look at chapter 8:13 again…it's far from over

Revelation 8:13 (NKJV)
13 *And I looked, and I heard an angel flying through the midst of heaven, saying with a loud voice,* ***<u>"Woe, woe, woe to the inhabitants of the earth, because of the remaining blasts of the trumpet of the three angels who are about to sound!"</u>***

- The Word "Woe"
    - Is very intense word

        - It means DEEP DISTRESS…
        - It's used to Warn…Watch out / get ready / beware
        - Why?... Because HELL is literally going to visit earth
    - It's literally a DEMONIC ATTACK on mankind
        - UNLOCKING & UNLEASHING HELL

- ***Remember - "Why would a God of Love do this?"***
    - ***1. We Are Sinners - God is Holy & Righteous***
        - **1. We are Sinful**
            - Now a lot of people don't Think they are Sinful
            - They measure themselves by other people
            - Next to Hitler, I look pretty good

Proverbs 21:2 (NKJV)
2 *Every way of a man is right in his own eyes, But the LORD weighs the hearts.*

Romans 3:23 (NKJV)
23 *for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,*

Romans 6:23 (NKJV)
23 *For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

        - **2. God is HOLY**
            - God would not be Holy if He did not judge SIN
            - So God Must judge and JUDGMENT is COMING

- A lot of people DON'T want to think that a God of LOVE will judge BUT HE WILL

- Sodom and Gomorrah

- God is ALOS JUST – a Just God MUST JUDGE

- ***2. To Wake People Up***

Ezekiel 33:11 (NKJV)
11 *Say to them: 'As I live,' says the Lord* GOD, ***'I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live. Turn, turn from your evil ways****! For why should you die, O house of Israel?'*

- Remember God DIDN'T just destroy everything all at once

  - In this process He is screaming wake up and come to Me

- He has His Messengers and Angles doing the same thing

  - Remember, Many will come to Christ in these times

- ***3. Prepare Israel for their Messiah***

- The Book of Revelation is ALL about Israel

- It's about finishing what He started with Israel

Zechariah 12:10 (NKJV)
10 *"And I will pour on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem the Spirit of grace and supplication; then they will look on Me whom they pierced. Yes, they will mourn for Him as one mourns for his only son, and grieve for Him as one grieves for a firstborn.*

- ***So this morning 3 Sad Realities UNLOCKING & UNLEASHING HELL***

  - The ARMY Of Hell Released vv. 1-12
  - The ANGELS At The River Released vv. 12-19
  - Mankind Remains ARROGANT vv. 20-21

The Army Of Hell Released vv. 1-12

- ***1. The Leader Of The Locusts Is The Devil Himself vv. 9:1-2, 9:11***

Revelation 9:1–2 (NKJV)
1 *Then the fifth angel sounded: And I saw a* ***star fallen*** *from heaven to the earth.* ***To him*** *was given the key to the* ***bottomless pit****.*
2 *And* ***he opened*** *the* ***bottomless pit****, and smoke arose out of the pit like the smoke of a great furnace. So the sun and the air were darkened because of the smoke of the pit.*

JUMP Down to Verse 9

Revelation 9:11 (NKJV)
11 *And they had as king over them the angel of the bottomless pit, whose name in Hebrew is Abaddon, but in Greek he has the name Apollyon.*

- ***1. Star Fallen***
  - Greek: Pipto –
    - To descend from - A higher place to a lower
    - It's a perfect tense –
      - **It had fallen in the past and continues in a "fallen" state.**
        - This gives us a clue as to the identify of this "fallen star".
- ***2. A STAR - Fallen from heaven to the earth. To him…***
  - **What is taking place?**
    - So we have a "STAR"
    - That has "FALLEN" to Earth
    - Then is says – to HIM

- **Did you catch the HIM and the HE?**
    - Right away we know this isn't a STAR like in chapter 8…
        - It's a Person
- **Now Who is this Person? - Different Views**
    - Suggestions have Included
        - Nero
        - A Fallen Angel
        - An Evil Spirit
        - Satan
        - A Good Angel
        - Jesus Himself
        - I Believe the Right View is SATAN
            - Also known as Lucifer, also called at the end of the paragraph the “Destroyer”.

- ***<u>3. HOW we know its Satan</u>***
    - **<u>1. His Position</u>**
        - **He is an angel**
            - Remember Revelation 1:20
                - That the term star is used often used symbolically to describe Angels in Revelation
            - Now In (Rev. 9:11)

- This king of the locusts is called the angel of the bottomless pit

- **Satan is the "Fallen Angel"**
  - This "star" had "fallen from heaven to the earth"
    - Jesus once said of him
      - I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven

Luke 10:18 (NKJV)
18 *And He said to them, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven.*

  - Pictures his "continual fall"

  - Turn to Isaiah 14

Isaiah 14:12–15 (NKJV)
12 *"How you are fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! How you are cut down to the ground, You who weakened the nations!*
13 *For you have said in your heart: 'I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God; I will also sit on the mount of the congregation On the farthest sides of the north;*
14 *I will ascend above the heights of the clouds, I will be like the Most High.'*
15 *Yet you shall be brought down to Sheol, To the lowest depths of the Pit.*

    - **PLEASE NOTE: Some mistakenly think**
      - This means Satan was Kick out at that time
      - The Bible teaches he still access to heaven…
      - Its not with favor or blessing…
        - But as God's enemy
    - **REASON FOR his FALL**

- His heart was filled with PRIDE –
- Result - gets the Boot

- **<u>Application – Avoid Pride</u>**
  - Notice the emphasis on the word "I".
    - Satan's Problem = Self-Centered.
      - His heart was filled with Pride -
        - Result – Will get the Boot
  - A Warning For US - BE CAREFUL
    - That our LIVES DON'T Become SELF-CENTERED
      - ALL ABOUT ME
        - A VERY Dangerous Place to be
  - We NEED to be CHRIST Centered

Luke 9:23 (NKJV)

23 *Then He said to them all, "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me.*

- True JOY is found in LIVING FOR JESUS
- The Life He has CALLED YOU TO
- J – Jesus is the center (which covers the first command)
- O – Others come next (which covers the second command)

- Y – You - the Lord takes care of the rest...blessed and full of joy

- **2. His Power**

  - The power of this fallen star is indicated by 2 things:

  - **1. A Key Was Given To Him.**

    - This clearly indicates that his power and authority is limited

      - A KEY was GIVEN to him

        - He did not own it

    - The KEY is CONTROLLED By God

Revelation 1:18 (NKJV)
18 *I am He who lives, and was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore. Amen. And I have the keys of Hades and of Death.*

      - WHO OWNS the KEYS

        - Jesus

    - NOW The key was given to him

      - It unlocks the chains of those demonic spirits in hell WAS GIVEN to Satan

        - **God will use Satan to accomplish His Purpose**

  - **2. He Is King Of The Locusts v. 11a**

Revelation 9:11 (NKJV)
11 ***<u>And they had as king over them the angel of the bottomless pit,</u>*** *whose name in Hebrew is Abaddon, but in Greek he has the name Apollyon.*

- The power of Satan is clearly revealed in the simple statement…
  - They had as king over them the angel
  - One of the reasons for believing that this locust plague is not referring to actual locusts is that they have a KING

Proverbs 30:27 (NKJV)
27 *The locusts have no king, Yet they all advance in ranks;*

  - The devil is the king of the demons

- Bottomless Pit
  - Greek: Abussos
  - Used 7 times, all in Revelation 9:1, 2, 11; 11:7; 17:8;
  - 20:1, 3
  - The "Abyss" –
    - A place of torment – (Luke 16:22b-24, 28)
  - It is a prison in which evil powers are confined and out of which they can at times be let loose.
  - It is NOT the lake of fire (Rev. 20:2, 10)

- **3. His Purpose – Destroy**

Revelation 9:11 (NKJV)
11 And they had as king over them the angel of the bottomless pit, ***whose name in Hebrew is Abaddon, but in Greek he has the name Apollyon.***

- Satan is called

- Abaddon in Hebrew
- Apollyon in Greek
- BOTH Names Means: DESTROYER

- Satan is out to RUIN people's lives

1 Peter 5:8 (NKJV)
8 *Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.*

John 10:10 (NKJV)
10 *The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.*

- ***2. The Locusts Are Demons Out Of Hell vv. 3-10***

  - ***I believe it's obvious that these locusts are in fact demons with Satan as their king***

    - Several important things for our understanding…

  - ***1. Their Authority***

Revelation 9:3 (NKJV)
3 *Then out of the smoke locusts came upon the earth. And to them was given power, as the scorpions of the earth have power.*

- **1. To them was given power**

  - Demons also operate under divine permission
  - Their power or authority comes ultimately from God
  - This underscores again that all things, including demons, are working toward the accomplishment of God's purposes and will

- **2. The Extent Of Their Authority vs. 4-5**

Revelation 9:4–5 (NKJV)

4 *They were commanded not to harm the grass of the earth, or any green thing, or any tree, but only those men* ***who do not have the seal of God on their foreheads****.*

5 *And they were not given authority to kill them, but to torment them for five months. Their torment was like the torment of a scorpion when it strikes a man.*

- **1. Limited to "5 Months"**
    - No more – Interesting that the Life of a real Locusts
- **2. They Can't…**
    - Harm the grass of the earth
    - Or any green thing
    - Or any tree
- **3. The Can**
    - Those men who do not have the seal of God on their foreheads"
    - They will cause great torment, but they are instructed not to kill (Revelation 9:5)

▪ **3. The Effects Of Their Authority v. 6**

Revelation 9:6 (NKJV)

6 *In those days men will seek death and will not find it; they will desire to die, and death will flee from them.*

- **These prey on men**
    - They swarm into cities attack people
    - Unbelievers attacked "like the torment of a scorpion when it strikes a man"
- **A scorpion sting is usually not fatal it is very painful**

- Normally the pain and discomfort last for several days
- Intense Pain
- So intense that people will want to die because of the horrible suffering they will experience…but they can't

- **They will try and commit suicide**
  - But will be unsuccessful
  - It will leave people maimed from attempting it
  - Zombies?!

- ***<u>2. Their Appearance vs. 7-10</u>***

Revelation 9:7–10 (NKJV)
7 *The shape of the locusts was* ***like*** *horses prepared for battle. On their heads were crowns of something* ***like*** *gold, and their faces were* ***like*** *the faces of men.*
8 *They had hair* ***like*** *women's hair, and their teeth were* ***like*** *lions' teeth.*
9 *And they had breastplates* ***like*** *breastplates of iron, and the sound of their wings was* ***like*** *the sound of chariots with many horses running into battle.*
10 *They had tails like scorpions, and there were stings in their tails. Their power was to hurt men five months.*

- **"Like"**
  - John is Not sure what he is seeing, so he describes as "Like"

- **Different Views**
  - 1. Modern Military Equipment
    - Some Bible teachers believe that John is trying to describe modern military equipment is his language and understanding…

- 2. Demons
    - What I personal believe

The Angels At The River Released vv. 12-19

- ***1. The Control of This Army vs. 12-15***
    - ***1. The Pronouncement That Is Made***

Revelation 9:12–13 (NKJV)
12 *One woe is past. Behold, still two more woes are coming after these things.*
13 *Then the sixth angel sounded: And I heard a voice from the four horns of the golden altar which is before God,*

- **One Woe is DONE – But Wait there is More**
    - 2 More WOES
- **The Voice / Golden Altar**
    - The Golden Altar
        - A place of prayer.
            - It was where the priests would burn the incense during the time of prayer.
        - We first saw this altar back in Chapter 6
            - When the cries were heard from those who had been martyred, crying out, “How long until you avenge us?” (Rev. 6:9-11)
        - Next saw this altar in Chapter 8:3-5
            - Just before the seven angels started blowing their trumpets
        - In The Future

        - We're going to see the altar two more times before Jesus returns (Rev. 14:18; 16:7)

    - A voice comes from this altar, whose sole purpose is prayer.

        - Some Debate on who the Voice is

        - Many Believe - The prayers of the saints (Rev. 8:3–5)

            - NOW commanding those four angels be loosed.

- ***2. The Place Where This Army Is Bound v. 14***

Revelation 9:14 (NKJV)
14 *saying to the sixth angel who had the trumpet, "Release the four angels who are bound at the great river Euphrates."*

- **Four Angels**

    - Scripture never refers to HOLY Angels as being BOUND

        - So These MUST Be fallen angels

            - Another part of Satan's force

                - Whom God had bound but will free to accomplish His judgment through their horsemen

- **The Euphrates River?**

    - The Euphrates was a "landmark" of ancient Babylon

        - The Bible refers to Babylon and the symbolism as

            - The Mother of Harlots and of the Abominations of the Earth" (Revelation 17:5).

- Revelation 18:2 - Babylon becomes the "habitation of demons, a prison for every foul spirit, and a cage for every unclean and hated bird."

- It was also the boundary of the old Roman Empire, which will be revived under the Antichrist

- **The Euphrates is also associated with**

  - The first sin (Genesis 2:10-14)

  - The first murder (Genesis 4:16)

  - The first organized revolt against God (Genesis 11:1-9)

  - The first war confederation (Genesis 14:1)

  - The first dictatorship (Genesis 10:8-10)

  - Some believe it was the place of Satan's original deception of Adam and Eve

- ***<u>3. The Purpose Of These Angels v. 15</u>***

Revelation 9:15 (NKJV)
15 *So the four angels, who had been prepared for the hour and day and month and year, were released to kill a third of mankind.*

- **How Many Dead?**

  - Earlier in the tribulation, ¼ of the earth's population was eliminated by the 4th seal judgment

  - Now the population is reduced by 1/3

  - All totaled…

- Over HALF of the world's population has died before the middle of the tribulation period occurs
- World Population
  - Total Population: 8.33 billion people
  - That would be - four billion one hundred sixty-five million – DEAD

- ***2. The Characteristics of This Army vv. 16-17***

Revelation 9:16–17 (NKJV)
16 *Now the number of the army of the horsemen was two hundred million; I heard the number of them.*
17 *And thus I saw the horses in the vision: those who sat on them had breastplates of fiery red, hyacinth blue, and sulfur yellow; and the heads of the horses were like the heads of lions; and out of their mouths came fire, smoke, and brimstone.*

- ***1. The number of the army of the horsemen was TWO HUNDRED MILLION***
  - Is this number literal or symbolic?
    - But every other time in the Book Of revelation are Literal
      - So Why not here!
      - *Years ago Red China claimed to have an army of 200 million (cf. Time, May 21, 1965, p. 35).*
      - *Walvoord, J. F.*
      - I Lean towards Demons – Not an Army – BUT it does not matter
- ***2. The Description***
  - These horsemen are described in

- Weird, grotesque terms.

- This is a powerful picture of horror, destruction and demonic association.

- ***3. The Consequences of This Army vv. 18-19***

Revelation 9:18–19 (NKJV)
18 *By these three plagues a third of mankind was killed—by the fire and the smoke and the brimstone which came out of their mouths.*
19 *For their power is in their mouth and in their tails; for their tails are like serpents, having heads; and with them they do harm.*

  - ***Their plagues bring death to one-third of the world's population***

    - Death will be imminent

    - One out of every three will die…Pretty bad odds

    - Their powers cause great harm to people

Man Remains Arrogant vv. 20-21

Revelation 9:19–21 (NKJV)
19 *For their power is in their mouth and in their tails; for their tails are like serpents, having heads; and with them they do harm.*
20 *But the rest of mankind, who were not killed by these plagues, did not repent of the works of their hands, that they should not worship demons, and idols of gold, silver, brass, stone, and wood, which can neither see nor hear nor walk.*
21 *And they did not repent of their murders or their sorceries or their sexual immorality or their thefts.*

- ***SADLY - They Don't Repent***

  - ***They DO NOT REPENT***

    - A Most Interesting Portion of Scripture

      - Under JUDGMENT

      - Server SUFFERING

        - One would think they would repent – BUT……
    - Shows us the HARDNESS of man heart

- ***1. Murders***
    - ***Their HEARTS are STILL FILLED with MURDER***
        - Today…this is becoming more and more prominent
            - It tragic to hear and see all the murders
    - ***The murder of unborn children – millions***
        - Source: Google
        - Hitler was responsible for an estimated 11-17 million people murdered
        - Democratic Party and their support, promotion and celebration of abortion are responsible for over 63 million babies murdered in the womb
        - It's NOT being POLITICAL it's standing up against EVIL
        - NOTE - Estimates **over 100 million**

- ***2. Demons = Sorceries***
    - ***Involvement with Occultic Practices***
        - Horoscopes
        - Palm Reading
        - Astrology
        - Tarot Cards
        - Witchcraft

- ***DRUGS***
  - Sorceries
    - ***Greek:* φάρμακος pharmakos**
    - Medicine, potion, drug" (cf. English "pharmacy")
  - Drug Use
    - Is widespread
    - An estimated 44.6 million Americans aged 12 and older have a drug problem
    - Overdose Deaths in 2025 69,973 drug overdose deaths
    - Only about 1 in 6 individuals who require substance use treatment actually receive it
    - Worldwide drug use totals roughly 331 million people
    - North America leads globally in cannabis prevalence (20.5%), and accounts for over 99% of seized fentanyl and synthetic opioids globally.
    - Global cocaine manufacture in South America reached 4,100 tons in 2024 (a more than fourfold increase since 2014)

- ***3. Idols = Materialism***
  - ***What is an Idol***
    - Anything that is worship above God
      - Made with Hands
      - Relationships

- Money
- Materialism
- Wealth – Success
- SELF

- ***4. Sexual Immorality***
  - ***Sexual Immorality***
    - Greek: Porneia
    - Means:
      - Is the root word of the English word "pornography"
      - It is a general term describing sexual sin of every KIND
      - Including fornication, adultery, rape, and homosexuality
  - ***Indescribable sexual perversions will be running rampant in that day.***
    - The revenue for Porn in 2025 - $10 billion and $15 billion annually
      - This is NO longer just a man problem
    - This Sin Captures and controls lives
    - **Show PIC**

- ***4. Thefts***
  - ***Socialism - Communism – STEAL THE MOST***

- How they acquire private assets, redistribute wealth, and restructure economic ownership
- Marx would use CLASS Warfare
    - Tax the Billionaires
    - **Show Video**

Closing

- Jesus is COMING SOON
    - Be Ready
    - Be About His Business / Share your faith
    - Be Encouraged