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INTRODUCTION

1. Rejoice in rediscovery of LBC & doctrinal reformation. Doctrinal error is terrifying - 5th trmpt Rv 9:1-11 torment of confusion & delusion
2. 6th trmpt - Rv 9:12-21. intensification of final 3 trmpts [*woes*]. 5th trmpt: swarm of locusts; 6th trmpt: army of war-horses.

1st: Here We Go With Another Woe - v12

1. *1st woe is past* - sequence of Jn's visions, not historical chronology
2. *Woes* = prophetic denunciation of impending jdgmnt [Isa 5; Hab 2; Mat 24]
3. Trmpts concern jdgmnt: last 3 focus on demons - deceive into idolatry to incur wrath in Lake of Fire [Mat 25:41].
4. Judgments becoming more intense.

2nd: Four Murderous Demons are Unleashed on Mankind - v13-15

1. Jn hears & sees. **v13** - hears *a voice* that commands *release 4 angels*.
 - i. Whose *voice*? Originates - *from altar wh/ is before God*.
 - ii. Martyr's prayer - 6:10-11 also - 8:3-4 prayers of the church: *saints*
 - iii. Worship as a battle strategy.
2. **v14**- *release 4 angels - are bound* [9:1-3]; *at the great river Euphrates*
 - i. Location from wh/ Israel is attacked [Isa, Jer, Ezek, Joel]; border w/ pagan nations wh/ entice to idolatry [persecution & seduction]
 - ii. Rv 7:1 - jdgmnt restrained - 144K sealed, the jdgmnt resumes on those w/o seal of God - 9:4 hurt [v10], now killed
3. #4 => global; *horns* [v13] = might. Global - *mankind*. Sent from *before God*
4. **v15**- A prior restraint is removed: the time has arrived [*hr, day, month*] [Hab 2:2-4; Eccl 3:1]
5. Yet demons are restrained: *wld kill 1/3 mankind* => an intensification - 9:5
 - i. Spiritual or physical death or both?

ii. *kill* in Rv = physical [2:23; 6:4; 9:18,20; 11:5-7; 13:10,15] Rv 6:7-8

iii. Murder the total man: physically, spiritually, eternally.

6. Whereas the 4th hrsmn slew 1/4 - now increases to 1/3: intensified. Heb 2:14

3rd: A Demonic Cavalry of Hellish Horsemen - v16-19

1. v16 - deduce: the 4 angel/demons direct *armies of horse-men*: cavalry. The number: *twice ten thousand times ten thousand* [ESV] - 2 x 10,000 x 10,000
2. v17-19 - Jn focuses on war-horse = demonic beings [like locusts]: terrifying
 - i. Head like lion & tail like scorpion - lion's mouth & scorpion/serpent head - words of jdgmnt - poisonous words
3. A picture of hell - *fire, hyacinth* [blue] *smoke, & brimstone* [3x]: 3 *plagues*
 - i. Sodom - *fire and brimstone* [Lk 17:29]; OCov apostasy -[Dt 29:22-23]
 - ii. *brimstone* is assoc'd w/ lake of fire - hell [Rv 14:10; 19:20; 20:10; 21:8]
4. War-horses are *prepared* & given *power* [v3 authority] to *kill & do harm* [v10: *hurt*] - idea of 'unrighteousness': do wrong, injustice
5. *serpent* = Satan - Rv 12:9-15. Satan kills & deceives: church is protected
 - i. Lies of are Satan - Ps 58:3-4; Mat 23:33; 7 churches - Rv 2:23
6. 2Pt 2:1-3 see v4ff - Lord rescues - v9!

Applic #1: Is There a Correlation Between the Locusts and the War-horses?

1. Both the locusts & war-horses are demonic - symbolize jdgmnt: overlap & limited - target men who are not sealed by God.
2. War-horses intensify locusts - onslaught of deception & despair: lies

Applic #2: Do People Experience "Hell on Earth"?

1. *Fire, smoke, brimstone* = tokens of hell.

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2. What is essence of death? Punishment for sin; separation from life's unities, from God. Creation ordinances: our greatest pain & pleasure in this life. Foundational to conscience.
3. Men under wrath of Rm 1 are given a foretaste of hell

Applic #3: Are There Unsealed People Within the Visible Church?

1. What is THE foundational sin: Rm 1:25 - idolatry
2. Remember, Revelation is written to the 7 churches - warn of apostasy.
 - i. Rv 9:20-21 1Jn 5:21 *Little children, guard yourselves from idols.*
 - ii. Overcome continually repenting of idolatry & accompanying sins.
 - iii. As war-horses attack - put on the armor of God - Eph 6:11-13