

Morning Sermon September 26, 2021  
"Hellish Killer War Horses, Letting More Evil Loose"  
Revelation 9:13-21

I. This army has been held back, waiting for this time, to bring about increased judgment of the ungodly –

<sup>13</sup> Then the sixth angel sounded: And I heard a voice from the four horns of the golden altar which is before God, <sup>14</sup> saying to the sixth angel who had the trumpet, "Release the four angels who are bound at the great river Euphrates." Revelation 9:13–14 (NKJV)

1. Not good angels, but fallen angels, I say that, because these angels are "bound" like prisoners, at the great river Euphrates –
2. Now, these fallen angels maybe evil, but they are employed for God's purposes, judgment of the wicked -
  - A. It is the sixth angel / connected with the sixth trumpet, that sounds - Revelation 9:13 A <sup>13</sup> Then the sixth angel sounded:
  - B. And the voice commanding the release is from the "golden altar" - the golden altar which is before God – Revelation 9:14 B

II. The army is spiritual, hellish and probably demonic, but they are real physical world killers –

1. These four angels were prepared, just as salvation has been planned, so has damnation, this is a fearful thing -

<sup>15</sup> 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. Revelation 9:15 (NKJV)

- A. God does not have His nice angels do His dirty work, they announce the birth of Jesus Christ – Luke 2, they answer Daniel's prayers – Daniel 9 --- Evil, imprisoned, demonic, fallen angels are released to kill ...
- B. This show us demons and fallen angels are not good buddies of the ungodly –

2. They have an army with them - <sup>16</sup> Now the number of the army ... of the horsemen was two hundred million; ... Revelation 9:16

- A. It is a huge army - two hundred million;
- B. A confirmed number - I heard the number of them. Revelation 9:16
- C. Horsemen – means the horses are directed, they have a purpose –
- D. Purpose was to kill a third of mankind (the third is either a literal or symbolic 1/3) either way it is a tremendous real number of people killed! This is starting God's judgment

3. The horses in this demonic army are equipped with an extreme ability to kill –

A. They are horses, consider weapons of war, ready for battle –

<sup>19</sup> "Have you given the horse strength? Have you clothed his neck with thunder? <sup>20</sup> Can you frighten him like a locust? His majestic snorting strikes terror. <sup>21</sup> He paws in the valley, and rejoices in his strength; He gallops into the clash of arms. <sup>22</sup> He mocks at fear, and is not frightened; Nor does he turn back from the sword. <sup>23</sup> The quiver rattles against him, The glittering spear and javelin. <sup>24</sup> He devours the distance with fierceness and rage; Nor does he come to a halt because the trumpet has sounded. <sup>25</sup> At the blast of the trumpet he says, 'Aha!' He smells the battle from afar, The thunder of captains and shouting. Job 39:19–25 (NKJV)

B. Their riders are decorated with breastplates which have the colors of fire and or hell -

<sup>17</sup> And thus I saw the horses in the vision: those who sat on them had breastplates of fiery red, hyacinth blue, and sulfur yellow;... Revelation 9:17 A (NKJV)

C. The horse's heads are like lions, fierce predators and fire comes out of their mouths -

and the heads of the horses were like the heads of lions; and out of their mouths came fire, smoke, and brimstone. Revelation 9:17 B

- E. Fire causes extreme pain; fire is a characteristic of hell –
- F. Smoke makes it hard to see, hard to breathe, causes confusion
- G. Brimstone, stinks, is poisonous –

D. By these “plagues” referring to the fire, smoke and brimstone that comes from the demonic horses’ mouths 1/3 of mankind is killed -

<sup>18</sup> 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. Revelation 9:19 (NKJV)

E. Add to this killing power their tails which are like serpents –

<sup>19</sup> 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. Revelation 9:15-19

III. *What are these horses? Or what do they represent?*

1. Definitely not ordinary horses, not with heads of lions and tails like serpents, breathing deadly smoke, fire and brimstone ...
2. They are almost certain spiritual and invisible and yet how are their actions manifest in the world?

War – fire from the mouth? Disease – the fire, smoke and brimstone are called - **three plagues** a third of mankind was killed

Maybe they are a combination of things war, fighting murder --- fire, confusion, insanity, suicide --- smoke ---- disease, famine, poison – the brimstone – serpent tales ... but what they do is clear, they KILL!

IV. *How do men who observe these things, who survive, respond?*

<sup>20</sup> 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. <sup>21</sup> And they did not repent of their murders or their sorceries or their sexual immorality or their thefts. Revelation 9:20–21 (NKJV)

1. They do not repent, they still:
  - A. Worship demons

- B. Idols of gold, silver, brass, stone and wood
- C. They still murder, rely on sorcery, and commit sexual immorality and theft –

2. Belshazzar had the example of the humbling of his father / grandfather Nebuchadnezzar in his history and yet still he did not repent but –

<sup>4</sup> They drank wine, and praised the gods of gold and silver, bronze and iron, wood and stone. Daniel 5:4 (NKJV)

3. For him there was writing on the wall – Daniel 5:5–6 (NKJV)

<sup>5</sup> In the same hour the fingers of a man’s hand appeared and wrote opposite the lampstand on the plaster of the wall of the king’s palace; and the king saw the part of the hand that wrote. <sup>6</sup> Then the king’s countenance changed, and his thoughts troubled him, so that the joints of his hips were loosened and his knees knocked against each other.

4. These hellish murder horses seem to be a kind of writing on the wall for an ungodly group, but there does not seem to be any knee – knocking; rather they say “let’s not let a crisis go to waste” and they figure how to use it for their political advantage, to continue their murders or their sorceries or their sexual immorality or their thefts... Revelation 9:21 B

V. *But God’s goodness should lead us to repentance –*

<sup>4</sup> Or do you despise the riches of His goodness, forbearance, and longsuffering, not knowing that the goodness of God leads you to repentance? Romans 2:4 (NKJV)

1. Goodness or ill, all works together for good for God’s people – Romans 8:28-29
2. Yet, the same sunshine and rain that makes flowers grow causes manure to stink! These people do not learn from a calamity to turn and cry to God for salvation – Matthew 5:3-6, but the sin all the more!
3. Let us turn to Christ, Who took our hell and punishment upon Himself on the cross –

<sup>21</sup> For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him. 2 Corinthians 5:21 (NKJV)

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