

Summit Woods Baptist Church  
Sermon Study Equipping Class

Revelation 9:13-21

Remember to begin your study early in the week so that you have time to really think (and keep thinking) about the passage without being rushed.

❖ Day 1

Read Revelation 9:13-21.

For these lessons, the sermon text is provided in a format that visually helps display the structure of the paragraph or section of text. The main verbs are underlined. Commands are double-underlined. Generally, the main indicative clauses remain to the left, and the other clauses are either directly underneath when they have equal priority to what comes before, or are tabbed to the right when the clause supports, develops, or draws a conclusion from a neighboring clause.

<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>one saying to the sixth angel  
who had the trumpet,  
“Release the four angels  
who are bound at the great river Euphrates.”

<sup>15</sup>And the four angels,  
who had been prepared for the hour  
and day  
and month  
and year,  
were released,  
so that they would kill a third of mankind.

<sup>16</sup>The number of the armies of the horsemen was two hundred million;  
I heard the number of them.

<sup>17</sup>And this is how I saw in the vision the horses and those who sat on them:  
the riders had breastplates the color of fire  
and of hyacinth  
and of brimstone;  
and the heads of the horses are like the heads of lions;  
and out of their mouths proceed fire  
and smoke  
and brimstone.

<sup>18</sup>A third of mankind was killed by these three plagues,  
by the fire  
and the smoke  
and the brimstone  
which proceeded out of their mouths.

<sup>19</sup>For the power of the horses is in their mouths and in their tails;  
for their tails are like serpents  
and have heads,  
and with them they do harm.

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<sup>20</sup>The rest of mankind,  
    who were not killed by these plagues,  
did not repent of the works of their hands,  
    so as not to worship demons,  
                            and the idols of gold  
                            and of silver  
                            and of brass  
                            and of stone  
                            and of wood,  
                                    which can neither see  
  nor hear  
  nor walk;

<sup>21</sup>and they did not repent of their murders  
                            nor of their sorceries  
                            nor of their immorality  
                            nor of their thefts.

1. John says this is the sixth angel. Who are these angels? What has been different about this angel and the fifth one?
2. What is the golden altar? (Cf. Rev. 6:9, 8:3-5, 14:18, 14:18, and 16:7) How does it connect to the sixth trumpet?
3. What two things identify the four angels in verses 14-15?
4. What is implied by the fact that the four angels are bound?

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5. What is significant about the Euphrates river? (Consider consulting a study Bible for help)
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
6. What does the timing details of verse 15 tell us about God's sovereign plans?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
7. Why was the sixth angel supposed to release these four bound angels?

❖ Day 2

Read Revelation 9:13-21 again.

8. Verse 16 shifts from the four angels to armies of horsemen. What is the connection between these two groups?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
9. Why does John add the fact that he heard the number of the horsemen?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
10. How are the riders described in verse 17?

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11. How are the horses described in verses 17 and 19?

12. What are the three plagues of verse 18? Where do these plagues come from?

13. How do these horsemen compare to the locusts from the fifth trumpet?

14. How do those who survive the plagues respond in verse 20 and 21?

15. What do the people worship? How many people worship them?

16. Why might demons be mentioned first alongside the long description of idols in verse 20?

17. How do these idols compare to God?

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❖ Day 3

Read Revelation 9:13-21 again.

18. What do these idols tell us about the ones who worship them?

19. What sins do the people commit in verse 21?

20. What is the relationship between verses 20 and 21?

21. What does the response of the rest of mankind teach us about man's sinfulness?

22. What does the response of the rest of mankind teach us about God's mercy?

23. How would you summarize this passage in 21 words or less?

In preparation for Sunday, pray for those you know who are lost and in need of God's radical regeneration of their sinful hearts. Pray in light of God's present and long-suffering mercy, and thank Him for the mercy He showed on you even while you were under such condemnation.