

# THE UNVEILING OF JESUS CHRIST

"Hell On Earth"

## Revelation 9:1-12

### INTRODUCTION:

1. The Bible presents hell as a literal place people try to avoid it.
  - a) Hell is a place designed to punish those who lived in rebellion against God while on earth and people avoid the subject.
2. Nobody can make something not true simply by denying it.
3. **Chapter 9** of Revelation gives us a glimpse into the horrors of hell.
4. **WOW!!!! HELL IS TOO LONG TO BE WRONG**
5. **Revelation 5:1-5**
  - a) The 1<sup>st</sup> Seal - 6:1-2
  - b) The 2<sup>nd</sup> Seal - 6:3-4
  - c) The 3<sup>rd</sup> Seal - 6:5-6
  - d) The 4<sup>th</sup> Seal - 6:7-8
  - e) The 5<sup>th</sup> Seal - 6:9-11
  - f) The 6<sup>th</sup> Seal - 6:12-17                      "When God Shakes the Earth"
6. **Chapter 7** is a Parenthetical Chapter - "*Revival in the Tribulation*"
7. **Chapter 8:1-13**
  - a) Here we have the opening of the 7<sup>th</sup> Seal - Contains the 7 Trumpet Judgments.
  - b) Chapter 8 describes the first 4 Trumpet Judgments.
8. At the end of chapter 8, @ the conclusion of the 4<sup>th</sup> Trumpet Judgment.
  - a) **Vs 13**
    - 1) "*woe, woe, woe to those who dwell on the earth*"
  - b) After the 4<sup>th</sup> Trumpet Judgment it gets worse.

### 9. *Revelation 9:1-12*

## I. A STAR FALLEN FROM HEAVEN

### 1. *Revelation 9:1a*

a) "I saw a star fallen from heaven to earth"

2. This "unnamed" personality who falls to earth in the 5<sup>th</sup> Trumpet Judgment is Satan himself.

a) *Isaiah 14:12-15*

- 1) *Luke 10:18*
- b) *Revelation 12:7-9*

## II. UNLOCKING THE ABYSS

### 1. Revelation 9:1b

- a) *"and he was given the key to the shaft of the bottomless pit."*
  - 1) *"pit"* - literally the pit of the abyss,
  - 2) *Gk. - Abussos* (bottomless) appears 7 times in Revelation and always in reference to the abode of incarcerated demons.

### 2. Revelation 9:2a

- a) *"He (Satan) opened the shaft of the bottomless pit"*
  - 1) For the purpose of letting all the demons chained in hell go out upon the earth in force.

## A. A PLACE HATED BY DEMONS

### 1. Revelation 9:2b

- a) When the shaft was opened smoke billowed forth out of it.

### 2. *Luke 8:26-33*

- a) So if the demons begged Jesus not to send them to the pit, how bad must it be?

### 3. *Jude 6*

### 4. *Matthew 25:41*

## B. A PLACE WHERE JESUS PREACHED

### 1. *1 Peter 3:18-19*

2. Jesus preached in the Abyss between His death and resurrection.

3. What did He preach?

- a) Jesus preached VICTORY over death, hell, and the grave!!

## C. A PLACE CONTROLLED BY JESUS

### 1. *Vs 1*

2. Cf. *Revelation 1:18*

3. **WOW!!** Part of the judgment God is bringing on the earth is this unleashed demonic power in the second half of the Tribulation.

### III. THE POWER OF THE PIT

1. Vs 3

2. Jesus speaks of hell as a place where the fire never goes out.

a) *Mark 9:48*

b) *Luke 3:17*

3. Vs 4a

a) These locusts were NOT to hurt the vegetation of the earth.

4. Vs 4b

a) *"but only those who do not have the seal of God on their foreheads."*

5. Vs 5-6

#### A. WHAT DEMONS LOOK LIKE

1. They are Powerful

a) Vs 7a

1) *"like horses prepared for battle"*

2. They anticipate Victory

a) Vs 7b

1) *"on their heads were what looked like crowns of gold"*

2) *"crowns" - stepanos = a Victors crown*

3. They are Intelligent

a) Vs 7c

1) *"Their faces were like human faces"*

b) These creatures are intelligent, rational and highly organized forces of evil.

4. They are Seductive

a) Vs 8a

1) *"their hair like a woman's hair"*

b) *1 Corinthians 11:15a*

1) *"If a woman have long hair it is a glory to her"*

5. They are Fierce

a) V 8b

1) *"their teeth like lions teeth"*

b) They're fierce and able to tear their victims apart.

6. They are Invulnerable

a) Vs 9a

1) *"They had breastplates like breastplates of iron."*

b) The only person who could defeat them was Christ Himself.

7. They were Intimidating

a) Vs 9b

1) *"and the noise of their wings was like the noise of many chariots with horses rushing into battle".*

B. THEIR MISSION IS TO HURT PEOPLE

1. Their Sting is Painful

a) Vs 10a

1) *"They have tails and stings like scorpions"*

2. Their Pain is Extended

a) Vs 10b

1) *"and their power to hurt people for 5 months is in their tails"*

3. Their Attack is Targeted

a) 9:4

b) Not the 144,000 Jewish evangelists.

c) Jew and Gentile believers are excluded.

d) *Revelation 22:4*

4. Their Torment is not Lethal

a) 9:6

b) Many will seek death as a way of escape and death will escape them.

IV. THE PRINCE OF THE PIT

1. Vs 11

CONCLUSION

1. *Matthew 25:41*