Series "Jesus Unveiled" "Hell On Earth" Revelation 9:1-12 Part-19

John 8:44

Key Verse Of Revelation: Revelation 1:19 – the book has 3 parts:

- 1. "Things which you have seen" Rev. 1 Vision of the coming of Jesus.
- 2. "The things which are" Rev. 2-3 7 Churches.
- 3. "The Things which shall take place after these things" Rev. 4-22.

Revelation 4-5 - Heavenly Scenes

Rev 6-19 – The Tribulation – Consists Of 3 Sets Of Judgments.

Thought Of Our Passage: The Fifth Trumpet Produces Demonic Torment Upon Men, But Men Would Rather Kill Themselves Than Repent.

- 1. Verses 1-2 Demonic Origin
- 2. Verses 3-6 Demonic Torments
- 3. Verses 7-12 Demonic Description

1. Verses 1-2 - Demonic Origin:

Revelation 9:1

"Then" – We are studying the 2nd great set of Judgments, The Trumpet Judgments.

Revelation 8 - Trumpet Judgments

1st Trumpet – 1/3 of trees and grass burned up.

2nd Trumpet – 1/3 of sea poisoned, 1/3 of sea creatures die, 1/3 of ships destroyed.

3rd Trumpet – 1/3 of rivers & springs polluted – men die.

4th Trumpet – 1/3 of Sun, Moon & Stars darkened...

Revelation 8:13

"Woe" - "to some great calamity, usually a judgment by God."

John 3:36

"Star" – can be used two different ways – used of a physical star, Revelation 8:12, or intelligent creature, Revelation 1:20 – Ministers. This star is intelligent – "the key of the bottomless pit was given to him."

"had fallen," — This is past tense, "dropped"; John did not watch the star fall, it had already fallen.

Isaiah 14:12-17

Luke 10:17-18

Satan Kicked Out Of Heaven In The Middle Of The Tribulation: Revelation 12:9.

"and the key of the bottomless pit was given to him." – Rev.1:18 – Satan will be incarcerated in this same place for 1000 years, Revelation 20:3.

Hell, The Place Of Incarcerated Demons: "bottomless pit" – Greek "abyssos"; 7X in Revelation (literally – "shaft, boundless, bottomless") – Hell; Luke 16:19-31 describes it: A place of torment. 2 Peter 2:4

Luke 8:31

Matthew 11:23

Annihilationism – is the belief that unbelievers will not experience an eternity of suffering in hell, but will instead be "extinguished" after death. Matthew 25:46

Universalism – Sooner or later, all people will be saved. Matthew 13:30

Purgatory – Catholic Doctrine – Those not holy enough to go to heaven must go to a holding place to burn off venial sins. By the good works of those alive, prayers and masses, your time can be cut short. Hebrews 10:14

Reincarnation – means "come again in the flesh"; The idea of continual rebirths, until the soul has reached a state of perfection and merges back with its source God or universal soul.

Hebrews 9:27

Revelation 9:2

"he opened the bottomless pit" – "Abyss", 7X in Revelation; "Shaft of the abyss".

OT Example Of Hell In The Rebellion Of Korah: Numbers 16:31-33

"And he opened the bottomless pit" – Satan is going to "jail break his demons".

"smoke" - speaks of "the judgment of God".

Hell Has Existed Since The Fall Of Satan: Matthew 25:41

2. Verses 3-6 - Demonic Torments:

Revelation 9:3

"Then out of the smoke came locusts up on the earth;" – 8th Plague, Exodus 10:12.

"and power was given them, as the scorpions of the earth have power."

Verses 4-5 – Demonic Limitations: Revelation 9:4.

"but only the men who do not have the seal of God on their foreheads."

Revelation 7:3-8 - 144,000 Jews that had been sealed by God during the tribulation. 2 Timothy 2:19

Revelation 9:5

"And they were not permitted to kill anyone," – Demons are given limited authority.

Luke 22:31-32

"but to torment" – a term used in connection with demons. 2 Corinthians 12:7

"for five months;" – that's how long locusts usually live.

"and their torment was <u>like</u> the torment of a scorpion when it stings a man."

It is clear that these are demonic and not just locusts: Revelation 9:11.

Revelation 9:6

"death flees from them." - Literally, "death keeps running from them."

3. Verses 7-12 – Demonic Description:

Revelation 9:7

"The appearance of the locusts was <u>like</u>" – ("Like", 10X in the passage)

War-like: "was like horses prepared for battle;" – Formation; there is an order to their attacks. Ephesians 6:12

Victorious: "and on their heads, <u>appeared to be</u> crowns <u>like</u> gold," – Victor's crown, unstoppable, all conquering.

Intelligent: "and their faces were <u>like</u> the faces of men."

Revelation 9:8

Seductive: "hair like hair of women" – woman's glory is her hair, (Faces of Men) seductive attraction.

Fierce: "teeth were like the teeth of lions." – Lions teeth tear and destroy.

Revelation 9:9

Invincible: "They had breastplates like breastplates of iron;"

Inescapable: "and the sound of their wings was like the sound of chariots, of many horses rushing to battle."

Verse 10 – Injurious: Revelation 9:10.

The Demonic Mission Is To Hurt People! They want to inflict pain!

Revelation 9:11

"They have as king over them," - Proverbs 30:27

"the angel of the abyss;" – bottomless pit – abyssos – hell.

"his name in <u>Hebrew</u> (Satan rules over ungodly Jews) is Abaddon" – Destroyer, destruction, to destroy – foretaste of Hell.

"and in the <u>Greek</u> (Satan rules over ungodly Gentiles) he has the name Apollyon." – Destroyer, destruction.

Revelation 9:12

"The first woe is past;" – that is Trumpet #5.

Application:

- 1. God Uses The Torments Of Demons To Expose The True Character Of The Wicked. The Same Method Was Used On Job To Expose The True Character Of The Righteous: Do I Identify With The Righteous Or Unrighteous?
- 2. The Human Heart Is So Wicked That When Faced With Demonic Torment, Men Would Rather Kill Themselves Than Repent: Am I Willing To Repent When God Exposes My Sin?