

Guide & Record of your thoughts

5/2/2010 Week 18 - Revelation 9:13-21

Following the Message:

1. (9:13, 14) Formerly, the very image of His Mercy (the golden altar), God now uses to initiate vengeance.

2. (9:13,14) The four angels who had been bound at the great river are demons (fallen). Holy angels would have had no reason to be restrained.

3. (9:13, 14) God's actions are not accidental. They are planned precisely in time; definite hour of a definite day of a definite month of a definite year. Definitively!

4. (9:15) The purpose for the release of these demons is so that they will kill one-third of the earth's population. This judgment in combination with the judgment of the 4th seal brings the death toll to more than 1/2 of the earth's population

5. (9:15) Repeated emphasis throughout the judgments on numbers demonstrates these are controlled judgments, not mere natural disasters.

6. (9:16) The invading army led by the four released fallen angels consists of two hundred million demons. (not humans)

7. (9:17, 18) The source of killing is not from the riders, but from the demon horses. They kill three ways: 1) with fire, and with smoke and brimstone which asphyxiates those on earth.

8) (9:20, 21) Even after all these seal and trumpet judgments, most of mankind will not repent. This is an amazing display of just how hard the heart of man can be.

9. (9:20, 21) John lists five sins representative of the defiance of those who refuse to repent. Mankind continues to be deluded by Satanic deception which is evidenced by:

- idolatry (see I Corinthians 2:11)
- theft
- murder
- immorality
- sorceries which means "the use of drugs"

Greek words used today:

Revelation 9:14 (bound); **deo**, deh'-o; to bind:-be in bonds, tie, wind

Revelation 9:15 (released); **luo**, loo'-o; to "loosen" literal:- break (up), destroy, (un-) loose

Revelation 9:15 (kill); **apokteino**, ap-ok-ti'-no; (to slay); to kill outright; figurative to destroy.

Reflecting on the Text

Reflect on Isaiah 46:9-11 remembering the former things long past. There is no other God, and His purposes will be established according to His good pleasure. He has spoken and will bring to pass His plans using whatever means He wants.

Principles from Revelation 9

- Satan is real
- God is in control
- Man is depraved (Romans 3:10-11; Psalm 14:1-3; 53:1-4)
- God's judgment is real (Isaiah 28:21)
- Scripture is supernatural (2 Timothy 3:16-17)
- Death is inevitable (Hebrews 9:27)
- Hell is certain (Matthew 25:41)

Are there areas (behaviors or attitudes) in my life that I refuse to address and therefore exhibit similar hardness of the heart like those mentioned in Revelation 9:21?