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Revelation 8:13-9:12

[13] Then I looked, and I heard an eagle crying with a loud voice as it flew directly overhead, "Woe, woe, woe to those who dwell on the earth, at the blasts of the other trumpets that the three angels are about to blow!"

[1] And the fifth angel blew his trumpet, and I saw a star fallen from heaven to earth, and he was given the key to the shaft of the bottomless pit. [2] He opened the shaft of the bottomless pit, and from the shaft rose smoke like the smoke of a great furnace, and the sun and the air were darkened with the smoke from the shaft. [3] Then from the smoke came locusts on the earth, and they were given power like the power of scorpions of the earth. [4] They were told not to harm the grass of the earth or any green plant or any tree, but only those people who do not have the seal of God on their foreheads. [5] They were allowed to torment them for five months, but not to kill them, and their torment was like the torment of a scorpion when it stings someone. [6] And in those days people will seek death and will not find it. They will long to die, but death will flee from them.

[7] In appearance the locusts were like horses prepared for battle: on their heads were what looked like crowns of gold; their faces were like human faces, [8] their hair like women's hair, and their teeth like lions' teeth; [9] they had breastplates like breastplates of iron, and the noise of their wings was like the noise of many chariots with horses rushing into battle. [10] They have tails and stings like scorpions, and their power to hurt people for five months is in their tails. [11] They have as king over them the angel of the bottomless pit. His name in Hebrew is Abaddon, and in Greek he is called Apollyon. [12] The first woe has passed; behold, two woes are still to come.

Sermon Outline:

1. The Eagles' Pronouncement (8:13)
2. The Fifth Trumpet (9:1)
3. The Demonic Locust Horde (9:2-6)
4. The Description of the Locusts (9:7-12)

Life Group Leader Notes:





- Do you remember Hal Lindsay's book *The Late Great Planet Earth* or the *Left Behind* series? Are you familiar with the modern interpretations of the locusts as attack helicopters? What are some of the main lessons that you have learned in this current sermon series in the book of Revelation?

- We see in this text that demons are bent on destroying life. Though they often present themselves to humans in an appealing or attractive way, their goal has always been the destruction of life. Pastor Scott referenced the story of the demoniac in Mark chapter 5 who was possessed by a legion of demons. Do you see the same type of demon-inspired destruction of human life in our modern world?

- Jesus is greater than our enemy's destruction. We saw this in Mark 5 when he cast the demons into the herd of pigs and restored the man to life. Where is Christ's power over demons evident in the book of Revelation? How would this have encouraged the original audience? How does this encourage you?

- One of the shocking features of this text is that the earth dwellers willingly worship the same demons who were torturing them. Sin blinds us to this reality. Was there a time in your life when you wholly gave yourself to an idol that sought your destruction? How did Jesus rescue you from that?

- In this chapter, the earth dwellers longed for death to take them so they could avoid the severity of God's wrath. Compare this with Paul who longed for death to be with the Lord. Has Jesus changed the way that you think about death? Do you long to depart to be with Christ?

- Pastor Scott has preached through 25 books of the New Testament at Alliance Bible Fellowship. This is his 26th. He said this past Sunday that this is the most difficult book he has preached, not simply for the variety of interpretations, but for the severity of God's wrath that is presented. Are you grasping the severity of this book? How are you responding?

