

“Sounding the Trumpet of War”

Revelation 9:13

Intro:

- * Talk about sounding trumpets in the Old Testament.
- * Talk about the phrase, “sound the trumpet for war”
- * This is what is happening in the sounding of the 2nd Trumpet (Woe).

Reflecting on the Word: What do we see in the sounding of the trumpet for war?

1. The Release (9:13-15)

13 Then the sixth angel sounded, and I heard a voice from the four horns of the golden altar which is before God,--- **Numbers 10:1-10; Exodus 30:2-10; Hebrews 9:1-4, 24; Revelation 8:3**

14 one saying to the sixth angel who had the trumpet, “Release the four angels who are bound at the great river Euphrates.”---**Revelation 7:1**

15 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.---**Revelation 8:7**

2. The Riders (9:16-17)

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

17 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.---

Revelation 14:10; 19:20; 20:10; 21:8; Daniel 11:40-45

3. The Ravage (9:18-19)

18 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.

19 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.

4. The Response (9:20-21)

20 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;---**Deuteronomy 4:28; Jeremiah 1:16; Micah 5:13; Acts 7:41; Psalm 115:4-7; 135:15-17; Daniel 5:23**

21 and they did not repent of their murders nor of their sorceries nor of their immorality nor of their thefts.---**Isaiah 47:9; Revelation 17:2, 4-5; 18:23; 21:8; 22:15; Galatians 5:20**

Revelation 9:13-21

Word Studies

Trumpet: Metal trumpet

Release: To free or grant freedom to, free from confinement or some service; Aorist Imperative Active

Bound: To be or become secured or confined by a restraint

Angels: A supernatural being created by God to serve Him

Prepared: To be made or become ready (state, suitable or equipped in advance for a particular purpose or for some use or event; Perfect Participle Passive

Released: To be or become not in confinement; Aorist Indicative Passive

Kill: To put to death or cause to die usually intentionally or knowingly; Present Subjunctive Active

Saw: To perceive by sight or have the power to perceive by sight; Aorist Indicative Active

Vision: A religious or mystical experience of a supernatural appearance (that imparts a message) often in dreams;

Had: To bear or wear or to have on one's person; Present Participle Active

Fire: Fiery red, reddish color similar to that of fire emitted from burning wood (probably tinged orange)

Hyacinth: Of a dark reddish or bluish color as of a zircon or the flower hyacinth

Brimstone: Of or related to or containing sulfur or derived from sulfur; sulfurous

Proceed: To move out of or depart from; Present Indicative Middle/Passive

Brimstone: An abundant, tasteless, odorless, yellow, crystalloid element found especially in volcanic regions; when burned in air it emits a blue flame and releases poisonous noxious fumes

Plagues: Calamity, blow, an event resulting in great loss and misfortune understood as a physical blow

Power: Authority or power to right to give orders or make decisions

Serpents: Any of various kinds of elongated limbless reptiles moving about on their stomachs

Do Harm: To cause or do harm; Present Indicative Active

Repent: To reconsider (repent) or have a change of self (heart and mind) that abandons former dispositions and results in a new self, new behavior and regret over former behavior and dispositions;
Aorist Indicative Active

Worship: To worship, conceived of as bowing down to a deity; Future Indicative Active

Demons: A created supernatural being rebellious and hostile to God and anyone allied with Him

Idols: A pagan and material effigy that is worshiped as a representation or in lieu of a deity

Sorceries: Sorcery especially exercised through the mixture of substances to make potions, especially used in poison making

Immorality: Sexual acts that are morally objectionable especially related to prostitution

Thefts: That act of taking something from someone unlawfully