

Revelation 9:1-12 | David Chadwick | April 21, 2024

Happy 5-year Anniversary MOHC!

Today's Message: The Greatest Prison Break Ever!

A 7-Year judgment from God on this sinful world continues:

- 7 Seal Judgments
- 7 Trumpet Judgments (the first four we looked at last week)
 - 1. Land
 - 2. Sea
 - 3. Fresh Water
 - 4. Heavenly bodies (moon, sun, stars)

Before studying **The 5th Trumpet Judgment** you need to first understand the enemy:

Isaiah 14:12-15

12 "How you are fallen from heaven,
 O Day Star, son of Dawn!
 How you are cut down to the ground,
 you who laid the nations low!

13 You said in your heart,
 'I will ascend to heaven;
 above the stars of God
 I will set my throne on high;
 I will sit on the mount of assembly
 in the far reaches of the north;

14 I will ascend above the heights of the clouds;
 I will make myself like the Most High.'

15 But you are brought down to Sheol,
 to the far reaches of the pit.

• Satan's desire: to have Jesus's place in heaven

Revelation 12:9-10

9 And the great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world—he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him. **10** And I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, "Now the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ have come, for the accuser of our brothers has been thrown down, who accuses them day and night before our God.

- Satan has access to heaven and earth: In heaven, he accuses us
- His demons are in "heavenlies" and earth to tempt US
- Some fallen angels in prison

Genesis 6:2-4

2 the sons of God saw that the daughters of man were attractive. And they took as their wives any they chose. 3 Then the Lord said, "My Spirit shall not abide in man forever, for he is flesh: his days shall be 120 years." 4 The Nephilim were on the earth in those days, and also afterward, when the sons of God came in to the daughters of man and they bore children to them. These were the mighty men who were of old, the men of renown.

2 Peter 2:4

For if God did not spare angels when they sinned, but cast them into hell and committed them to chains of gloomy darkness to be kept until the judgment;

Jude 1:6-7

6 And the angels who did not stay within their own position of authority, but left their proper dwelling, he has kept in eternal chains under gloomy darkness until the judgment of the great day— **7** just as Sodom and Gomorrah and the surrounding cities, which likewise indulged in sexual immorality and pursued unnatural desire, serve as an example by undergoing a punishment of eternal fire.

Matthew 8:28-31

28 And when he came to the other side, to the country of the Gadarenes, two demon-possessed men met him, coming out of the tombs, so fierce that no one could pass that way. 29 And behold, they cried out, "What have you to do with us, O Son of God? Have you come here to torment us before the time?" 30 Now a herd of many pigs was feeding at some distance from them. 31 And

the demons begged him, saying, "If you cast us out, send us away into the herd of pigs."

Some, especially Godless angels, are chained in the Great Abyss.

THE FIFTH TRUMPET JUDGMENT: The Greatest Prison Break Ever!

Revelation 9:1-12

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.

1. We are in a war

2. Which side are you on?

- 3. You can't be neutral
- 4. You must decide today
- 5. Support MOHC
- 6. Find your gift. Give your life away.

A Quick Review of MOHC:

Our Mission: For God's glory, to make disciples of all the nations who know Jesus, grow in Jesus, and go for Jesus.

Our Five-year Vision (Commenced on April 21, 2019):

To plant 1,000 churches in unreached people's groups around the world

- As of April 21, 2024: MOHC has planted almost 1,000 churches around the world! (in Nepal, Lebanon, India, China, North Africa, Armenia, Iran, North Korea, Sudan, Turkey, Syria, Yemen)
- Also includes **Jesus Online** (there have been 2 million all over the world coming to faith in Jesus this past year alone!)

To form relationships with nine different vulnerable, underserved areas in Charlotte and help them in areas of feeding, reading, healing, etc.

- As of April 21, 2024, this has happened:
- 1. Neighborhood Hope (Eastside)
- 2. Camino (North)
- 3. Faith, Hope, and Love (Southwest)
- 4. Christ Resurrection Church / A Better World (Westside)
- 5. Learning Help Centers (Southwest)
- 6. Progressive Baptist Church (Westside)
- 7. Dream Center (Westside)
- 8. West Blvd. Ministry (Westside)
- 9. Providence Square (Southeast)
- It's now called the **City of Hope**

To have a special heart for these areas of concern (local and global):

- 1. Abortion
- 2. Foster care
- 3. Human trafficking
- 4. Prison ministries
- 5. Teen evangelism
- 6. Food, hunger, and clothing
- 7. Overcoming addiction
- As of April 21, 2024, this has happened!

Our Values (Hagios):

- 1. Humble
- 2. Authentic
- 3. Generous
- 4. Innovative
- 5. Outreach
- 6. Simple

Equipping you, the saints, to do the ministry (Ephesians 4:11-12)

What is our next 5-year vision? Stay tuned!

What about our permanent home?

One Final Thought: What the devil meant for evil, God meant for good!

Genesis 50:20

20 As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today.