

## **CMPC Sermon Notes**

**Series:** Revelation: Strength for Today, Hope for Tomorrow

**Text:** Revelation 8:13-9:21

**Message:** *The Trumpet Sounds and Hardened Hearts (2)*

### **The Eagle cry: Woe, Woe, Woe, 8.13**

#### **The fifth trumpet blast**

- The Fallen Angel, cf. Luke 10.18; Revelation 9.11
- Abaddon and Apollyon: both mean the destroyer
- The Abyss/Bottomless Pit, 9.1-11
- God is in control over those in the abyss
- Their king is the destroyer
- The Smoke

#### **The Locusts: Demons**

- Note 7-10
  - Like horses, v, 7, 9, cf. Joel 2.3-5, 10
  - Exodus' 8<sup>th</sup> plague 8, Exodus 10.14-15: nothing left
- Spiritual warfare in view: demons cannot eat the crops which would be their normal thing
- How do "locusts" attack the unsealed?
  - May not kill... only hurt
  - Inner pain, despair, confusion, bitterness, conflict
  - Those who dwell on the earth are unbelievers or the unsealed
- Satan tortures his own! Some reward!
  - The price of sin
- Five months- limited
- Deathwish

#### **The Sixth Trumpet, 13-19**

- The four angels- demons
  - The four angels order from chapter 7 holding back the wind is rescinded.
- The River Euphrates
- Held back... But Prepared/eager/ready
  - God's permission
- 1/3 to die
- Two million troops
  - Don't look for modern war instruments – these are intended to be hideous
- Failure to repent

#### **Hardened Hearts, 20-21**

- Demon methodology revealed
- No repentance of works
- No repentance of demon worship and idols
- No repentance
  - Murder, abortion, etc.
  - Sorceries, idolatries
  - Sexual immorality- denial of God's creation
  - Theft
- Note Ten Commandments here
- Their hearts are hard

#### **So What About Us?**

- Doomed world/growing kingdom
- Using us to grow his kingdom
  - A counter-cultural church
  - Showing the world something different
  - Spiritual weapons: love, truth, prayer, gracious lifestyle
- We must show the gospel to share the gospel
- Carl Truman: "Cultural protest" – *The church protests the wider culture by offering a true vision of what it means to be a human being made in the image of God.*
- Second century church- same challenge as today
  - Being who we are
  - Still fought abortion and infanticide
- Strength to play the long game: the Lord's Table