

Briefing Document: "Invasion of Demons-Lesson 7"

June 29, 2025

This briefing document summarizes the main themes and most important ideas presented in the "Invasion of Demons Lesson 7" sermon delivered on June 29, 2025. The sermon focuses on interpreting Revelation Chapter 9, specifically the release of 200 million demons, the significance of the Golden Altar, and the unrepentant nature of mankind during the Tribulation.

I. The Sixth Trumpet: Second Release of Demons and Unimaginable Devastation

The core of the sermon centers on the sounding of the sixth trumpet in Revelation 9:13-21, which signifies a new, more destructive phase of the Tribulation.

- **200 Million Demons Unleashed:** Following an initial release of tormenting demons earlier in Chapter 9, the sixth trumpet unleashes a "second release of demons, 200 million more demons released." These are not holy angels but "fallen angels" who have been "bound for a very long time," their binding being their "normal condition."
- **Purpose: To Kill a Third of Mankind:** Unlike the first wave of demons that brought torment, these 200 million demons are specifically "released to kill a third of mankind." The speaker emphasizes that this power is granted by God, who "prepared them for the hour, the day, the month, and the year."
- **Visual Description of the Demonic Army:** John's vision describes these demons as "horsemen" with "breastplates of fiery red, hyacinth blue, and sulfur yellow," and "heads of the horses were like the heads of lions." Crucially, "out of their mouths came fire, smoke, and brimstone," which are the means by which "a third of mankind was killed." This depicts a "slaughter of people" unimaginable in scale, with the speaker speculating on the logistical challenges of disposing of such a massive number of bodies.
- **Escalating Judgments:** The sermon reiterates a recurring theme in Revelation: judgments start slowly but "as they get closer to the end, they come quicker and they're larger and more devastating." This release of 200 million killer demons is a stark illustration of this escalation.

II. The Shifting Significance of the Golden Altar

A significant portion of the lesson is dedicated to explaining the symbolism and evolving role of the Golden Altar in Revelation.

- **From Mercy and Grace to Vengeance and Judgment:** The Golden Altar, historically a place of "mercy" and "grace" based on sacrifice (symbolized by the bringing of fiery coals from the brazen altar, representing Christ's sacrifice, to the altar of incense), undergoes a dramatic transformation in Revelation.
- **Chapter 6:** It becomes an "altar of vengeance," where martyred saints cry out for God to "avenge our blood on those who dwell on the earth."
- **Chapters 8 & 9:** It further transforms into an "altar of judgment," where "violence takes place as angels throw down the sensor" (filled with fire from the altar) to unleash "terrible things upon the face of the earth."
- **Implication for Mankind:** This transformation signifies a "horrible time in human history when the altar of mercy and the altar of grace has been turned in an essence into an altar of vengeance, judgment, terror." The speaker states, "God's appointed way of salvation has been totally and finally rejected by mankind," although he clarifies that "there will still be salvations throughout the tribulation period."

III. The Euphrates River Valley: A Focal Point of Evil

The sermon connects the binding of these specific demons to the historical and spiritual significance of the Euphrates River.

- **Origin of Evil:** The Euphrates is identified as a geographical locus of evil, tracing back to:
- **Garden of Eden (Genesis 2):** Near the Euphrates, "sin began," the "first lie was told," and the "first murder was committed."
- **Tower of Babel:** The river is linked to "the Tower of Babel" where "all the false religions of the world came from one location." The speaker states, "pagan religion was born" there and "is still headquartered to this very day." Examples of religions originating from Babel include "Islam, Hinduism, Sikhism, Buddhism, Confucianism, Daoism, Shinto, Shamanism, animism and on and on and on."
- **Historical Powers:** The region has been home to "some of the world's greatest powers" like the Babylonians and Assyrians, noted for their "vicious" nature.
- **Eastern Boundary of Promised Land:** The Euphrates also represents "the eastern boundary of the nation Israel," a promised territory that Israel "only settled in one piece" and was later "kicked out" of due to their unfaithfulness.

- **Future Battle of Armageddon:** The river plays a role in end-times prophecy, as "the nations will cross over the Euphrates River valley as they go to confront Israel" at "Megiddo," the site of the prophesied Battle of Armageddon.
- **Divine Restraint and Release:** The speaker emphasizes that God "has held these demons in captivity for this future time," and their release from this historically evil region is part of God's plan to "punish humanity."

IV. Mankind's Unrepentant Hardheartedness

A key theme, particularly in the latter part of the sermon, is the persistent refusal of humanity to repent, even in the face of escalating divine judgment.

- **No Repentance Despite Catastrophe:** After a third of mankind is killed, "the rest of mankind who was not killed... did not repent of the works of their hands that they should not worship demons and idols of gold, silver, brass, stone, and wood... and they did not repent of their murders or their sorceries or their sexual immorality or their thefts."
- **Futility of Delaying Salvation:** The speaker issues a "most severe warning in scripture" against those who "think there's not an urgency about coming to Christ that you might be able to figure out the truth when you're in the tribulation." He argues that during this period, individuals might be "among those who have no capacity it appears to repent," becoming "so hardhearted that they cannot come to Christ."
- **Continued Gospel Preaching:** Despite the widespread unrepentance, the gospel "was still being preached" during this time, through groups like the "144,000," the "two witnesses," and an "angel flying around in heaven presenting the gospel to people." This highlights that while God offers forgiveness, people still choose to reject it.
- **Escalation of Judgment Due to Unrepentance:** The sermon concludes by stating that the "judgments continue to escalate" because people "still won't repent." Future judgments, like the "bold judgments" and the "greatest earthquake in the history of the world," will further demonstrate mankind's stubborn refusal to turn to God.

V. Miscellaneous Points & Church Announcements

The sermon also includes various church-related announcements and informal discussions.

- **Church Logistics:** The lesson began with an announcement that the main teaching could not proceed due to low attendance, prompting a temporary break for food and a planned return.
- **Memory Verse:** Psalm 26:1 ("Vindicate me O Lord for I have walked in my integrity and I have trusted in the Lord without wavering") is the June memory verse.
- **Events:** Announcements include a women's retreat in Prescott, Arizona (September, \$75 deposit by July 30, balance by August 15), elders' meeting (tomorrow at 6 PM), "We Care Pregnancy" help, Lord's Supper and baptism next Sunday (Aubrey Moon to be baptized), and a men's breakfast on the 12th.
- **Independence Day:** A reminder to "make sure you're safe this coming holiday."
- **Political Commentary:** The speaker notes that "Christian organizations" like "Intercessors for America" have "a lot of access in the White House to Christian organizations coming in and praying" with "President Trump and Caroline Levit and some of the other cabinet members." He observes, "sometimes our president doesn't act like much of a Christian, but he does have God on his mind."
- **Prayer Requests:** Requests included "rain" and prayers for "leaders," "our church," and "the spirit of the Lord to continue to bless us."
- **Personnel Needs:** A need for a church pianist is mentioned.
- **Personal Anecdotes:** The speaker shares a humorous anecdote about getting lost in his sermon earlier that morning and a memory of Christian school homecoming kings and queens wearing "Burger King hats." He also recalls a past experience with a principal using a "paddle" with "drilled holes."
- **State of Christianity:** The speaker cites Billy Graham's estimate that "60% of the people in church... were not saved." He laments that "more and more people in this country have fallen away from God" and that the US is "much more non-Christian today than we've ever been." He also warns that "some of the largest revivals are taking place with the cults," which he sees as "preparation for end times."