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| **Grant Street Baptist Church** | **Sermon Notes** |
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Title: *“You Aint Seen Nothing Yet”*

Scripture: Revelation 9:1-21, 11:15-19

Message: **1.** **The Fifth Trumpet** *(9:1-12)*

1The fifth angel sounded his trumpet, and I saw a star (Satan) that had fallen from the sky to the earth (Satan will be cast down from the atmosphere, down to the earth during the Great Tribulation Period). The star was given the key to the shaft of the Abyss (the pit where God has held billions of fallen angels (demons) were imprisoned after Satan was cast out of Heaven…Satan will be allowed to free these demons physical presence). 2When he opened the Abyss, smoke rose from it like the smoke from a gigantic furnace (the smoke symbolizes the vileness, corruption and destruction of these demonic beings). The sun and sky were darkened by the smoke from the Abyss (the smoke literally hides the light from the sun as the smoke billows out of the abyss). 3And out of the smoke locusts came down on the earth (the hordes of demons were referred to as locusts by John, but these were not insects…they will have the destructive nature like locusts did in the land of Palestine) and were given power like that of scorpions of the earth (the sting of the scorpion was the most painful thing that a man in Bible days could imagine…these demons are empowered by Satan to inflict indescribably pain on mankind during this period of the Great Tribulation). 4They were told not to harm the grass of the earth or any plant or tree (God’s judgment had already come to the physical creation, now the judgment is only upon mankind), but only those people who did not have the seal of God on their foreheads (those left behind that were not the 144,000 Jews or those that accepted Christ during the Tribulation). 5They were not allowed to kill them but only to torture them for five months (the waters of the flood in Genesis was upon the earth for 5 months, 5 months was the length of time God judged Palestine with locust during the plagues…5 months does show that God limits the time of their destructive power, God is still in control even during judgment). And the agony they suffered was like that of the sting of a scorpion when it strikes (the torture will be terrible pain that these demons will afflict upon mankind). 6During those days people will seek death but will not find it; they will long to die, but death will elude them (God doesn’t allow anyone to die, because death would be a relief from His judgment). 7The locusts looked like horses prepared for battle (John saw them like an army making war against all humanity). On their heads they wore something like crowns of gold (appeared as if they would be victorious, but John reminds us they are not because God only gives them 5 months to reign), and their faces resembled human faces (these demons have the intelligence of humanity). 8Their hair was like women’s hair (they are able to seduce the masses of lost humanity not seeing them as they actually are, blinded to the truth), and their teeth were like lions’ teeth (savage beasts on the inside). 9They had breastplates like breastplates of iron (they are indestructible during this period), and the sound of their wings was like the thundering of many horses and chariots rushing into battle (reminded John of the massive armies with their chariots as they roar across the land conquering). 10They had tails with stingers, like scorpions, and in their tails they had power to torment people for five months (again refers to their ability to torment and afflict pain on mankind). 11They had as king over them the angel of the Abyss, whose name in Hebrew is Abaddon and in Greek is Apollyon (that is, Destroyer) (these demons were organized into a massive army with a commander in chief over them that’s not Satan, but a high ranking fallen angel selected by Satan). 12The first woe is past; two other woes are yet to come.

 **2. The Sixth Trumpet** *(9:13-21)*

13The sixth angel sounded his trumpet, and I heard a voice coming from the four horns of the golden altar (the altar of sacrifice) that is before God. 14It said to the sixth angel who had the trumpet, “Release the four angels who are bound at the great river Euphrates.” (these are not holy angels, but fallen angels [demons] “bound” by God in the river Euphrates) 15And the four angels who had been kept ready for this very hour and day and month and year (these demons hold in their hands this terrible power of destruction at the exact time of God’s plan) were released to kill a third of mankind (when they are released they are allowed to kill 1/3 of humanity at this period of the Great Tribulation). 16The number of the mounted troops was twice ten thousand times ten thousand. I heard their number (these demons had an army of 200 million demons). 17The horses and riders I saw in my vision looked like this: Their breastplates were fiery red, dark blue, and yellow as sulfur. The heads of the horses resembled the heads of lions (they are ferocious), and out of their mouths came fire, smoke and sulfur (elements of hell). 18A third of mankind was killed by the three plagues of fire, smoke and sulfur that came out of their mouths (with this period of death, God has now allowed ½ of the earth’s total population to die during the Great Tribulation). 19The power of the horses was in their mouths and in their tails; for their tails were like snakes, having heads with which they inflict injury. 20The rest of mankind who were not killed by these plagues (this refers to those who have survived the catastrophes of the Great Tribulation…the other ½ of the earth’s total population) still did not repent (in spite of all that is going on, they still do not turn from their wickedness) of the work of their hands; they did not stop worshiping demons, and idols of gold, silver, bronze, stone and wood—idols that cannot see or hear or walk. 21Nor did they repent of their murders, their magic arts, their sexual immorality or their thefts. (this ½ of the earth’s population left are now violent people with little regard for human life, heavily involved in drugs, illicit sexual intercourse (marriage means nothing now), no regard for personal property)

 **3. The Seventh Trumpet** *(11:15-19)*

15The seventh angel sounded his trumpet, and there were loud voices in heaven (when the 7th seal was broken there was silence in Heaven, when the 7th trumpet sounds there will be a party of great praise in Heaven), which said: “The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Messiah, and he will reign forever and ever.” (the 7th trumpet reveals the announcement of the establishment of the Millennial kingdom of Christ on earth…this is the climax of the entire book of the Revelation…here Jesus accepts His kingdom from God the Father…there is a sense of excitement, victory is in the air) 16And the twenty-four elders, who were seated on their thrones before God, fell on their faces and worshiped God, 17saying: “We give thanks to you, Lord God Almighty, the One who is and who was, because you have taken your great power and have begun to reign (Jesus has had this power all the time, but now exercises it to take control). 18The nations (those that have not been destroyed yet…1/2 of the population) were angry, and your wrath has come (the nations are angry because their kingdom has been overthrown and God’s wrath is coming…they hate the rule of God over their lives). The time has come for judging the dead (the Great White Throne judgment [Revelation 20:11-12]), and for rewarding your servants the prophets and your people who revere your name, both great and small (no one who has served God will be forgotten, all will be rewarded)—and for destroying those who destroy the earth (the wicked have plundered the earth…they have taken from it all they can get, and left it to waste…God will one day destroy those who have destroyed His world at the Great White Throne judgment).” 19Then God’s temple in heaven was opened, and within his temple was seen the ark of his covenant. And there came flashes of lightning, rumblings, peals of thunder, an earthquake and a severe hailstorm (symbols of judgment…in chapter eight the earthquake was added as the intensity of the judgments increase…now a severe hailstorm is mentioned that the judgments are intensifying as we progress through the Great Tribulation Period).

Application:

* You Aint Seen Nothing Yet
* 5th Trumpet: Demons to inflict so much pain you want to die, but God doesn’t allow the relief of death
* 6th Trumpet: Demons to then be released to kill another 1/3 of the population, now ½ of the population from the beginning of the Great Tribulation has died
* 7th Trumpet: Heaven breaks out in a party as Jesus is formally given His Kingdom, Earth is angry because they hate the rule of God over their lives