

I. Introduction

Review of key points from last Sunday's sermon:

The smoke rising from the Abyss (v.2)

→ Loss of spiritual discernment (Ephesians 1:17-18)

The locusts coming out of the Abyss (vv.3-5)

→ All the inner suffering caused by Satan (2 Timothy 3:1-4)

II. Main Body

Today's passage corresponds to the sixth trumpet judgment, which is the second of the three woes (v.12).

1. The Four Angels Bound at the Euphrates River (vv.13-15)

A voice came from the four horns of the altar before God

→ God works through the prayers of martyrs and saints (Revelation 6:9-10; 8:3-4)

The angels bound at the Euphrates River are evil angels (Joshua 1:4)

→ God uses evil angels to judge unbelievers

The appointed year, month, day, and hour

→ The timing of judgment known only to God

2. The Cavalry of Horses Breathing Fire, Smoke, and Sulfur That Kill One-Third of Humanity (vv.16-18)

One interpretation sees this as a literal war, especially a future World War III

Supported by many, including Dr. Park Yoon-sun, Pastor Shin Sung-jong, Pastor Lee Dong-won, etc.

Reasons to understand it as including both physical and spiritual warfare:

a. Verse 17: "In the vision..."

→ Emphasis on vision—should not be interpreted purely literally

b. Fire, smoke, and sulfur symbolize judgment

→ As seen in the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah (Genesis 19:24, 28)

The power of the horses is in their mouths and in their tails, which are like snakes and have heads (v.19)

Mouths: Fire, smoke, and sulfur come out

→ Represents all kinds of disasters and falsehoods coming from speech

Snake-like tails with heads:

→ Symbolize false ideologies, empty philosophies, and deceptive systems of thought

Professor Byun Jong-gil:

→ The devil leads people to destruction through false knowledge and ideas

Illustrations mentioned in the sermon: The death of a man in his 50s

The Norway violent incident; Cambodia's Khmer Rouge "killing fields"

Hitler's massacre of the Jews

Mass deaths caused by communist ideology

China's Cultural Revolution

We do not need to fear Satan, but we must be cautious of his deceptive schemes.

Remember that Eve fell into tragic sin after being deceived by Satan.

Be careful not to be deceived (2 Corinthians 11:3; Ephesians 5:6-9; 1 John 4:1).

3. God Who Waits for Repentance (vv.20-21)

God leaves two-thirds alive in order to lead them to repentance and salvation.

However, even after the judgment on one-third, they did not repent.

→ God desires sinners to repent and be saved (Ezekiel 18:23)

III. Conclusion

Let us live holy lives with spiritual insight, discerning the times.

Bible Memorization

A VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

“But I am afraid that just as Eve was deceived by the serpent’s cunning, your minds may somehow be led astray from your sincere and pure devotion to Christ.”
(2 Corinthians 11:3)

Bible Reading

4/20(Mon)	4/21(Tue)	4/22(Wed)	4/23(Thur)	4/24(Fri)	4/25(Sat)	4/26(Sun)
2 Samuel 13-14	2 Samuel 15-16	2 Samuel 17-18	2 Samuel 19-20	2 Samuel 21-22	2 Samuel 23-24, 1 Kings 1	1 Kings 2

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Quiet Time Passage

4/20(Mon)	4/21(Tue)	4/22(Wed)	4/23(Thur)	4/24(Fri)	4/25(Sat)	4/26(Sun)
Psalms 102:17-28	Psalms 103:1-11	Psalms 103:12-22	Psalms 104:1-9	Psalms 104:10-23	Psalms 104:24-35	Psalms 105:1-22

Sharing Questions

1. Share one new insight or grace you received through today’s sermon.

2. The horses of the 200 million cavalry have power in their mouths and in their tails like snakes with heads.
 - 1) Why is their power said to be in their mouths?
 - 2) What do the snake-like tails with heads symbolize?

3. In the sermon, the pastor explained that Satan changes people’s thoughts and ideologies before destroying them. Share one similar example from your surroundings.

4. Discuss the importance of repentance in our faith life.