

Revelation Lesson 101
The Sixth Trumpet & 2nd Woe – Part I: The Four Angels & Their Army

Revelation 9:13-16 And the sixth angel sounded, and I heard a voice from the four horns of the golden altar which is before God, 14 Saying to the sixth angel which had the trumpet, Loose the four angels which are bound in the great river Euphrates. 15 And the four angels were loosed, which were prepared for an hour, and a day, and a month, and a year, for to slay the third part of men. 16 And the number of the army of the horsemen *were* two hundred thousand thousand: and I heard the number of them.

Last time we looked at information related to the Demonic Locust's King – Abbadon or Apollyon or The Destroyer. Tonight, we shall see Satan is going to get another reinforcement army added to his active demons.....

And the sixth angel sounded, - We have arrived at the 13th Judgment sent out by God upon the world. The sixth trumpet judgment covers Revelation 9:13-21. After we conclude our examination of this Judgment there will be a lengthy “parenthetical” section which means that the information we will look at in the upcoming chapters will fill us in on information in the past and future. Then once that is completed, the narrative will resume with the seventh angel sounding in Revelation 11:15-19. So at this point in the narrative, John has been describing what he sees and hears as each angel blasts out his notes upon the Trumpet and now the sixth angel blows his Trumpet....

and I heard a voice – Some say the voice is that of an angel, the angel which had the trumpet while others say it was Christ. I believe it was Christ because he is giving a command. Gill states: In the Greek text it is, "one voice"; not the voice of many angels round about the throne, nor of the souls under the altar, but of the one and only Mediator between God and man, the Lord Jesus Christ; and this was a voice, not supplicating, but commanding, being addressed to one of his ministering spirits.

from the four horns of the golden altar which is before God, - This is the location of where the voice originated which would be from the Altar of Incense (which we've noted before) and we could conclude that Christ is standing at this point near the Altar. The reference “before God” would of course point back to God the Father sitting upon the throne.

Saying to the sixth angel which had the trumpet, - The Command is given to the 6th Trumpet Angel to relay.

Loose the four angels which are bound in the great river Euphrates. - The Command Christ gives is to “Loose” or free four angels currently bound/imprisoned underneath the Euphrates river. The Euphrates is mentioned in Genesis as being in the area of the Garden of Eden. It is 1,780 miles long and has been a source of constant history in our annals of the human race. Many wars have been fought along its shores and it has seen the rise of many evil men including the first United Nations under Nimrod in Genesis 11.

Now we wonder, who are the angels? Why are they bound? Brother D. A. Waite believes these four angels are the same ones mentioned in Revelation 7:1-2. I respectfully disagree as those 4 angels in Revelation 7 are not classified as being bound. Are there any angels besides these said to have been bound? Yes. The Genesis 6 angels God is said to have bound: Jude 1:6; 2 Peter 2:4-6 and 1 Peter 3:18-20. IF – I'm not saying they are, but IF these are some of the Genesis 6 angels, then only 4 are said to be bound. The Army with them is not said to be bound though some infer that. Regardless, the text clearly shows that these 4 angels are bound there. They would seem to be high ranking demons.

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And the four angels were loosed, - This states they were “free” but they still bound under the Lord's authority.

which were prepared for an hour, and a day, and a month, and a year, - The word prepared means to get ready. So some believe that these angels have been getting ready for thousands of years. Such is not the case for we see that they WERE PREPARED – as in PAST TENSE. They gotten ready for such an HOUR, DAY, MONTH and YEAR. So God knows the TIMING, we don't, hence why we are to WATCH AND PRAY.

for to slay the third part of men. - In Revelation Lesson 80 – where we covered the 4th Seal Judgment and the Destroyer, the angel of death – we guesstimated that a casualty list might look -897 Million (Dead) Est. from Demonic attacks leaving 1,792,133,334 (1.7 Billion) (Left);

And the number of the army of the horsemen – Always be mindful when you read the Bible concerning the NUMBER of an ARMY or FOOTMEN and or HORSEMEN. Slow down and read it carefully. I bring this up because of the word horsemen. Let's do a quick exercise in reading correctly. (SEE PAGE) 2 Samuel 10:18 and 1 Chronicles 19:18.

Please note once again we are not told that this army is bound but some believe there is an implication. Yet the CLEAR teaching of the Word of God shows that the 4 were bound.

were two hundred thousand thousand: - A thousand thousand is 1 million. Some say that this army will be an army of men. Some like J. Vernon McGee say: The size of the army is stupendous. It is numbered at 200 million. China and India and Japan could easily put that many in the field tomorrow. But this is not mere army, these are again ungainly, unsightly, unnatural creatures and thus are demonic as the Locusts were.

It has been stated in History by Herotodus that Xerxes (Ahasuerus to us in Esther) of Persian fame led his army of 1.5 million into War. America fielded some 12 million men in arms during the period of WWII! But here we see 200 MILLION!!!!? That must be one of the LARGEST armies EVER fielded into battle in our history – even if it is a demonic army.

and I heard the number of them.- John is letting us know where he got the number from – it was said. I would think he heard it from the voice, but we are not told. Again what we ARE told is that he HEARD it.