

# Midweek Bible Study

## The Sixth Trumpet: Demonic Cavalry of Deception Rev. 9:13-21

### Introduction

#### I. The Sixth Angel (13-14)

- A. Sounded – this is the pattern, “the angel trumpeted”
- B. I heard a voice from the four horns of the golden altar which is before God
  - 1. Cf. 8:1-5 and the golden censer
  - 2. The horns of the altar (Ex 27:2; 30:2-3)
  - 3. Still in the heavenly temple
- C. One saying to the sixth angel who has the trumpet, “Release the four angels who are bound at the great river Euphrates”
  - 1. Cf. 7:1
  - 2. The bound angels must be demons (Matt. 12:29; Mark 3:27; Rev. 20:2)  
\*bound = they were restrained, not allowed to do harm
  - 3. Euphrates

#### II. The Four Angels (15)

- A. who had been prepared for the hour and day and month and year
- B. were released, so that they would kill a third of mankind.
  - 1. Released reflects demons
  - 2. This is an intensification from the 5<sup>th</sup> trumpet, they wanted to die; here they do die.
  - 3. 1/3 again

#### III. The Vision of the Armies of the Horsemen (16-19)

- A. The number of the armies of the horsemen was two hundred million; I heard the number of them
- B. And this is how I saw in the vision the horses and those who sat on them:



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1. *the riders* had breastplates *the color* of fire and of hyacinth and of brimstone;
  2. and the heads of the horses are like the heads of lions;
  3. and out of their mouths proceed fire and smoke and brimstone.
- C. A third of mankind was killed by these three plagues,
1. by the fire and the smoke and the brimstone which proceeded out of their mouths.
  2. For the power of the horses is in their mouths and in their tails; for their tails are like serpents and have heads, and with them they do harm.

The reference to serpents is unmistakably connected with Satan (12:9; 20:2).

Interesting connection, Prov. 23:29-33 (cf. Deut. 32:32-33)

1 Tim. 4:1; 2 Tim. 3:1-5; cf. 2 Thess. 2:8-12

## IV. **The Rest of Mankind Did Not Repent (20-21)**

- A. The rest of mankind, who were not killed by these plagues, did not repent of the works of their hands,
- B. so as not to worship demons, and the idols of gold and of silver and of brass and of stone and of wood, which can neither see nor hear nor walk;

They refuse to turn from their idolatry, their false worship.  
Psa. 135:15-18; Isa. 44:12-20

- C. and they did not repent of their murders nor of their sorceries nor of their immorality nor of their thefts.

Mark 7:20-23; Jer. 7:5-11

Conclusion

