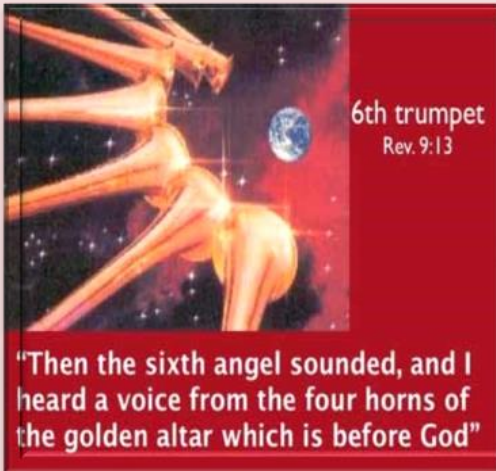


The Trumpets



REVELATION 9:13-21
KING JAMES VERSION (KJV)

The Sixth Trumpet

13 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.

17 And thus I saw the horses in the vision, and them that sat on them, having breastplates of fire, and of jacinth, and brimstone: and the heads of the horses were as the heads of lions; and out of their mouths issued fire and smoke and brimstone.

18 By these three was the third part of men killed, by the fire, and by the smoke, and by the brimstone, which issued out of their mouths.

19 For their power is in their mouth, and in their tails: for their tails were like unto serpents, and had heads, and with them they do hurt.

20 And the rest of the men which were not killed by these plagues yet repented not of the works of their hands, that they should not worship devils, and idols of gold, and silver, and brass, and stone, and of wood: which neither can see, nor hear, nor walk:

21 Neither repented they of their murders, nor of their sorceries, nor of their fornication, nor of their thefts.



9:13 A **voice** comes in response to the prayers of the saints (see 6:10; 8:2-6).

9:14,15 Loose: God controls the time and the extent of the plague. **Euphrates:** Traditionally, the eastern boundary of the people of God, and also of the Roman Empire, the Euphrates is a symbolic restraint upon the forces of evil. **Angels...were loosed**, resulting in universal spiritual warfare.

9:16-19 I heard the number: John is unable to count the **two hundred thousand thousand** of this demonic cavalry: Again, the description is intended to terrify.

[DISPENSATIONAL INTERPRETATION: Literal armies from the East move toward national Israel in preparation for the Battle of Armageddon.]

9:20,21 The purpose of **these plagues** is to lead people to repentance. The unfortunate effect is the hardening of hearts (see Ex. 8:15-19)... **be cont'd.**



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