



## The Sixth

# Trumpet Judgment

The Second **WOE**

### A Plague of Horsemen

(1/3 of mankind Killed)



Revelation 9:13-21 (NASB), <sup>13</sup> Then the sixth angel sounded, and I heard a voice from the four horns of the golden altar which is before God, <sup>14</sup> one saying to the sixth angel who had the trumpet, “Release the four angels who are bound at the great river Euphrates.” <sup>15</sup> And the four angels, who had been prepared for the hour and day and month and year, were released, so that they would kill a third of mankind. <sup>16</sup> The number of the armies of the horsemen was two hundred million; I heard the number of them. <sup>17</sup> And this is how I saw in the vision the horses and those who sat on them: *the riders* had breastplates *the color* of fire and of hyacinth and of brimstone; and the heads of the horses are like the heads of lions; and out of their mouths proceed fire and smoke and brimstone. <sup>18</sup> A third of mankind was killed by these three plagues, by the fire and the smoke and the brimstone which proceeded out of their mouths. <sup>19</sup> 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.



<sup>20</sup> The rest of mankind, who were not killed by these plagues, did not repent of the works of their hands, 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; <sup>21</sup> and they did not repent of their murders nor of their sorceries nor of their immorality nor of their thefts.



**I**n ancient times the seat of Satan's power was in the area of the Euphrates River close to where Babylon is located. Now four of Satan's angels that were once bound, are now standing in that same spot at the Euphrates River. They are the commanders of an army numbering 200,000,000 horsemen.

John saw a vision that represented a future event, it was shown to him in imagery that he understood and so he wrote down what was being shown to him. The text does not tell us where this great army comes from, only that it is an army of this size. What kind of army this is, is the subject of vast opinions and many disagreements? The only thing we are told is that an army of this size will kill 1/3 of all mankind.

### The 2nd **WOE**, Rev.9:12 - 11:14

The beginning of the second Woe is the blowing of the sixth trumpet c6:13 and covers all the trumpet judgments. It extends down through chapter ten and the Little Book given to John, and into chapter eleven, including the coming of God's two witness's c11:3-12.

#### **The Four Angels of the Euphrates River**

In this vision of John's, the four angels are not Holy angels of God, but rather demonic ones, fallen angels. And they were (at one time and probably still are) demonic influences in the countries the river touches or flows through, Turkey, Syria, Iraq and Iran. The scripture (Jude and 2 Peter) says they have been bound and kept in captivity for this purpose (v14-15). The four demonic angels are the source of the great army.

The four countries make up the geographical area of the ancient Seat of Satan. The evil and demonic Seat of Satan was first in ancient Assyria which was part of the Persian Empire. When Persia was conquered by Alexander the Great the seat was moved to Asia Minor (Turkey) and to the city of Pergamum (ref. Rev.2:12-17).

There the keepers of the Seat of Satan built a temple to honor their god Zeus; it became known as the Temple of Zeus. Today that temple is physically located in a museum in Berlin, Germany.

**The Euphrates River begins in Turkey, flows through Syria and Iraq, joins the Tigris, and then becomes the Shat al-Arab waterway, that is the border between Iraq and Iran, and empties into the Persian Gulf.**



## Supernatural or Human Army

We are only told that this army will be 200,000,000 horsemen. The reason for this army is to kill 1/3 of all men on the earth and nothing else is mentioned. There is no earthly kingdom they want, no gold or wealth to have, and no allegiance of men is sought after. Their single goal is to kill 1/3 of all mankind.

If you consider the enormous task of killing 1/3 of everyone all over the world it seems hard to imagine that a human army could do that in a reasonable length of time. They would have to fight the armies of most all nations from one end of the earth to the other, but eventually it could be done.

As of this writing the current population of the world is estimated at 7.63 billion people. One-third of that would be approximately 2,354,333,000 (2.3 billion) people, who have to die.

It would make more sense to me that the army then is as the scripture suggest a supernatural army of 200,000,000 horsemen who is unleashed by four demonic angels bound under the Euphrates River.

Whether it is a supernatural or human army that many people being killed would cause Hell to have to enlarge its self.

Isaiah 5:14 (KJV), "Therefore hell has enlarged herself, and opened her mouth without measure: and their glory, and their multitude, and their pomp, and he that rejoices, shall descend into it."



Revelation 9:20-21 NASB), <sup>20</sup> But the rest of mankind, who were not killed by these plagues, did not repent of the works of their hands, that they should not worship demons, and idols of gold, silver, brass, stone, and wood, which can neither see nor hear nor walk. <sup>21</sup> And they did not repent of their murders or their sorceries or their sexual immorality or their thefts."

For all of man's sins have come up in the face of God and scripture says about the people who survived the sixth Judgment that, "They repented not." Here we find the six sins of the tribulation period. #1 sin of idolatry, #2 sin of demon worship of idols made by hand, gold, silver, brass, stone and wood. #3 their sins of murder, #4 their sins of sorcery, #5 their sin of fornication, #6 their sin of theft.

The bad news is that 2/3rds of the world's population that survive the judgment still do not repent of their sins.



There are still eight judgments still to come.