

REVELATION CHAPTER 9

PART 2



***BLESSED IS HE THAT READETH,
AND THEY THAT HEAR
THE WORDS OF THIS PROPHECY....***

REV 9: 12-21

KJV ¹²One woe is past; and, behold, there come two woes more hereafter.

¹³And the sixth angel sounded, and I heard a voice from the four horns of the golden altar which is before God,

¹⁴Saying to the sixth angel which had the trumpet, Loose the four angels which are bound in the great river Euphrates.

¹⁵And 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.

¹⁶And 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:

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12 The first terror is past, but look, two more terrors are coming!

13 Then the sixth angel blew his trumpet, and I heard a voice speaking from the four horns of the gold altar that stands in the presence of God. 14 And the voice said to the sixth angel who held the trumpet, “Release the four angels who are bound at the great Euphrates River.” 15 Then the four angels who had been prepared for this hour and day and month and year were turned loose to kill one-third of all the people on earth. 16 I heard the size of their army, which was 200 million mounted troops. 17 And in my vision, I saw the horses and the riders sitting on them. The riders wore armor that was fiery red and dark blue and yellow. The horses had heads like lions, and fire and smoke and burning sulfur billowed from their mouths.

18 One-third of all the people on earth were killed by these three plagues—by the fire and smoke and burning sulfur that came from the mouths of the horses. 19 Their power was in their mouths and in their tails. For their tails had heads like snakes, with the power to injure people.

20 But the people who did not die in these plagues still refused to repent of their evil deeds and turn to God. They continued to worship demons and idols made of gold, silver, bronze, stone, and wood—idols that can neither see nor hear nor walk! 21 And they did not repent of their murders or their witchcraft or their sexual immorality or their thefts.

REV 9:12-21

AMP ¹²The first woe (calamity) has passed; behold, two others are yet to follow. ¹³Then the sixth angel blew [his] trumpet, and from the four horns of the golden altar which stands before God I heard a solitary voice,

¹⁴Saying to the sixth angel who had the trumpet, Liberate the four angels who are bound at the great river Euphrates.

¹⁵So the four angels who had been in readiness for that hour in the appointed day, month, and year were liberated to destroy a third of mankind.

¹⁶The number of their troops of cavalry was twice ten thousand times ten thousand (200,000,000); I heard what their number was.

17 And in [my] vision the horses and their riders appeared to me like this: the riders wore breastplates the color of fiery red and sapphire blue and sulphur (brimstone) yellow. The heads of the horses looked like lions' heads, and from their mouths there poured fire and smoke and sulphur (brimstone).

18 A third of mankind was killed by these three plagues--by the fire and the smoke and the sulphur (brimstone) that poured from the mouths of the horses.

19 For the power of the horses to do harm is in their mouths and also in their tails. Their tails are like serpents, for they have heads, and it is by means of them that they wound people.

²⁰And the rest of humanity who were not killed by these plagues even then did not repent of [the worship of] the works of their [own] hands, so as to cease paying homage to the demons and idols of gold and silver and bronze and stone and wood, which can neither see nor hear nor move.

²¹And they did not repent of their murders or their practice of magic (sorceries) or their sexual vice or their thefts.



Satan's fall from Heaven

Satan took a third of God's angels when he fell from Heaven. God bound them in the Euphrates River. They have been waiting for their "time", and now it is here. The anger and hatred that have been bound up in them is going to be unleashed. It is not that God wants to punish anyone. He has given the people chance after chance to repent – which means a change of heart, mind and will, yet they still would not do it. Now God's judgment is evident. Remember, the purpose of judgment is to bring repentance, but as we will see they would not repent.

The worst is yet to come.

One woe is past. Behold, still two more woes are coming after these things.

Voice: The voice commanding the 6th angel is probably God ordering an angel. This is the 6th of the 7 angels who stand before God's throne..

Four horns The golden altar is the altar before the throne of God referred to in Revelation 8:3. The coals from the altar were combined with incense which represented the prayers of the saints.

Four angels bound

These four angels are part of the host of angels who rebelled against God following the fall of Satan. These are four commanding angels, who will command a demonic force of demons or men possessed by demons numbering 200,000,000. These fallen angels are no friend of man. They want to take as many men to Hell as possible. Here, they are given the opportunity to do their work, by killing 1/3 of humanity. Angels work on command structure much like the angelic realms.

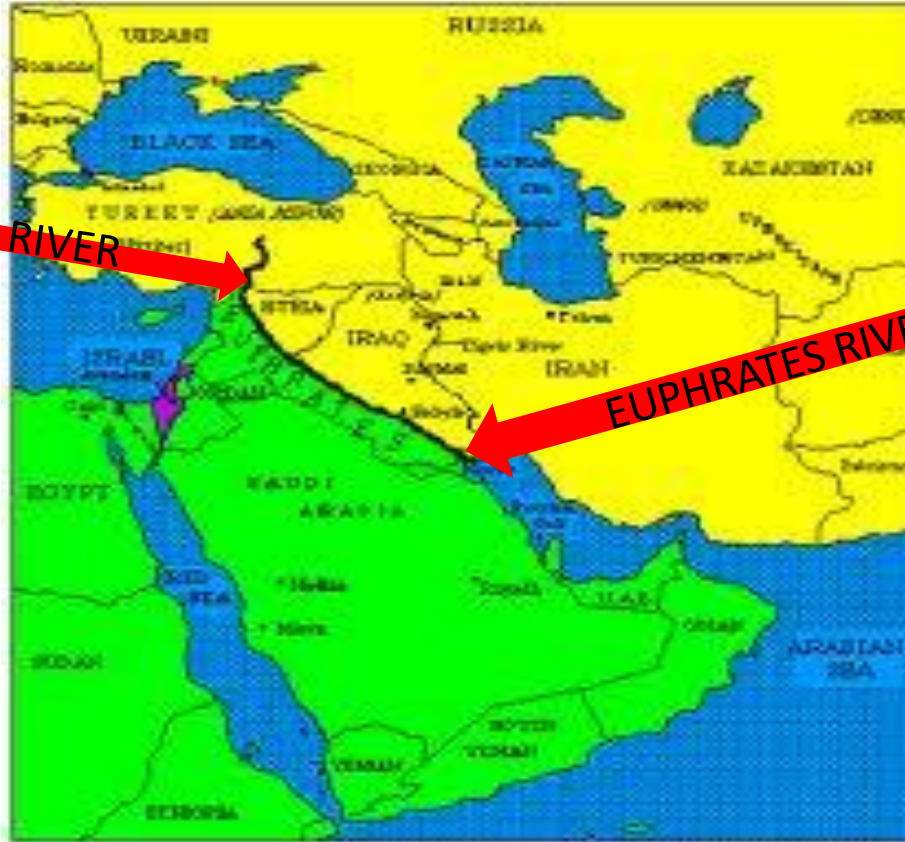


The Sixth Trumpet

Euphrates When these angels first rebelled against God at the creation, they were held for the day of judgment. They are finally to be released to take command of demonic force of fallen creatures.

The **Euphrates river** has always been a very strategic area both militarily and spiritually. Along the “First” Euphrates river, was the **Garden of Eden**. After the flood, man as one tribe settled near the river and began construction of the **tower of Babel**, only to be scattered throughout the earth. On the Euphrates river was the greatest city of the ancient world, the **city of Babylon**. The capital city of the Neo-Babylonian kingdom of Nebuchadnezzar. The Euphrates river was the eastern end of the Roman Empire.

On the Euphrates, in the city of Baghdad, was where the Caliphates (Successors) of Islam located the center of their power. And on the Euphrates, the city of Babylon will one day be rebuilt. (Revelation 18).



Third of mankind During the 4 seals $\frac{1}{4}$ of the Earth population is killed. Many more die before we reach the 6th trumpet. However, the 6th Trumpet judgment alone, kills $\frac{1}{3}$ of the earth's remaining population. If the earth's population is 7 billion at the start of the 7 years tribulation then one quarter or 1.7 billion die in the opening of the first four seals. Here in the 6th trumpet, another 1.7 billion die from the 200 million forces. These 200 million demonic warriors, must in some way urge humanity toward war. Causing a continuation of hostilities in the first half of the tribulation to continue, leading to $\frac{1}{3}$ of humanity death.

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| China | 230,687,692 |
| India | 201,901,331 |
| United States | 53,966,241 |
| Indonesia | 41,579,317 |
| Brazil | 34,466,007 |
| Pakistan | 30,358,829 |
| Bangladesh | 27,398,172 |
| Nigeria | 25,566,545 |
| Russia | 24,304,000 |
| Japan | 22,437,800 |
| Total | 1,174,393,175 |

Daniel indicates the hostility towards the Antichrist will arise from the North and East.

Daniel 11;44-45

44 "But news from the east and the north shall trouble him; therefore he shall go out with great fury to destroy and annihilate many. 45 "And he shall plant the tents of his palace between the seas and the glorious holy mountain; yet he shall come to his end, and no one will help him.

16 Now the number of the army of the horsemen was two hundred million; *I heard the number of them.* **17** And thus *I saw the horses in the vision:* those who sat on them had breastplates of fiery red, hyacinth blue, and sulfur yellow; and the heads of the horses were like the heads of lions; and out of their mouths came fire, smoke, and brimstone.

Army ...horsemen

After the sixth trumpet blast, four angels are loosed that are bound in the Euphrates River. This prophecy gives the number of the horsemen (cavalry men) that will now be allowed to pass to the east of the Euphrates to kill one third of men. The number John said he heard was two hundred million. There never was a time when such an army was possible before this generation.

Today such an army could come from the East; there are now more than three billion people east of the Euphrates River. The CIA fact book of the year 2004 said that China alone has more than two hundred million military fit men.

Abortion and infanticide of female children in China in this generation will create a disposable surplus of over one hundred million adult men who will have no chance for marriage and a normal family life. To a lesser extent for much the same reason there will also be surpluses of men in other countries of the Far East. It is as if these men were born for a special time to fulfill this prophecy. That is exactly what the wording of this passage implies. There will be enough adult men to make up this army from just the surplus males of military age that will exist in China and other Far-East nations by 2025 2030 AD.

Some commentators think that this is an army of demons. In all cases, demons seek to possess bodies so a reasonable compromise is that two hundred million demons will come out of the pit and possess, and control this two hundred million-man army. This army will cross the Euphrates and come into the Middle East and the West. This army will kill one third of all men that survived the previous disasters on the earth. By the time the prior judgments and this second woe is completed over half of the world's population will be dead.

Some commentators are hung up on the word horsemen thinking that all the men would have to be riding horses. Since these believe it is not possible to assemble two hundred million horses, they dredge up demons that look like men on horses. More likely, the wording simply means the leaders are mounted on horses or the men travel on something mobile (i.e. military vehicles).

Plagues The 1/3 of man is killed by the fire, smoke and brimstone. Indicating the potential of another nuclear war, taking place in the earth. Literally the words used in Daniel 11:44, “Great Fury” Iwdg *Gadowl hmx Chemah* meaning with “Great heat” many will be exterminated.

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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.

The description in this passage is probably only supernatural in the sense that angels were loosed for a specific time to allow this to happen and that demons are now free to deceive and inhabit those who dwell on the earth. The entire wording of this judgment makes it a strong possibility of a great all out world war between the West and the East.

The fire that comes out of the mouths of the horsemen could very well be every modern weapon of warfare like tanks, and artillery. The tails like serpents that had heads that did harm sound exactly like modern rockets and bombs with warheads. This will be an all out world war using nuclear, chemical and biological warfare and billions will die.

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:

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Even after mankind uses all the weapons of warfare they made with their own hands against one another they still will not repent of the works of their hands.

Five specific sins are given that men refused to give up and repent.

- 1. Idolatry** The who did not die up to this time will be forced to submit, the system the Antichrist will set up to control the world economies.
- 2. Murder...and violence were the same sins where God judged the Earth in Noah's day**
- 3. Sorceries... (farmakeiva *Pharmakeia*)** The word for pharmacy is derived from this word. Drugs will play a role in spiritual seduction of mankind.
- 4. Sexual immorality...(porneiva *Porneia*)** The pace of sexual sins is increasing and lines being crossed that were unthinkable 10 years ago. Print, Television, Satellite and the Internet have removed any barriers to limits. Homosexual marriage is fast approaching the nations of the world.
- 5. Thefts** With all the dead there will be an a great quantity to steal

Instead of trusting in God to save them, they trust and worship the created instead of the Creator. Most of the East will still pray to statues that represent Buddha or countless other demon gods. Instead of obeying God's servants on earth, they will follow doctrines given by demons. Instead of coming to God to be changed and to be given a new heart they will continue in their insane practices. Instead of worshiping the God of heaven, they will now worship the image of the Beast possessed by Satan.

Because the world did not want to believe the truth, they will now be given a lie and they will accept Satan's counterfeit savior and his counterfeit kingdom (2Th 2:11). This deception happens because these still love to murder, use drugs, commit adultery and steal. They love evil and that is why they will not receive the truth and be saved.

How sad the God that made man is despised. To go through all they do and not see the light, when they are given chance after chance. Let us give the light out while we can to a dark and dying world.