

THE BLAST OF THE SIXTH TRUMPET: DEMONIC-LIKE MILITARY HORSEMEN

Rev. 9:12-21

Study #20

INTRODUCTION:

- 1. Whenever a trumpet sounded, destruction fell upon the earth as judgment from God.**
- 2. The first four trumpets brought disaster upon nature destroying much of the sea life, vegetation, water supply and commerce.**
- 3. The last three trumpets will bring about harm to unbelieving mankind. The judgments are called "woe judgments" for there will be so much horror to mankind.**
- 4. The sixth trumpet will sound and will cause death to millions of unbelievers.**

I. FOUR FALLEN ANGELS ARE SET LOOSE

1. They are loosed by command from God at the altar where the multitude of martyrs are standing. Their prayers are mixed with God's judgment and God is now answering their prayers about justice.
2. The angels have been bound at the great river Euphrates. Satan first tempted and overthrew man there in the Garden of Eden. The first sin of man was there. The first murder was there. It was the western boundary of the promised land that God promised to Abraham. It is a significant place.
3. The four angels are loosed to bring judgment upon the unbelieving multitude.
-One third of the unbelieving human race will die because of the millions of believers that have been slaughtered.
4. God has already set the time for this judgment to fall. The exact year, month, day and hour is already fixed. It will happen!

II. A GREAT ARMY WILL BE DIRECTED BY THE FALLEN ANGELS

1. There will be two hundred million in their army. All fallen angels. This world has never seen such an army.
2. They will be indestructible and nothing man can do will stop or injure them.
3. Their appearance will be horrifying. Their horses will add to the terror:
 - heads like lions (ferocious, fierce, cruel, consuming)
 - mouths that spit fire (hellish, fiery nature, angry and wrathful)
 - will kill one third of unbelieving mankind by fire, smoke, brimstone (explosive?)
 - power will be in their mouths, heads and tails (speech, thoughts, deadly)

III. GOD HAS A PURPOSE FOR THIS JUDGMENT

1. It is still God's desire to save all who would believe. Judgment will come upon every single unbeliever and mercy and salvation will come to all who will turn to God.
2. The ungodly survivors still will not repent and turn to God. Two thirds of humanity will survive, only because God is merciful. God NEVER delights in the death of the wicked.
3. There will be an enormous increase and intensification of evil in the last days.
 - An increase in the worship of evil spirits and of idols. (Fallen angels will be behind much of the false worship.)
 - The antichrist will cause the world to worship him and all who won't will be put to death.
4. There will be an increase in Murder. Multitudes of believers will be murdered - slaughtered because they will refuse to deny Jesus Christ as Lord and God.
5. There will be an increase in Sorcery. Sorcery includes all kinds of witchcraft, use of drugs, anything to gain control over the lives of others. Astrology, palm reading,, seances, fortune telling, crystals, etc. God forbids all of this.
6. There will be an increase in Immorality. All forms of immoral and sexual acts.
 - Pre-marital sex and adultery, abnormal sex, all kinds of sexual vice.
7. There will be an increase in Stealing. Taking anything wrongfully from another person.

CONCLUSION

1. This is the beginning of loss of life in the judgments of God.
2. The believers will be protected from God's judgments and the unbelievers will still have an opportunity to be saved.
3. The description of the demonic army brings out much imagination on our part as we try to picture what John describes. Some have thought of helicopters, atomic warfare and the like as what John actually saw. The fact is, WE WON'T BE HERE TO SEE WILL WE?
4. Remember, with all the judgments falling on those who deserve God's worst judgments, they will still be saved and welcomed into God's heaven IF THEY WOULD ONLY REPENT AND TURN TO THE LORD JESUS.