

“The Sixth Trumpet: Demonic Horses and Man’s Refusal to Repent”
Revelation 9:13-21

Last Sunday: The Fifth Trumpet: Demonic Locusts from the Bottomless Pit (First Woe)

Today: The Sixth Trumpet: Demonic Horses and Man’s Refusal to Repent (Second Woe)

Three Introductory Points:

1. Could the demon locusts be modern technology?
2. Could aliens in some way be related to demons?
3. Can a person’s practice open the door for demons?

OUTLINE

9:13-19, The Sixth Trumpet (Second Woe)

9:20-21, Man’s Refusal to Repent

Overview of the Sixth Trumpet from the four views:

1. Preterist (***past***): The end of ***Jerusalem’s fall*** in AD 70
 - a. 200 million mounted troops (demonic horses?)
 - i. Not a literal number but a large Roman army stationed by the river
 - ii. ***Dt. 28:63***, “As the Lord took delight in doing you good and multiplying you, so the Lord will take delight in bringing ruin upon you and destroying you. And you shall be plucked off the land that you are entering to take possession of it.”
 - b. Unrepentant sins? The sins that the Jews committed up to the fall of Jerusalem on Sept. 8, AD 70 (destroying food supplies, cannibalism, executing their own, etc.)
2. Historicist (***timeline***): ***Turkish invasion*** of the West and Constantinople’s fall in 1453
 - a. 200 million mounted troops (demonic horses?)
 - i. Not a literal number but a large Turkish army invading
 - b. Unrepentant sins? The sins that the Roman Catholic Church committed: killing the Albigenses and Waldensians, the immorality of the popes, selling indulgences
3. Idealist (***spiritual***): This is a picture of ***demonic forces*** unleashed upon the earth.
 - a. 200 million mounted troops (demonic horses?)
 - i. Not a literal number but a large Parthian army or the armies of all wars?
 - b. Unrepentant sins? Some of the sins of humanity
4. Futurist (***future***): This is an unprecedented time of judgment against unrepentant humanity in ***a seven-year Tribulation***.
 - a. 200 million mounted troops (demonic horses?)
 - i. A literal (or symbolic) number of demons (or humans)
 - b. Unrepentant sins? Highly practiced sins of humanity at the very end of the age

9:14/ The great river Euphrates:

1. The northeast boundary of Israel (the Promised Land)
2. The eastern boundary of the Roman Empire

9:19/ “For the power of the horses is in their mouths and in their tails, for their tails are like serpents with heads, and by means of them they wound.”

I believe there are two types of demons in Revelation 9:

- Locusts torture; horses kill.
- Locusts are led by the Destroyer (Satan?); horses are led by four Euphrates River angels.
- Locusts have wings; horses are mounted.
- Locusts have human faces; horses have lion heads.
- Locusts have scorpion tails; horses have snake tails.

9:20/ “The works of their hands”: idols

Greg Beale, “Idols are one of the main instruments used by the forces of darkness to keep people in that darkness. Part of the Old Testament judgment of idolaters is that they ironically reflect the unspiritual image of the idols, so that they likewise are spiritually not able to see, hear, or walk. Hence, idolaters are punished by means of their own sin.” Ps. 135:18, “Those who make them become like them.”

9:21/ “Nor did they repent of their murders or their sorceries or their sexual immorality or their thefts.”

1. Murders
2. Sorceries: Φαρμακός (far-ma-kos)
3. Sexual Immorality: πορνεία (por-NAY-ah)
4. Thefts