

THE SIXTH TRUMPET JUDGMENT

Demons, Death and Defiance

Revelation 9:13-21

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REVIEW OF THE SEVEN TRUMPET JUDGMENTS

- 1 **Devastation:** One third of the earth, trees, and grass are burned (8:7)
- 2 **Destruction:** One third of the sea creatures and ships destroyed (8:8-9)
- 3 **Death:** One third of the rivers and springs poisoned (8:10-11)
- 4 **Darkness:** One third of celestial bodies darkened (8:12)
- 5 **Demons:** Five-Month torment by demons from Hell (9:1-12)



It was at the golden altar of incense that the angel offered the prayers of the saints (Rev. 8:3-5); now from this same altar a voice speaks, commanding that four angels be loosed. These angels are apparently wicked, because no holy angel would be bound. Each angel is in charge of part of the vast army that follows them at their liberation, an army of 200 million beings! The army is released at a precise time, for a special purpose: to kill (not just torment) a third of the world's population. Since a fourth of mankind has already been killed (Rev. 6:8), this means that *half of the world's population will be dead* by the time the sixth trumpet judgment is completed...some scholars call this sixth trumpet judgment, the trumpet of *Satanic Slaughter!*¹

- Dr. Warren W. Wiersbe

The Terrible Trumpet Judgments

6 The Trumpet of the Four Demons, Death and Defiance.

A. The Release of Demons

Revelation 9:13-14, NIV84 - ¹³ *The sixth angel sounded his trumpet, and I heard a voice coming from the horns of the golden altar that is before God. ¹⁴ It said to the sixth angel who had the trumpet, "Release the four angels who are bound at the great river Euphrates."*¹⁵ *And the four angels who had been kept ready for this very hour and day and month and year were released to kill a third of mankind.*

- They come from a distant land (v. 14)
- They come for a distinct period of time (v. 15)
- They come for a distinct purpose (v. 15)

B. The Return of Death

Revelation 9:16-19, NIV84 - ¹⁶ *The number of the mounted troops was two hundred million. I heard their number. ¹⁷ The horses and riders I saw in my vision looked like this: Their breastplates were fiery red, dark blue, and yellow as sulfur. The heads of the horses resembled the heads of lions, and out of their mouths came fire, smoke and sulfur. ¹⁸ A third of mankind was killed by the three plagues of fire, smoke and sulfur that came out of their mouths. ¹⁹ *The power of the horses was in their mouths and in their tails; for their tails were like snakes, having heads with which they inflict injury.**

C. The Reaction of Defiance

Revelation 9:20-21, NIV84 - ²⁰ *The rest of mankind that were not killed by these plagues still did not repent of the work of their hands; they did not stop worshipping demons, and idols of gold, silver, bronze, stone and wood—idols that cannot see or hear or walk. ²¹ *Nor did they repent of their murders, their magic arts, their sexual immorality or their thefts.**

- **Idolatry**—making something 'god' that isn't God; **false gods.**
- **Murders**—the killing of another human being without cause.
- **Magic Arts**—(Gk: φάρμακον, *pharmakeia*) Lit., "drug use"
- **Sexual Sin**—(Gk: πορνεία, *porneia*) Every conceivable form of

¹ Wiersbe, W. W. (1996). *The Bible Exposition Commentary (Rev. 9:1)*. Wheaton, IL: Victor Books.

sexual perversion and sin will be commonplace.

- Thefts—it will be *“Every person for himself,”* as the saying goes.