

THE REVELATION OF JESUS CHRIST – SIXTH TRUMPET – ANGELS FROM THE EUPHRATES – ARMY FROM THE EAST -- 9:13-21

OBSERVATION

INTERPRETATION

APPLICATION

Monday 7:30pm, H 106 (1st floor, High School--foot of stairs, behind the gym, by doughnut/vending machine area), Tuesday 7:00am, Family, Room, CCCM – Phil Twente, cell # 714 425 9221; email – ptwente@gmail.com For past studies, audio plus notes, go to: <http://www.missioncalvary.com/> Click on “Bible Studies” on the left column. References include commentaries by Pastor Chuck Smith, Vernon McGee, David Hocking, Warren Wiersbe and others.

<p><u>Rev 9:13 Then the sixth angel sounded:</u></p> <p><u>And I heard a voice from the four horns of the golden altar which is before God,</u></p> <p><u>Rev 9:14 saying to the sixth angel who had the trumpet, "Release the four angels who are bound at the great river Euphrates."</u></p> <p><u>Rev 9:15 So the four angels,</u></p> <p><u>who had been prepared for the hour and day and month and year,</u></p> <p><u>were released to kill a third of mankind.</u></p>	<p><u>"the sixth angel sounded" - cf. 8:2, 6 - The sounding of the sixth trumpet was under the direction of Almighty God</u></p> <p><u>"And I heard a voice from the four horns of the golden altar which is before God"</u> The proclaiming of the voice came from God <u>"golden altar"</u> (mentioned 7 times - <u>6:9; 8:3, 5; 9:13; 14:18; 16:7</u>) - a part of the answer of God to the prayers of the saints!</p> <p><u>"Release the four angels who are bound at the great river Euphrates" - The place or location where the angels were bound reveals the sovereign control of God Almighty - Rev. 7:1 - Bound Angels: 2 Peter 2:4-6 (Tartarus); Jude 6,7; Gen. 6:1-2, 12-13 (sons of God in the OT-refer to angels) - reminder of their final destination!</u></p> <p><u>"the four angels" - "EUPHRATES" - Mentioned 21 times - obvious connection with ancient Babylon - Cf. Isaiah 13:19-22; Rev. 18:2 (Babylon mentioned 286 times in the Bible)</u></p> <p><u>"who had been prepared for the hour and day and month and year" - The preparation of these angels was for a particular time and reveals the sovereign control of God over all history and human events</u></p> <p><u>"to kill a third of mankind" - cf. 6:8; 8:11 - The purpose of this event suggests the control of God as it relates to His avenging the blood of His martyrs</u></p>	<p><u>"THE ARMY FROM THE EAST" - Revelation 9:13-21</u></p> <p>Sixth trumpet judgment; second “WOE”</p> <p>THREE THINGS ABOUT THIS ARMY</p> <p>Vs. 13-15 - THE CONTROL OF THIS ARMY</p> <p>Vs. 16-17 - THE CHARACTERISTICS OF THIS ARMY</p> <p>Vs. 18-21 - THE CONSEQUENCES OF THIS ARMY</p> <p><u>Could these four angels be related to historical Babylon and to the flood of Noah?</u></p>
---	---	---

THE REVELATION OF JESUS CHRIST – SIXTH TRUMPET – ANGELS FROM THE EUPHRATES – ARMY FROM THE EAST -- 9:13-21

OBSERVATION

Rev 9:16 Now the number of the army of the horsemen was two hundred million;

I heard the number of them.

Rev 9:17 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.

INTERPRETATION

“Now the number of the army of the horsemen was two hundred million; - The huge size of this army

and I heard the number of them”

“I heard the number of them” - emphasizes that this number is to be taken literally Greek: 10,000 times 10,000 times 2 = 200,000,000

“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. - The symbolism involved - No symbolic language when referring to the horsemen or the horses, but used when referring to the heads of the horses –

“like the heads of lions” - Cf. 1 Peter 5:8...”because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion” – symbolism is used when referring to the heads of the horses –

Three possible SOLUTIONS; there are more!

1. An attack of demons, similar to that described in the opening verse of chapter nine. Or maybe similar, but another event.
2. The invasion of Ezekiel 38-39; 38:4 - “all your army, horses, and horsemen” ; 38:15 - “all of them riding on horses, a great company and a mighty army” - could come from the East, crossing the Euphrates. Possibly an Islamic invasion.
3. The battle of Armageddon - Cf. Rev. 16:12-16 (sixth angel sounds again—River Euphrates—kings from the east—“prepared”—demonic evil spirits involved in the Battle of Armageddon.)

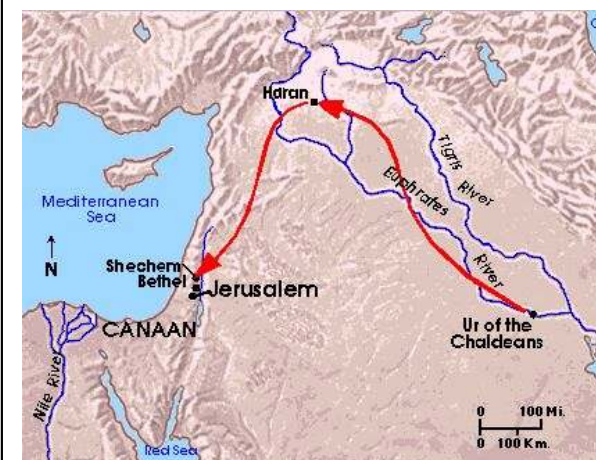
APPLICATION

Vs. 16-17 - THE CHARACTERISTICS OF THIS ARMY

These angels bring into battle armies of horsemen totaling 200 million soldiers! This satanic cavalry is not like any other army either in appearance or in the weapons it uses. Fire, brimstone, and smoke are their chief weapons; they also have serpent-like tails. This is not another description of the army discussed in Rev 9:1-12, since that army is forbidden to kill. This army is commissioned to slay one-third of humankind. This is one way God will answer the prayers of the martyrs in Rev 6:9-11.

Summary of Possible Solutions:

- It will involve great demonic activity in the Tribulation period.
- An invasion of a literal army--acting like or inhabited by demons.
- When? I would lean toward a terrible war occurring during the middle of the Tribulation.
- The great war of Gog and Magog may involve more than we think.



THE REVELATION OF JESUS CHRIST – SIXTH TRUMPET – ANGELS FROM THE EUPHRATES – ARMY FROM THE EAST -- 9:13-21

OBSERVATION

INTERPRETATION

APPLICATION

Rev 9:18 By these three plagues a third of mankind was killed—by the fire and the smoke and the brimstone which came out of their mouths.

Rev 9:19 For their power is in their mouth and in their tails; for their tails are like serpents, having heads; and with them they do harm.

Rev 9:20 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.

Rev 9:21 And they did not repent of their murders or their sorceries or their sexual immorality or their thefts.

“the fire, the smoke, the brimstone” – Their plagues bring death to one-third of the world's population - military weapons?

“their power...with them they do harm” – Their power causes great hurt to people –

“did not repent of the works of their hands” - Their punishment does not change the hearts of people - Rom. 1:21-23

The list sounds familiar: (With the evil restraining of the Spirit through the church gone, how much worse will the reign of wickedness be?)

1. Satanism (worship demons, and idols)
2. Idolatry
3. Murder
4. Drugs (sorceries)
5. sexual immorality
6. thefts

- cf. Gen. 6:3; Ps. 103:9; 115:1-8; 135:15-18; Eccl. 12:1; Is. 55:6; Jer. 7:16; Dan. 5:4; Rom. 1:18-26; Rev. 21:6-8; 22:15

Vs. 18-21 - THE CONSEQUENCES OF THIS ARMY

Would not you think that the people who are still alive would turn to the Lord?

1 Peter 5:6-11; 2 Peter 3:9-13; Rev. 22:17

THE REVELATION OF JESUS CHRIST – SIXTH TRUMPET – ANGELS FROM THE EUPHRATES – ARMY FROM THE EAST -- 9:13-21

OBSERVATION

INTERPRETATION

APPLICATION

		<p><i>Questions: 1. Do you believe that everything is under the sovereign control of God? Demonic forces?</i></p> <p><i>2. Do spirits have flesh and bones? Can angels or demons reside or inhabit in people?</i></p> <p><i>3. Does the Bible teach that some angels are bound? If so, for what reason?</i></p> <p><i>4. What is meant by going after strange flesh?</i></p> <p><i>5. Is there any commonality or relationship between the sixth trumpet judgment here in Chapter nine and the flood of Noah?</i></p> <p><i>6. What is the geographical dividing point between East and West?</i></p> <p><i>7. What is the purpose (see chapter 6:9) of slaying 1/3 of mankind.</i></p> <p><i>8. v.16 – is the size of the army symbolic and innumerable or is it a rather exact number? (10,000 x 10,000 x 2). How does that compare to the size of the armies in the 1991 Gulf War?</i></p> <p><i>9. How much symbolism is in verse 17?</i></p> <p><i>10. How are people killed by the invading army? v. 18</i></p> <p><i>11. When do you think this great Sixth Trumpet judgment described in the last portion of chapter 9, occurs?</i></p>
--	--	--