

17 - THE SIXTH TRUMPET (REVELATION 9:13-21)

I. The Command (Revelation 9:13-14)

A. The Voice (Revelation 9:13)

- When the sixth trumpet is sounded, John hears a voice from altar before God.

B. The Command to Release (Revelation 9:14)

- The sixth angel is commanded to release four demons from imprisonment.

II. The Four Angels (Revelation 9:15-19)

A. The Timing of Their Release (Revelation 9:15a)

- The release of these four angles is minutely timed.

B. Their Purpose (Revelation 9:15b)

- They are to destroy a third of the world's population.

C. A Great Army (Revelation 9:16-19)

1. The Size of the Army (Revelation 9:16)

- John sees an army of 200 million mounted soldiers.
- This army can be human or demonic.

2. The Description of the Army (Revelation 9:17)

- Whether symbolically or literally, the text implies an awesome invading force.

3. The Destruction of a Third of Mankind (Revelation 9:18)

- This army brings a plague that destroys a third of mankind.

4. The Power of the Army (Revelation 9:19)

- This army has enormous power to bring destruction.

III. The Lack of Repentance (Revelation 9:20-21)

A. The Refusal to Repent (Revelation 9:20a)

- In spite of the judgments, men will still refuse to repent and turn to God.

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B. Areas of Repentance (Revelation 9:20b-21)

1. Idolatry (Revelation 9:20b)

- They will refuse to repent and turn from their worship of false idols.

2. Sin (Revelation 9:21)

- They will refuse to repent and turn from their sins.