

# The Sixth Trumpet

Revelation 9:12-21



## Revelation 9:13-21 (HCSB)

13 The sixth angel blew his trumpet. From the four horns of the gold altar that is before God, I heard a voice  
14 say to the sixth angel who had the trumpet, “Release the four angels bound at the great river Euphrates.”



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15 So the four angels who were prepared for the hour, day, month, and year were released to kill a third of the human race.

16 The number of mounted troops was 200 million; I heard their number.



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17 This is how I saw the horses in my vision: The horsemen had breastplates that were fiery red, hyacinth blue, and sulfur yellow. The heads of the horses were like lions' heads, and from their mouths came fire, smoke, and sulfur.

18 A third of the human race was killed by these three plagues—by the fire, the smoke, and the sulfur that came from their mouths.



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19 For the power of the horses is in their mouths and in their tails, because their tails, like snakes, have heads, and they inflict injury with them.

20 The rest of the people, who were not killed by these plagues, did not repent of the works of their hands to stop worshiping demons and idols of gold, silver, bronze, stone, and wood, which are not able to see, hear, or walk.



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21 And they did not repent of their murders, their sorceries, their sexual immorality, or their thefts.



# 1. The Four Demons

## 14...“Release the four angels bound at the great river Euphrates.”

This indicates that they are demons since holy angels are nowhere in Scripture said to be bound.

Their precise identity is not revealed, but they may be the demons that controlled the four major world empires of Babylon, Medo-Persia, Greece, and Rome.

Daniel 10 provides insight into the warfare between holy angels and the demons that influence individual nations.



## 2. One Third Die

15 So the four angels who were prepared for the hour, day, month, and year were released to kill a third of the human race.

The judgment of the fourth seal killed one quarter of the earth's population (6:8); this additional **third** brings the death toll from these two judgments alone to more than half the earth's pretribulation population. That staggering total does not include those who perished in the other seal and trumpet judgments.



### 3. No Repenting

21 And they did not repent

**Yet in an amazing display of hardness of heart, the rest of mankind, who were not killed by these plagues, did not repent.**



# Woe

- It is sobering to realize that the Lord will one day come "to execute judgment upon all, and to convict all the ungodly of all their ungodly deeds which they have done in an ungodly way, and of all the harsh things which ungodly sinners have spoken against Him" (Jude 15).

