Revelation 9:13-21

" voice from the golden altar"
-no id on who's voice
-altar representing sacrifice, this is encouraging news for believers
V.14 the 4 angels are bound *at* the great river Euphrates
-this is a spiritual boundary, or border that they have not been permitted to cross until this time. See also **Rev 16:12**
- the parallel term is "enemy from the north" - **Isaiah 7:20; 8:7–8; 14:29–31; Jeremiah 1:14–15; 4:6–13; 6:1, 22; 10:22; 13:20; Ezekiel 38:6, 15; 39:2. Joel 2:1–11**
Jews would have understood this language, the north was known as the territory of Bashan, and Mt Hermon. They had plenty of physical enemies there but that wasn't all! **Psalm 22:11-13 Be not far from me,**
for trouble is near,
and there is none to help.
Many bulls encompass me;
strong bulls of Bashan surround me;
they open wide their mouths at me,
like a ravening and roaring lion.
When we see this we are meant to think in spiritual terms, it will not always make sense in the physical
The horses are the main focus on Johns vision, there is no mention of death caused by the riders.
They kill by unusual means, their mouths and tails, this doesn't sound natural… its not supposed too!
3 plagues Fire, Smoke, Sulfur, most everyone agrees this is very reminiscent id Sodom and Gomorrah in **Genesis 19**
1/3 of mankind will die by these plagues that are being issued by these demonic beings. 1/3 indicates limitation, they would kill everybody if they could.
Verses 20, 21 tell us the people didn't repent after all of this, they dug in deeper