

When Hard Hearts Get Harder

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Revelation 9:13-15

The golden altar = Where the prayers of the saints were perfected and presented before God

The voice = Command of God/Christ

Four horns = Symbol of the power and control to give or not give mercy

The altar = Same as chapter 7 (altar of incense before the Throne)

The four angels = Fallen (demons) that had been restrained

The Euphrates River = The binding place of the four lead demons and the boundary between the Kingdom of God and Prince of the World (Satan)

Revelation 9:16-19

200 million = Either a continued description of the demonic army OR a summation of the history of human armies and nations influenced by demonic forces.

Fire, smoke, sulfur = Plagues or the dark, deceptive, and deadly attack of this satanic army

Power of horses in mouths and tails like serpents = Power and pain of demons through human activity

1/3 killed = Not a full judgment of God but partial; God is still retraining His judgment though the intensity progresses

6th Trumpet = The release of pent-up demonic venom on earth to torment and slay the lost and a composite picture of all warfare that takes place until Jesus comes

Between 1480-2013, consider the wars countries have been involved in.

Wars Between 1480-2013

Britain - 78

France - 71

Spain - 64

Russian - 61

Austria - 52

Germany - 23

America - 13

China - 11

Japan - 9

Revelation 9:20-21

Daniel 5:22-23

Applications:

God's greatest concern for you is not your physical well-being, but your spiritual well-being.

Running deeper into sin will harden your heart.

Antagonism towards faithful witnesses for Christ will continue until the end.

Repent and turn to Jesus while there is still a day of grace!