

THE BOOK OF REVELATION 44

The Infernal Cavalry

I. Review

A. Review: The seven trumpets release the wrath of God's judgments coming on the Christ rejecting world beginning at the Mid Point of the Tribulation Period. We have studied the first 5. Now we will study the 6th Trumpet Judgment.

II. The Sixth Trumpet. (Rev. 9:13-21 NKJV) ¹³ Then the sixth angel sounded: And I heard a voice from the four horns of the golden altar which is before God, ¹⁴ saying to the sixth angel who had the trumpet, "Release the four angels who are bound at the great river Euphrates." ¹⁵ So the four angels, who had been prepared for the hour and day and month and year, were released to kill a third of mankind. ¹⁶ Now the number of the army of the horsemen was two hundred million; I heard the number of them. 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. 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. 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. 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. ²¹ And they did not repent of their murders or their sorceries or their sexual immorality or their thefts.

A. Four fallen angels, who have been bound at the River Euphrates are loosed. We know they are fallen angels because holy angels are not bound. (Verses 13, 14) ¹³ Then the sixth angel sounded: And I heard a voice from the four horns of the golden altar which is before God, ¹⁴ saying to the sixth angel who had the trumpet, "Release the four angels who are bound at the great river Euphrates."

B. These angels are released to kill one third of mankind. (This is in addition to the one fourth of mankind who are killed by the four horsemen of the apocalypse in chapter 6. (verse 15).) ¹⁵ So the four angels, who had been prepared for the hour and day and month and year, were released to kill a third of mankind.

C. These angels were being held in bondage until the fixed time for their operation.

D. The means by which these angels destroy one third of mankind is by a 200 million demonic cavalry.

E. Three proofs that this is a demonic cavalry.

1. Whenever the Bible speaks of something symbolic, it will always give the interpretation; otherwise, it is to be taken literally. There is no interpretation that shows these to be symbolic of some human military vehicles.

2. There are literal spirit creatures like horses and chariots of fire.

a. (2 Kings 2:11 NKJV) ¹¹ *Then it happened, as they continued on and talked, that suddenly a chariot of fire appeared with horses of fire, and separated the two of them; and Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven.*

b. (2 Kings 6:17 NKJV) ¹⁷ *And Elisha prayed, and said, "LORD, I pray, open his eyes that he may see." Then the LORD opened the eyes of the young man, and he saw. And behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha.*

3. The appearance of this cavalry is not natural. (verses 17-19) 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.* 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.* 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.* Just because they do not have a natural appearance does not mean they are symbolic. There are literal spiritual beings that have unnatural appearances. (Rev. 4:6-8 NKJV) ⁶ *Before the throne there was a sea of glass, like crystal. And in the midst of the throne, and around the throne, were four living creatures full of eyes in front and in back.* ⁷ *The first living creature was like a lion, the second living creature like a calf, the third living creature had a face like a man, and the fourth living creature was like a flying eagle.* ⁸ *The four living creatures, each having six wings, were full of eyes around and within. And they do not rest day or night, saying: "Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, Who was and is and is to come!"*

III. (Verses 20-21) reveal the hardness of heart that will exist in the human race during the Great Tribulation as well as the major sins of this period. 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.* ²¹*And they did not repent of their murders or their sorceries or their sexual immorality or their thefts.*

A. If you cannot be led to repentance by the goodness of God and the fear of God, it is doubtful you will be led to repentance by plagues.

B. Five major sins of the Tribulation Period.

1. idolatry...they will worship demons and idols of gold, silver, brass, stone, and wood.

2. murder...there will be no regard for life.

3. sorcery...coming into contact with the Satanic realm thru drugs. It is a form of witchcraft. The margin of my NKJV Bible translates sorcery as drugs.

4. sexual immorality...there will be no regard for morals.

5. theft...no private property will be respected.

C. We can already see these lawless trends prevailing in the world. (Matt. 24:12 NKJV) ¹²*And because lawlessness will abound, the love of many will grow cold.*