

## THE SIXTH TRUMPET— AND THE SECOND WOE

### Studies in the Revelation

#### A QUICK LOOK BACK:

##### The first “Woe” is now history:

Then I looked, and I heard an eagle flying in midheaven, saying with a loud voice, “Woe, woe, woe to (who) those who dwell on the earth, because of the remaining blasts of the trumpet of the three angels who are about to sound!”  
Revelation 8:13

The first woe is past; behold, two woes are still coming after these things.  
Revelation 9:12

The second woe is past; behold, the third woe is coming quickly.  
Revelation 11:14

#### THE BLOWING OF THE SIXTH TRUMPET:

Then the sixth angel sounded, and I heard a voice from (where) the four horns of the golden altar which is before God.

Revelation 9:13

##### The Golden Altar:

###### The Altar of Mercy:

And Adonijah was afraid of Solomon, and he arose, went and took hold of (what) the horns of the altar. Now it was told Solomon, saying, “Behold, Adonijah is afraid of King Solomon, for behold, he has taken hold of the horns of the altar, saying, ‘Let King Solomon swear to me today that he will not put his servant to death with the sword.’” Solomon said, “If he is a worthy man, not one of his hairs will fall to the ground; but if wickedness is found in him, he will die.” So King Solomon sent, and they brought him down from the altar. And he came and prostrated himself before King Solomon, and Solomon said to him, “Go to your house.”

1 Kings 1:50-53

###### The Altar of Judgment:

When the Lamb broke the fifth seal, I saw (where) underneath the altar the souls of those who had been slain because of the word of God, and because of the testimony which they had maintained; and they cried out with a loud voice, saying, “How long, O Lord, holy and true, will You refrain from judging and avenging our blood on those who dwell on the

earth?” And there was given to each of them a white robe; and they were told that they should rest for a little while longer, until the number of their fellow servants and their brethren who were to be killed even as they had been, would be completed also.  
Revelation 6:9-11

Then the angel took the censer and filled it with (what) the fire of the altar, and threw it to the earth; and there followed peals of thunder and sounds and flashes of lightning and an earthquake.

Revelation 8:5

#### The Four Bound Angels:

One saying to the sixth angel who had the trumpet, “Release the four angels who are (what) bound at the great river Euphrates.” And the four angels, who had been prepared for (1) the hour and (2) day and (3) month and (4) year, were released, so that they would kill a third of mankind.

Revelation 9:14-15

###### Who Are They?

“But the prince of the kingdom of Persia was withstanding me for twenty-one days; then behold, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me, for I had been left there with the kings of Persia.”

Then he said, “Do you understand why I came to you? But I shall now return to fight against the prince of Persia; so I am going forth, and behold, the prince of Greece is about to come.”

Daniel 10:13, 20

###### They are Bound:

Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, holding the key of the abyss and a great chain in his hand. And he laid hold of the dragon, the serpent of old, who is the devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years.

Revelation 20:1-2

For if God did not spare angels when they sinned, but cast them into hell and committed them to pits of darkness, reserved for judgment.

2 Peter 2:4

And angels who did not keep their own domain, but abandoned their proper abode, He has kept in eternal bonds under darkness for the judgment of the great day.

Jude 6

###### The Sovereign Timetable of God:

“But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father alone. For the coming of the Son of Man will be just like the days of Noah. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, and they did not understand until the flood came and took them all away; so will the coming of the Son of Man be.”

Matthew 24:36-39

### Incredible Carnage and Death:

I looked, and behold, an ashen horse; and he who sat on it had the name Death; and Hades was following with him. Authority was given to them over a fourth of the earth, to kill with sword and with famine and with pestilence and by the wild beasts of the earth.

Revelation 6:8

The first sounded, and there came hail and fire, mixed with blood, and they were thrown to the earth; and a third of the earth was burned up, and a third of the trees were burned up, and all the green grass was burned up. The second angel sounded, and something like a great mountain burning with fire was thrown into the sea; and a third of the sea became blood, and a third of the creatures which were in the sea and had life, died; and a third of the ships were destroyed. The third angel sounded, and a great star fell from heaven, burning like a torch, and it fell on a third of the rivers and on the springs of waters. The name of the star is called Wormwood; and a third of the waters became wormwood, and many men died from the waters, because they were made bitter.

Revelation 8:7-12

A third of mankind was killed by these three plagues, by the fire and the smoke and the brimstone which proceeded out of their mouths.

Revelation 9:18

### **The Number and Description of the Armies:**

The number of the (plural) armies of the horsemen was two hundred million; I heard the number of them. And this is how I saw in the vision the horses and those who sat on them: the riders had breastplates the color of (1) fire and of (2) hyacinth and of (3) brimstone; and the heads of the horses are like the heads of lions; and out of their mouths proceed fire and smoke and brimstone. A third of mankind was killed by these three plagues, by the fire and the smoke and the brimstone which proceeded out of their mouths. For the power of the horses is in their mouths and in their tails; for their tails are like serpents and have heads, and with them they do harm.

Revelation 9:16-19

### **The response of those still alive:**

The rest of mankind, who were not killed by these plagues, did not repent of the works of their hands, so as not to worship demons, and the idols of gold and of silver and of brass and of stone and of wood, which can neither see nor hear nor walk; and they did not repent of their (1) murders nor of their (2) sorceries nor of their (3) immorality nor of their (4) thefts.

Revelation 9:20-21