**Revelation Chapter 9**

**Demons from the Abyss**

**Part 2**

1. The Sixth Trumpet Angel: verses 13-21
	1. Four horns of the golden incense altar
		1. The censer of incense represents the prayers of God’s saints (8:3-5).
			1. The voice of the angel of the altar speaks on behalf of God’s saints.
			2. The prayers of the saints implore God to judge the people on earth who had cause their suffering (6:10).
				1. Perhaps this is what the Apostle Paul has in mind in 1 Corinthians 6:2.
	2. The four angels from the great river Euphrates
		1. The Euphrates along with the Tigris flowed through Assyria and Babylonian, two of Israel’s greatest enemies.
			1. It the Old Testament Israel’s would come from the northeast, across to the Euphrates to try to conquer her.
				1. 2 Kings 25:1-26; Isaiah 8:1-10
				2. Nebuchadnezzar came from the north and destroyed Jerusalem and the temple.
				3. In John’s day, the Euphrates was the eastern boundary of the Roman Empire.

On the other side were the Parthians, which Rome could never conquer.

* + - 1. Here in Revelation, Euphrates and the north are symbols of the place from which evil will be unleashed upon people on the earth.
		1. The four angels
			1. They stand ready to be unleashed at a predetermined time in human history.
			2. Identification
				1. In Revelation 7:1-3 we see four angels holding back the four winds.

The four winds represented the four horsemen from 6:1-8.

Here in verse 14 the four angels have a similar job of holding back the forces of evil until an *appointed time*.

* + - 1. Their role in judgment and punishment
				1. God used angels to punish Sodom and Gomorrah in Genesis 19:1-29.
				2. These four angels act under the authority of God.
			2. “The hour, the day, the month, and the year”
				1. This is the only place in the Bible time is presented this way.
				2. This is an expression that point to a specific period of time within the time of Revelation (ascension to the Lord’s return).

This could be the time right before the end of the world. The Seventh Trumpet Angel is the time when the Lord returns.

* + - 1. 1/3 of humankind killed
				1. Those who are not killed will live under its terror (Hebrews 2:15).
		1. Death’s calvary: verses 16-21
			1. Their grotesque appearance is similar to what we saw with the Fifth Trumpet Angel.
				1. They are invincible as they seek to destroy and kill.

Nobody will escape their fury.

* + - * 1. The ultimate tragedy is the fact people will remain unrepentant.
				2. The worship of demons and idols:

Deuteronomy 32:15-18; Psalm 106:36-38; 1 Corinthians 10:19,20.

Minds that are ruined will worship anything but God.

Romans 1:18-25

“Sorceries”

The Greek word is “pharmakon”

This includes “witchcraft, magic, the use of drugs and spells.

“Modern equivalent to these evils certainly include witchcraft; both ‘good,’ or ‘white,’ and evil, or ‘black,’ magic all kinds of occult practices and spiritism, including attempts to divine the future, for example, by horoscopes and psychics; and the abuse of drugs.” Louis Brighton Concordia Commentary: Revelation