AND THE SIXTH ANGEL SOUNDED REV. 9:13-21

Introduction:

- A. "And the sixth angel sounded, and I heard a voice from the four horns of the golden altar which is before God."
 - 1. God spoke from the altar.
 - 2. Horns are a symbol of power.
- B. "Saying to the sixth angel which had the trumpet, loose the four angels which are bound in the great river Euphrates."
 - The voice commands the sixth angel to loose the four angels bound.
 - 2. The area of many calamities.

I. THE FOUR ANGELS OF DESTRUCTION.

- A. They were prepared.
 - "And the four angels were loosed, which were prepared."
 - loosed = luo to loose, loosen what is bound, hence to unbind.
 - prepared = etoimazo to make ready.
 - 4. Jude 6.
- B. God's planning is seen.
 - "for an hour, and a day, and a month, and a year, for to slay the third part of men."
 - a. 13 months, 1 day and 1 hour.
 - Who had been made ready for the hour, and the day, and the month, and the year.
 - slay = apokteino to kill outright.
 - 4. Again we see the number, one third.

II. GOD'S CAVALRY OF JUDGMENT. VIS

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- A. "And the number of the army of the horsemen were two hundred thousand thousand."
 - 1. Number = arithmos = a definite number.
 - horsemen = hippikon = the cavalry.
 - 3. Two myriads of myriads.
 - 4. myriad = murias = ten thousand.
 - 5. 200 million.
- B. "and I heard the number of them."
 - 1. heard = akouo to learn by hearing.
 - 2. number = arithmos = a definite number.
- C. v17, "and thus I saw the horses in the vision and them that sat on them, having breastplates of fire (red) and of jacinth (purple), and brimstone (yellow), and the heads of the horses were as the heads of lions:"
 - 1. vision = horasis = seeing, that which is seen.
 - brimstone = theiodes brimstone-like, yellow.
 - 3. jacinth = purple.
 - 4. fire = red, tone!
- D. "and out of their mouths issued fire and smoke and brimstone."
 - 1. fire = Kurinos = fiery, made of fire.
 - smoke = kapnos = smoke.
 - 3. brimstone = theiou = fire from heaven, as lightning leaves a smell of sulphur, brim - burn + stone.

III. THE DESTRUCTION BROUGHT TO THE EARTH. V18,19

- A. "By these three was the third part of men killed, by the fire, and by the smoke, and by the brimstone which issued out of their mouths."
 - 1. one third of mankind killed.
 - issued = ekporeuomai to come out of.

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- B. "For their power is in their mouth and in their tails, for their tails were like unto serpents and had heads, and with them they do hurt." v19
 - 1. power = eksousia = the authority.
 - 2. serpents = ophis = a serpent.
 - hurt = adikeo = to do wrong, to injure.

IV. HOW DO MEN REACT TO GOD'S WRATH?

- A. v20, "And the rest of the men which were not killed by these plagues yet repented not of the works of their hands."
 - 1. rest = loipos = remaining.
 - repented not = metanoeo to change one's mind and purpose from bad to good.
 - 3. works = ergon deed, result of labor.
- B. "That they should not worship devils, and idols of gold, and silver, and brass, and stone, and of wood."
 - 1. devils = daimonia = evil spirits.
 - 2. idols = eidolon = idol, false god.
 - The descending cost and availability.
 gold, 2. silver, 3. brass, 4. stone, 5. wood.
- C. "Which neither can see, nor hear, nor talk."
 - 1. see = blepein.
 - 2. hear = akouein.
 - 3. walk = peripatein to walk about.
 - 4. Of what use are they?
- D. "neither repented they of their murders, nor of their sorceries, nor of their fornication, nor of their thefts." v21
 - 1. repented = same as v20a.
 - 2. murders = phonos a killing of men.

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sorceries = pharmakeia - pharmacy.

The use of drugs to produce spells or healing.

- 4. fornication = porneia = immorality.
- 5. thefts = klemma = stealing, theft.
- V. PUNISHMENT DID NOT PRODUCE REPENTANCE,
 BUT MORE UNGODLY ACTS.
 - A. This has been true of men since Cain's reaction to God's question.
 - 1. Pharoah's heart hardened.
 - 2. Rev. 16:9.
 - B. It should produce repentance and tender feelings.
 - Anger against God.
 - Rebellion against God.
 - There should have been feelings of tenderness, and love.