

THE SIXTH TRUMPET, THE SECOND WOE

Revelation 9:13-21

Introduction:

- A. The war that will end all wars continues. As in all that takes place in God's creation, God is in control.
- B. God uses His created creatures as servants to accomplish His perfect will in the affairs of man.
- C. Let us look at the contents of the second woe.

I. IDENTIFYING THE WORLD'S POPULATION WITH THE SOUNDING OF THE SIXTH TRUMPET -- THE SECOND WOE

- A. The sealed saints of God are still on the earth.
 - 1. God has protected them from the wrath of the first woe.
 - 2. He will surely do the same through the wrath of this second woe.
 - 3. These are praying saints. (8:3, 4)
 - 4. These are witnessing saints – could be a time of rich harvest of souls.
- B. The vast majority are those who have been tormented for five months – seeking death, but unable to die. (9:6)
- C. These are identified in verses 20 and 21. They worship devils, idols of gold and silver and brass, and stone, and of wood, idols that can neither see nor hear nor walk.
- D. These are murderers, sorceries (addicted to drugs), fornicators (sexual addictions of all kinds), and thieves
- E. These are those who refuse to repent of their wrong doing.

II. IDENTIFYING THE ANGELS WHO SHALL BRING THE WRATH OF THE SECOND WOE.

- A. Verses 14, 15 speak of THE FOUR angels. The angels are definite angels and their number is definite.
- B. These angels are bound and located in the great river Euphrates. Angels are intelligent, spirit beings. They do not breathe air and physical prisons and bonds are not needed to hold them.
- C. These must be more of the angels referred to in Jude 6 (*angels which kept not their first estate, but left their first habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day*) and 2 Peter 2:4 (*God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to hell, and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment.*)
- D. These have a work to do and a set time to accomplish the work. They will kill one third of the people on the earth in the space of one hour, one day, one month, and one year.
- E. The number of these angels is two hundred million.
- F. Their appearance will be as horses and riders with fire and smoke and brimstone issuing from their mouths and their tails. "By these three was the third part of men killed."

III. A LOOK AT THE ATTITUDE OF THOSE ON EARTH DURING THE TIME OF THE WRATH OF THE SECOND WOE

- A. The sealed saints of God are busy testifying of the saving grace of Jesus Christ to those being tormented by the messengers of woe.

- B. Those on whom the woe is falling continue in their stubborn refusal to repent of sin – their idolatry and their wicked immoral activities.**

CONCLUSION:

- A. We learn from the conduct of these people that there comes a time in the life of any individual that he is so hardened against God that he will never repent.**
- B. Let each of us ask self – Am I sure that I have repented of my sin and have been washed from my sin in the blood of Jesus Christ?**
- C. There is still time and no better time than now to get right with God.**

