

The Sixth Trumpet - #2 Woe

Revelation 9:13-21

Introduction: There are two opposing forces in the universe that function in the spirit world, one is ordered and led by God and the other is led by Satan. No human or angel is neutral.

Four Angels appear – Revelation 9:13-16

What I Learn: During the fourth seal (Revelation 6:8) we learn that one fourth of the world's population dies; and now we come to a third of the remaining world population dying at the hands of these four 'bound' angels, a total to 58% of the world population.

Death Returns - Revelation 9:17-19 - These war horses are apocalyptic and like the locusts of the first Woe, fantastical.

What I Learn: When a person dies physically and are void of 'spiritual life' they have been spiritually dead. This idea looms behind this scene in Revelation 9:13-21.

What I Learn: Luke 10:19 - What a challenge for remaining believers, yet they will be safe from this death squad, but they will know many who will die by their evil.

Resistance Remains – Revelation 9:20-21 – They will not repent! Salvation involves repentance (Mark 1:15; Acts 19:4; Romans 12:1-2; 1 Corinthians 2:16).

Conclusion: The hardness of hearts and spiritual blindness should challenge us to once again share our faith with those who are outside of Christ.

Revelation reaffirms that it is natural for mankind as a whole to rebel and resist God and his commandments, and it is also natural for God to hold mankind responsible for their decisions.

The people that the locust sting and the people that the horses kill are their own people and that should remind us that God saves his people and Satan slaughters his people; so why can't people see this evil being for who he is? This book reminds us that the future depends on how we respond to God's call to repent and believe and if we do the immediate future may be troubling but the true future is very blessed.

For believers who are on the fence, who take their Christianity lightheartedly these scenes should be terrifying; for it calls them to consider their commitments and to revisit their priorities. The culture around the early Church is no different than the culture around the modern Church—it is saturated in idolatry and God is calling us to reject it.