

Revelation Study
Vision 2
Trumpet 6, Woe 2, Part 1
Revelation 9:13-10:11

- I. The Sounding of The Sixth Trumpet
 - A. This is a multi-part vision
 - B. The vision of the sixth trumpet/second woe extends to the middle of chapter 11
- II. The Release of the “Four Angels” (9:14-21)
 - A. These represent demonic forces set to plague, specifically, unbelievers (much like the locusts of the fifth trumpet)
 - B. After the psychological and spiritual torment of hopelessness, those settled in their unbelief also die in their unbelief
 - C. The picture of these horses is very like those of the locusts – exchanging scorpions’ tails for serpent heads.
 - D. The force of these evil spirits comes from “their mouths” and is reflected in “fire, smoke, and brimstone”
 - E. Mankind’s response? To continue living in rebellion and sin, unrepentant of their own evil
 - F. What must be done in light of such darkness and hopelessness upon humanity?
- III. The Coming of The Strong Angel (10:1-11)
 - A. While there are many theories – this “angel” should be viewed as “The Angel of the Lord” – Jesus Himself
 - 1. Glorified, post resurrection Jesus
 - 2. Clothed in a cloud (divine description)
 - 3. Crowned with a rainbow (divine description)
 - 4. Face like the sun (divine/Christological description)
 - 5. Feet like fire (Christological description)
 - 6. Voice of a lion (often a divine/Christological description)
 - B. He comes with the “little book) (Cf. Revelation 5)
 - C. He announces the fullness of time and the completion of “God’s mystery”
 - D. John is commanded to eat the book
 - 1. It will be sweet in his mouth
 - 2. It will be bitter in his stomach
 - 3. The redemptive plan of God, when announced to unrepentant, unrelenting sinners is still sweet in the mouth of the believer, but bitter to our soul
 - 4. We, like God, do not delight in the death of the wicked, but long that the kindness of God should lead to repentance
 - 5. Also, it shows the transforming power of the redemptive message of Christ in the life of the believer as well
 - E. The church (represented here by John) has the prophetic work of announcing to the nations (v 11) the redemptive plan of Christ, even when they are unwilling to heed to such a great message
 - F. What was the main complaint against the churches? Wrong representation in their witness!