

APOCALYPSE NOW XVII

September 21, 2025

READ: Revelation 9:12-21

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

1. One voice is heard coming from the golden altar (v. 13). Where is this altar? (What is its setting?) What is the significance of this voice?
2. What is unique about the sixth trumpeter-angel (v. 14)? What distinguishes him among the seven?

What do you know about the Euphrates River? What might this suggest in John's vision?

3. A quadrumvirate of angels is identified in v. 15. How do they differ from other quartets of angels already identified in Revelation (c.f., 4:6,8; 6:2-8; 7:1)?

Describe the situation regarding "the four angels" (v. 15). (What are we told about them?) What does this tell us about God (c.f., Acts 1:7)? What is most striking about these angels?

4. Who, or what, accompanies the four angels (vv. 16-19)? Describe them. How are they similar, and different, from the tormenter-locusts of the first woe (vv. 3-11)?

5. What is the reaction of the surviving two thirds of mankind in the wake of this second woe (vv. 20-21)?

Why do they react this way?

What is their fate (22:15; 21:8)?

6. What does repentance personally mean to you? What does it look like in your life?

7. What comfort for the believer, for *you*, is to be derived from this sixth trumpet blast?

PERSONAL RESPONSE

I will guard myself against idols this week by . . .

I will set my mind on things above this week by . . .