I. FIRST, IT'S A DEMONIC ARMY.

A. It has demonic leaders—9:14a—It said to the sixth angel who had the trumpet, “Release the four angels....Perhaps the demons mentioned in 2 Peter 2:4 or Jude 1:6.

B. It’s a demonic place—9:14b—...who are bound at the great river Euphrates. 

1. The Euphrates was the location of Eden—Genesis 2:10 & 14.

2. The Euphrates was the northeastern border of the land given to Israel—Genesis 15:18.

3. “Across the Euphrates” may offer a clue of where this army will come from—the east.

C. It follows a divine plan—9:15a—And the four angels who had been kept ready for this very hour and day and month and year were released....

D. It has a demonic purpose—9:15b—...released to kill a third of mankind.

II. SECOND, IT'S A DESTRUCTIVE ARMY.

A. The size of the army—9:16.


1. Their description.

2. Were they real people or demons?

3. Their color, smell and weapons were all symbols of hell.
III. THIS ARMY MAKES A DEPRAVED RESPONSE.

A. A depraved refusal to repent—9:20a---The rest of mankind who were not killed by these plagues still did not repent of the work of their hands...

B. A depraved response to God—9:20b—...they did not stop worshiping demons, and idols of gold, silver, bronze, stone and wood—idols that cannot see or hear or walk.


D. Thus far we have covered the first 3½ years of the seven year tribulation—Daniel 9:27.