

à **TRIBULATION ARMY**
REV 9:13-21 / 9-12-18 / WED

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.
- B. The symbolism of the army—9:17-19.
 - 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.**
- C. A depraved lifestyle---9:21.
- D. Thus far we have covered the first 3 ½ years of the seven year tribulation—Daniel 9:27.