Book of Revelation, part 67,

Chapter Nine cont.

I. The Trumpet Judgements protect God's people and occur in the second half of the Tribulation—The Great Tribulation.
1. 1st Trumpet destroys vegetation.
2. 2nd Trumpet destroys sea life.
3. 3rd Trumpet destroys fresh water.
4. 4th Trumpet changes earth's rotational spin.
    1) The sun is scorching those on earth (4th Vial).
    2) The 24-hour day changes to 16 hours.
    3) For the elect's sake (Matt. 24:22).
5. 5th Trumpet Satan releases a hoard of demons from Hades. This is the first of three woes.

II. The Sixth Trumpet Judgment—near the end of the Tribulation (Rev. 9:13-21).
1. The golden altar (Rev. 9:13).
    1) Where the prayers of the saints are mixed with incense then go up before the Father (4:8; 8:3-5).
    2) Prayers that start the Trumpets
2. Four bound angels—demons.
3. River Euphrates—strategic, logistically important for Eastern armies to approach the land of Israel (Rev. 16:12).
4. One third of mankind killed—repeated vv. 15, 18 (cf. Rev. 6:8).
5. Exact timing of event, to the month, day, and hour.
6. 200,000,000 soldiers.
    1) "I heard the number."
    2) Contrasted to "which no one could number" (Rev. 7:9).
    3) Large number fits with the large number of deaths.
7. Horses—mobility.
8. Fiery breastplates—cf. v. 9.
9. Sulfur—smell of munitions.
10. Heads like lions cf. v. 8.
11. Mouth—fire and smoke.

III. Refusal to repent—change mind regarding God.
1. Men know God is doing it—just punishment.

2. Still will not capitulate (Rev. 6:16-17; 16:9, 11; cf. Rom. 2:4).
3. Idolatry: for a Chrisitan, an idol is anything mentally put alongside of God, equal in thought (Eph. 5:5; 1 Pet. 4:3).
4. Folly of demon worship (1 Cor. 8:4-5; 10:18-22).