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| His name in the Hebrew language is Abaddon and in the Greek language is Apollyon [both mean “Destroyer”; perhaps a reference to Satan]. 12The first ·trouble [Lwoe] is past; there are still two other ·troubles [woes] that will come [[8:13](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Rev.8.13&version=EXB)]. 13Then the sixth angel blew his trumpet, and I heard a voice coming from the horns [some ancient manuscripts specify that there are four horns; protrusions on the four corners of the altar symbolizing God’s strength] on the golden altar [the incense altar; [Ex. 30:1–10](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Exod.30.1-Exod.30.10&version=EXB)] that is before God. 14The voice said to the sixth angel who had the trumpet, “·Free [Release] the four angels who are ·tied [bound] at the great river Euphrates [[7:1](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Rev.7.1&version=EXB)].” 15And they ·let loose [released] the four angels who had been ·kept ready [prepared] for this hour and day and month and year so they could kill a third of ·all people on the earth [humanity; mankind]. 16I heard how many troops on horses were in their army—two hundred million.17The horses and their riders I saw in the vision looked like this: They had breastplates that were fiery red, dark blue [hyacinth-colored], and yellow like sulfur [brimstone]. The heads of the horses looked like heads of lions, with fire, smoke, and sulfur coming out of their mouths. 18A third of ·all the people on earth [humanity; mankind] were killed by these three ·terrible disasters [plagues] coming out of the horses’ mouths: the fire, the smoke, and the sulfur. 19The horses’ ·power [authority] was in their mouths and in their tails; their tails were like snakes with heads [[12:9](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Rev.12.9&version=EXB); [Gen. 3:1–7](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Gen.3.1-Gen.3.7&version=EXB)], and with them they ·hurt [damaged; injured; wounded] people.20The ·other [rest of the] people who were not killed by these ·terrible disasters [plagues] still did not ·change their hearts and turn away from what they had made with their own hands [repent from the works of their hands]. They did not stop worshiping demons and idols made of gold, silver, bronze, stone, and wood—things that cannot see or hear or walk [[Ps. 115:4–7](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Ps.115.4-Ps.115.7&version=EXB); [135:17](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Ps.135.17&version=EXB); [Jer. 10:1–16](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Jer.10.1-Jer.10.16&version=EXB)]. 21These people did not ·change their hearts and turn away from [repent of] murder or ·evil magic [sorcery], from their ·sexual sins [fornication] or stealing. |
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