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fancy will be fearfully realized in the infernal monsters  
seen by John.  
This terrible scourge is foretold in several places in the  
Old Testament. Deut. xxviii. 49-57. The Romans  
but very partially fulfilled this. See also Jer. v. 15.  
Israel in ancient times trusted in Egypt and its  
horsemen. They are warned that Egyptian riders and  
horsemen were “ flesh and not spirit ”’ (Isa. xxx., xxxi.).  
See also Ps. lix. 6, 7.  
Similar is Jeremiah’s testimony. Jer. vi. 22-25;  
Jer. vil. 13-17. See also Lam. iv. 19.  
  
20. ‘‘ And the rest of men who were not killed by these plagues,  
repented not of the works of their hands, that they should not  
worship demons, and idols of gold and silver and copper and stone  
and wood, which can neither see, nor hear,nor walk. 21. Neither  
repented they of their murders, nor of their sorceries, nor of their  
fornication, nor of their thefts.’  
  
At the sixth trumpet, as at the sixth seal, we get a  
glimpse of the wickedness of man ; for six is the number  
devoted to Antichrist. We see that beneath the strokes  
of God’s hand they have but rushed more deeply into  
sin. God sums up the state of mankind briefly, to give  
us the moral key to these His strange acts of wrath.  
Sin is their cause. The end aimed at by God is the bring-  
ing men to repentance by His judgments. But they will  
not repent.  
Though they are but a remnant, vast multitudes  
having been cut off by war, famine, pestilence, wild  
beasts, the destruction of the ships, the bitter waters,  
and now the horsemen of Euphrates, they still go on in  
sin.  
The substance of which these idols are made is men-  
tioned, to prove that literal idols, such as used by the  
heathen in all ages, are meant.  
To worship the work of God’s hands, the moon and