

**Essay from the bold pastor
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The Shanghai Disney Resort opened its doors in mid-June. Its construction reportedly cost \$5.5-billion. Both the Disney CEO Robert Iger and China's Vice Premier Wang Yang were at the ceremony, and congratulatory messages were sent by some notable people like President Obama and Xi Jinping, the General Secretary of China's Communist Party. What's more surprising is the fact that Disney estimated the number of people within 3-hours trip of the new park to be 330-million people, which is higher than the entire U.S. population. That reminded of the verse:

“And the voice said to the sixth angel who held the trumpet, “Release the four angels who are bound at the great Euphrates River” Then the four angels who had been prepared for this hour and day and month and year were turned loose to kill one-third of all the people on earth. I heard the size of their army, which was 200 million mounted troops.”

Revelation 9:14-16, NLT

This verse is talking about the war of the end times right before Jesus's second coming, and some scholars point that the nation by the Euphrates River could be China. However the problem here, they say, is the number “200 million” which seems too large. Or is it?

According to “Han Feizi”, a book written over two thousand years ago, overpopulation seems to have been a problem in China even back then. When the world population was a mere 100 to 200 million people, 30 million of those are said to have been in China. The conflicts toward the end of the dynasties were driven in part by poverty and lack of resources, in addition to natural disasters. Many who lost their place turned to violent acts, and such conflicts have been a major driving factor of the history of China.

In fact, there are more than 150,000 of riot happen in China nowadays. With China's vast population, the day their people turn to violence could be just like the times predicted in the book of Revelation. When such a day comes, Jesus will come to judge all of humanity. The day may be near.

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