

# BEWARE THE LAMB



**THE REVELATION OF JESUS CHRIST**

**REV 16:1-21**

**Rev 11:15** Then the **seventh angel sounded**; and there were loud voices in heaven, saying,  
"The kingdom of the world has become *the kingdom* of our Lord and of His Christ; and He will reign forever and ever."

**Rev 12** – The woman, the manchild, the dragon and the desert

**Rev 13** – The 2 beasts – from the land and the sea – the mark

**Rev 14** – The condemnation – the wrath of God announced

The overview of coming events

**Rev 15** – Heaven prepares to pour out God's wrath

**Rev 16** – God's wrath is poured out on the apostate world

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## Rev 16 – Plagues, Trumpets and Bowls of God's Wrath

### 10 plagues on Egypt.

1. Water made into blood ([Exo.7:20-25](#)).
2. Frogs ([Exo.8:5-14](#)).
3. Lice ([Exo.8:16-18](#)).
4. Flies ([Exo.8:20-24](#)).
5. Plague on the cattle ([Exo.9:3-6](#)).
6. Boils and sores ([Exo.9:8-11](#)).
7. Thunder and the hail ([Exo.9:22-26](#)).
8. Locusts ([Exo.10:12-19](#)).
9. Darkness ([Exo.10:21-23](#)).
10. Slaying of the first-born ([Exo.12:29-30](#)).

### 7 Seal Judgments Rev 6

1. White horse – Peace
2. Red horse – War
3. Black horse – Famine
4. Green (Pale) horse – Death
5. Persecution
6. Destructions
7. Silence

### Terrors following the 7 trumpets:

1. Hail, fire and blood = 1/3 part of the trees and all the green grass are withered ([Rev.8:7](#)).
2. Flaming mountain cast into the sea = 1/3 of the sea becomes blood ([Rev.8:8](#)).
3. Fall of the star Wormwood into the waters = Fresh waters become bitter and poisonous ([Rev.8:10-11](#)).
4. 1/3 of the sun, moon and stars are darkened ([Rev.8:12](#)).
5. "Star" unlocks the pit of the abyss = smoke out of which come the demonic locusts ([Rev.9:1-12](#)).
6. Loosing of the 4 angels bound in the Euphrates = demonic cavalry from the east ([Rev.9:13-21](#)).
7. Announcement of the final victory of God and the rebellious anger of the nations ([Rev.11:15](#)).

- The Egyptian plagues were limited to the Egyptian lands.
- The Revelation trumpets were limited too, often to one third of the earth.
- The Revelation bowls pour out complete destruction on the enemies of God.

### Terrors following the 7 bowls:

1. Ulcerous sores upon men ([Rev.16:2](#)).
2. Sea becomes like the blood of a dead man ([Rev.16:3](#)).
3. Rivers and fountains becoming blood ([Rev.16:4](#)).
4. Sun becomes scorchingly hot ([Rev.16:8](#)).
5. Darkness over the kingdom of the beast, and its agony ([Rev.6:10](#)).
6. Spirits like frogs dry up the Euphrates to open a way for the hordes of the kings of the east ([Rev.16:12](#)).
7. Pollution of the air and the accompanying terrors in nature, thunder, earthquake, lightning and hail ([Rev.16:17-21](#)).

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## Rev 16:1-2 Judgment poured out on the Beast's Kingdom

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Poured on the "Earth":

Sores on Beast-worshippers (6th plague, *Ex 9:8-11*);

Unfulfilled prophecy, *Deut 28:27, 35*.

Moses: "no graven image";

worship of hosts of heaven (*Deut 4:19; 17:2-3; 2 Kgs 17:9-11, 16-17*).

*Ex 8:17-18; 9:1*: Devil worship in the House of God.

The sores that tortured Job (*Job 2:7*)

Is this a medical affect of the tattoo, the mark they received???

Viral warfare [cf. AIDS, et al.]

Cf. first bowl with 6th plague (*Ex 9:8-12*):

Plague of boils predicted, not yet fulfilled (*Deut 28:15,27*);

incurable (*Deut 28:35*).

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Even though they suffer from Satan's persecutions, the believers who live through the tribulation have a divine immunity from the judgments of God,

"A noisome and grievous sore" breaks out upon all who had worshiped the image of the Antichrist and had received his mark upon them.

**noi-some** \_ (noi s m) *adj.* 1. Offensive to the point of arousing disgust; foul:  
2. Harmful or dangerous: *noisome fumes*.

Medically a sore is the outward sign of some inner corrupting condition.

A pun from God ??? An outward sign of their inward condition...

*"Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye are like unto whited sepulchres, which indeed appear beautiful outward, but are within full of dead men's bones, and of all uncleanness. Even so ye also outwardly appear righteous unto men, but within ye are full of hypocrisy and iniquity" (Matt. 23:27, 28).*

No more phony outward appearances.

All inward conditions will be exposed outwardly.

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- 6<sup>th</sup> plague on the Egyptians through Moses (*Exod. 9:8-11*).

Ashes were thrown into the air which became dust blown throughout the land of Egypt causing "a boil breaking forth with blains, upon man and upon beast."

- There is a prophecy, given by Moses, concerning another plague of boils which has not yet been fulfilled.

When the law was repeated before the people, certain curses were pronounced upon those who would fail to follow after the Lord, but who would depart after strange gods.

*"The Lord will smite thee with the botch of Egypt, and with hemorrhoids, and with the scab, and with the itch, whereof thou canst not be healed .... The Lord shall smite thee in the knees and in the legs, with a sore botch that cannot be healed, from the sole of thy foot unto the crown of thy head" (Deut. 28:27, 35).*

This prophecy, which has never been fulfilled, appears to detail the effect of the 1<sup>st</sup> bowl of wrath.

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"Blood": Literal blood? (*Ps 105:29; Lev 17:11*),

If this judgment is symbolic (seas = the nations), then it means the complete annihilation of these nations, for it leaves no survivors.

This is a real literal event, cf. 1<sup>st</sup> plague of Egypt (*Ex 7:20-25*).

*"He turned their waters into blood, and slew their fish" (Ps. 105:29).*

Compare to the "Red Tide," occasionally observed from excessive growth of microorganisms.

All sea life in the region dies.

- Exxon Valdez spill,
- Persian Gulf spills unleashed by Iraqis in 1991,
- Etc.

Turning the seas to a global marsh of death, with all of the fish killed, would have a swift repercussion upon mankind.

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Greek, "every soul" → Some object to calling fish "living souls"

754x the Hebrew word, nephesh, ('living soul') appears in the OT

22x it can be applied only to the lower orders of animals  
creature = *Gen. 1:21, 24; 2:19; 9:10, 12; Lev. 11:46,*

2x beast, *Lev. 24:18,*

3x fish, *Isa. 19:10;* etc.

A deep spiritual significance attached to blood.

*"For the life of the flesh is in the blood: and I have given it to you upon the altar to make an atonement for your souls: for it is the blood that maketh an atonement for the soul" (Lev. 17:11).*

Blood, which has always been the symbol of salvation in God's grace, becomes the symbol of condemnation and death in God's fury and wrath.

Having refused the salvation provided by the shed blood of Jesus Christ, they now receive condemnation and death from the blood of ruined creation...

## Rev 16:4 3<sup>rd</sup> Angel pours out the 3<sup>rd</sup> Bowl

*4] And the third angel poured out his vial upon the rivers and fountains of waters; and they became blood.*

Again, as in Egypt, this is literal. With the seas poisoned by blood, now the 'living' fresh waters are also poisoned.

Cf: Rev 8 1/3 have been previously impacted

In Egypt, at God's command, Moses took his rod, stretched out his hand over the waters of Egypt.

*"all the waters that were in the river were turned to blood; And the fish that was in the river died; and the river stank, and the Egyptians could not drink of the water of the river; and there was blood throughout all the land of Egypt" (Exod. 7:20, 21).*

Beast-worshippers cannot find anything to drink but blood!

## Rev 16:5-7 What you sow, you reap...

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The old saying, "what goes around, comes around."

Those on whom the judgment falls are receiving payment in kind - they have shed the blood of saints and prophets, and they now receive blood to drink.

They have received just what they deserved.

*"Whoso sheddeth man's blood, by man shall his blood be shed" (Gen. 9:6).*

This is God establishing the principle of retribution in kind.

*Gal 6:7 Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.*

*Job 4:8; Pro 1:31, Pro 6:14, Pro 6:19, Pro 11:18; Hos 8:7, Hos 10:12; Luk 16:25; Rom 2:6-10; 2Co 9:6*

## Rev 16:5-7 Angel of the waters...

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A voice is heard from one who is called "the messenger of the waters."

He has a title that would indicate that he had been placed in charge of the flowing waters of earth.

He is not necessarily the messenger who pours out the third bowl.

The fact of an angelic being having control of the running waters was evidently known early in man's history when the Lord spoke to His people directly.

There is no known written revelation outside the Bible concerning specific angelic responsibilities.

This truth, passed down through the distortions which came from those who were scattered at Babel, has given rise to the perversions of mythology, which speak of the spirits of the waters.

All Satanic teachings can be traced to truths in the revelation of God.

Satan cannot create, he can only pervert and corrupt.



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The angel speaks of the Lord as the One "which art and wast."

The Greek leaves out "and shall be."

It literally says: "The existing One, the One who was, the Holy One."

There is no point in speaking of the One who shall come,

He is in the process of coming at the time this prophecy is fulfilled.

The impact witnessing these judgments has on Heavenly beings is to declare God Holy.

Sinful men talk against God because there is to be an eternal punishment, and because He speaks of judgment in terms of fire and tribulation.

The angelic beings who cover their faces in the presence of God, and who hasten to do His will, have long known that the world is ripe for judgment.

When it comes at long last, they are the first to acknowledge that it was deserved, and that the holiness of God is now manifested.

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In reply to the angel of the waters the Greek states simply that the altar speaks.

Think of the voice as possibly coming from another of these mighty beings, who might be called the angel of the altar, as the other is called the angel of the waters.

But, if we consider the altar itself speaking there are other thoughts possible:

Remember that the altar stands for the cross of Christ.

In the symbolism of the tabernacle, the altar represents the sacrifice and the fire that consumed the sacrifice.

At the 5th Seal (*Rev 6:9-11*), the souls of the first martyrs out of the tribulation saints were seen under the altar crying out to God for judgment upon His enemies who had caused their martyrdom.

The altar which was their shelter, cries out the holiness of God because He had heard the cry for vengeance and had answered from the heart of His holiness.

## Rev 16:8-9 “Hey! Sun worshipper! How’s your tan coming ??”

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Behind the literal events is an important line of thought with regard to the sun.

The origin of sun worship comes directly from the plain of Shinar. Sun worship spread from there to nearly every place, people and nation on earth...

**Sun Worship** is the earliest form of Paganism, originating on the plain of Shinar with Nimrod, the world's ~~first~~ second dictator seeking global authority...Bab-El was the site of the first temple to the sun. *Gen 11:4.*

Mazzeroth corrupted to the zodiac.

All paganism is derived from this beginning. This accounts for the parallelism in the pagan myths in all parts of the world.

Nimrod: Hebrew, *marad*, “to rebel”; future tense, “we will rebel.”

The final global dictator will be an Assyrian: (“Nimrod II”?) *Micah 5:5,6; Isaiah 10. And Cush begat Nimrod: he began to be a mighty one in the earth. He was a mighty hunter before the LORD: wherefore it is said, Even as Nimrod the mighty hunter before the LORD. And the beginning of his kingdom was Babel, and Erech, and Accad, and Calneh, in the land of Shinar. Genesis 10:8-10*

“Before” should read “in defiance of” the Lord.

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- Nimrod persuaded mankind not to ascribe their happiness to God, but to think that his own excellency was the source of it. And he soon changed things into a tyranny, thinking that there was no other way to wean men from the fear of God, than by making them rely upon his own power.

Josephus, Antiquities of Jews, I.c.4.2

- From the foundation of the world none was ever found like Nimrod, powerful in hunting, and in rebellions against the Lord. Targum of Jonathan
- He was powerful in hunting and in wickedness before the Lord for he was a hunter of the sons of men, and he said to them, ‘Depart from the judgment of the Lord, and adhere to the judgment of Nimrod!’ There is it said, ‘As Nimrod is the strong one, strong in hunting, and in wickedness before the Lord.’ Jerusalem Targum
- Cush begat Nimrod, who began to prevail in wickedness, for he shed innocent blood, and rebelled against Jehovah. The Chaldee paraphrase of 1 Chr 1:10

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When Moses repeated the law to the people, he reminded the people that God had given them a commandment with respect to the host of Heaven. There were to be no graven images for reasons that included the following:

*"And lest thou lift up thine eyes unto Heaven, and when thou seest the sun, and the moon, and the stars, even all the host of Heaven, shouldst be driven to worship them, and serve them . . ." (Deut. 4:19).*

Such worship is again forbidden and is given as the illustration of

*"working wickedness in the sight of the Lord thy God, in transgressing His covenant (Deut. 17:2, 3).*

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In the time of the kings, Israel had departed from the commandments of God. Their principal sin was that they had departed from the true God and had gone a whoring after strange gods, which means, the sun, moon, and stars.

*"And the children of Israel did secretly those things that were not right against the Lord their God, and they built them high places [sun altars] in all their cities . . . and they set them up images and groves in every high hill, and under every green tree: And there they burnt incense in all the high places . . and wrought wicked things to provoke the Lord to anger . . And they left all the commandments of the Lord their God, and made them molten images, even two calves, and made a grove [i.e. a phallus, symbol of sex worship], and worshipped all the host of heaven, and served Baal [the sun god]; And they caused their sons and their daughters to pass through the fire, and used divination and enchantments, and sold themselves to do evil in the sight of the Lord, to provoke him to anger" (II Kings 17:9 11, 16-17).*

## Rev 16:8-9 Dry or Humid – It's too hot !!!

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Sun worship / astrology becomes the rallying point of Satan's attack upon the truth of God

We can understand why God announces the judgment upon the sun, and upon Satan behind the idea of sun worship, before the utter destruction of the Babylon which grew out of Satan's ideas.

**Literal "Heat":** *2 Pet 3; Lk 21:25* cf. Anthropic principle

*"For a fire is kindled in mine anger, and shall burn unto the lowest hell, and shall consume the earth with her increase, and set on fire the foundations of the mountains . . . They shall be burnt with hunger and devoured with burning heat . . ." (Deut. 32:22, 24).*

*"For, behold, the day cometh, that shall burn as an oven; and all the proud, yea, and all that do wickedly, shall be stubble: and the day that cometh shall burn them up, saith the Lord of hosts, that it shall leave them neither root nor branch" (Mal. 4:1).*

*"The earth mourneth and fadeth away, the world languisheth and fadeth away, the haughty people of the earth do languish . . . because they have transgressed the laws, changed the ordinance, broken the everlasting covenant, Therefore hath the curse devoured the earth, and they that dwell therein are desolate: therefore the inhabitants of the earth are burned, and few men left" (Isa. 24:4 6).*

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Men need to be taught that the things in which they have trusted or to which they have given their worship are to be the sources of their most terrible punishments.

Just as the plagues of Egypt each targeted a 'god' that Egypt worshipped, God's wrath poured out uses the objects of creation that men used to replace Him in their lives and consciences.

- The first three bowls have to do with the earthly scene of the conflict,
- The last four seem more to be in the realm of the prince of the power of the air.

The final group begins with the sun,  
Then passes to the throne of the Satan incarnate Antichrist,  
Then to the demon forces, and  
Finally, the last bowl is poured out into the air.

Men of the earth "...repented not...":

"It is easier to denature plutonium than to denature the evil spirit of man."  
[Albert Einstein]

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## Rev 16:10-11 Throne of the Beast

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The Lord, after moving against Satan in Heaven and in the air, moves against his power on earth.

Is there a place on earth where Satan has his authority centered?

When the Lord dictated the Revelation letters to John, we are told that Satan's throne was in Pergamos (*Rev. 2:13*).

Where it is today, we are not told.

It was once in Babylon, before coming to Pergamos

[A good read = Hislop's "The Two Babylons".]

If (when) the literal Babylon is to be rebuilt, it will become the place of the throne of Satan again in that time.

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When Satan is ejected from Heaven, he indwells the beast, thus producing THE Antichrist.

His power will endure for forty and two months.

His mouth became full of blasphemies, and

His boast is,

"Who is like unto the beast? Who is able to make war with him?"

**God is able to make war with him...**

Men who had no doubt of the existence of God and even saw his hand in these events, still cursed Him and went their own way.

Are we so very different?

- We do not doubt the existence of God;
- We know that God is interested in us and in the world which he has made;
- We are well aware of God's laws;
- We know his goodness and We know that sin has its punishment;  
and yet time and time again we go our own way.

## Rev 16:10-11 Darkness that could be felt

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The fifth bowl brings the conflict to the center of Satan's rule;

His whole kingdom is immediately full of darkness.

Scripture is filled with teaching concerning darkness.

Both literal and spiritual darkness are described at length throughout God's Word.  
(cf: *Gen 1:2*).

The 9<sup>th</sup> plague in the land of Egypt:

*"And the Lord said unto Moses, Stretch out thine hand toward heaven, that there may be darkness over the land of Egypt, even darkness which may be felt. And Moses stretched forth his hand toward heaven; and there was a thick darkness in all the land of Egypt three days: they saw not one another, neither rose any from his place for three days: but all the children of Israel had light in their dwellings" (Exod. 10:21-23).*

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This is also a literal darkness – a darkness that can be felt...

- *"For, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people" (Isa. 60:2).*
- *"A day of darkness and of gloominess, a day of clouds and of thick darkness, as the morning spread upon the mountains; a great people and a strong; there hath not been ever the like, neither shall be any more after it, even to the years of many generations" (Joel 2:2).*
- *"But with an overrunning flood he will make an utter end of the place thereof, and darkness shall pursue his enemies" (Nah. 1:8).*
- *"But in those days, after that tribulation, the sun shall be darkened and the moon shall not give her light. And the stars of heaven shall fall, and the powers that are in the heaven shall be shaken" (Mark 13:24, 25).*

## Rev 16:10-11 5<sup>th</sup> Angel pours out the 5<sup>th</sup> Bowl

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### Darkness

- Modern unexplained examples of darkness:
  - May 19, 1780, New England, “The Dark Day.”
  - Mar 19, 1886, Central Wisconsin (10 minutes)
  - Dec 1904, Memphis, Tennessee
  - Mar 1911, Louisville, Kentucky

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The changes on earth between the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> bowls:

The 4<sup>th</sup> brought about fiery, scorching, blinding brightness of the sun;

The 5<sup>th</sup> brings an impenetrable darkness.

Astronomers have observed Novas of stars outside of our solar system.

Within a few days time, a star has increases from a low level the fifteenth magnitude to third or fourth magnitude level of brightness.

Following this great flare up, the star dims to a level far beneath its earlier brightness.

God may well touch our sun and causes it to flare forth with an intensity that sears and then dims it until there is gross darkness upon the earth.

The diminishing of the sun would cause a thickening of the clouds of our atmosphere until little light could come through.

Cf. *Isa 60:2; Joel 2:1-2, 31; Nah 1:8; Mk 13:24-25.* [a Nova?]

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But just as the “noisome and grievous sore” of the first bowl was an outward symbol of an inward corruption, the darkness that falls upon the kingdom of the Antichrist is an outward symbol of the even greater spiritual darkness which has fallen on those who worship Antichrist.

- Spiritual darkness: in a cultural war, truth is the first casualty:  
Evolution; Psychology; Palestinian State; Islam; Legalism; Media;  
Government Schools; etc.

The false prophet had drawn multitudes to worshipping Antichrist by the exercise of power which caused great wonders, miracles, or signs (*Rev. 13:13-14*).

This false light vanishes away, and the people that walked in this light are left to wander in great darkness.

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Antichrist came with great pomp and show and with the light of great deeds.

Men received him because of the light of his doings, and Satan who is called the angel of light (*2 Cor. 11: 14*) succeeds in clothing him with all the brilliance and brightness of the power that has been delivered to him to give to whomsoever he desires (*Luke 4:6*).

When our Lord came to the earth, the people that walked (*Isa. 9:2*) and then sat (*Matt. 4:16*) in darkness saw a great Light.

That light is now turned to darkness by God, and the multitudes who had hastened to its deceptive rays now find themselves in groping bewilderment.



## Rev 16:10-11 Overlapping Judgments

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Notice the bowl judgments overlap.

They follow each other swiftly.

The effects of the 1<sup>st</sup> bowl are still present at the time the 5<sup>th</sup> bowl judgment is poured out.

Some of the men who, under the 6<sup>th</sup> seal, called to the rocks and the mountains to fall upon them (*Rev. 6:16*) thinking those judgments were the great day of wrath, now have their bodies covered with sores with the stench of death in seas and rivers filling their nostrils with the odor of corruption. Their bodies are scorched with fire, and then suddenly they are dropped into the utmost darkness.

They respond with blasphemy against the God of Heaven.

Remember, THE Antichrist had been given power to continue for only 42 months. (*Rev. 13:5*).

## Rev 16:10-11 The God of Heaven

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The object of men's blasphemy is the one, true God; "the God of Heaven"

*"The God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ" (Eph. 1:3).*

In the dream which Daniel revealed and explained to Nebuchadnezzar, the ten toes of the feet of the image were said to be ten kings.

*"And in the days of these kings shall the God of Heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever" (Dan. 2:44).*

5x in Daniel, He is spoken of as the "God of Heaven"

1x as the "King of Heaven" and

1x as the "Lord of Heaven"

*(Dan. 2:18, 19, 28, 37, 44; 4:37; 5:23).*

## Rev 16:12-16 Prep for Armageddon

*12] And the sixth angel poured out his vial upon the great river Euphrates; and the water thereof was dried up, that the way of the kings of the east might be prepared.*

Under the 6<sup>th</sup> trumpet, 4 messengers which had been prepared for that moment were freed from their place of binding at the Euphrates. A mighty invasion of demon forces was loosed upon the western world.

As the messenger of the 6<sup>th</sup> bowl poured his judgment upon the river Euphrates and its waters were dried up.

*"He shall pass through the sea with affliction, and shall smite the waves in the sea, and all the deeps of the river shall dry up: and the pride of Assyria shall be brought down, and the sceptre of Egypt shall depart away" (Zech. 10:11).*

*"With His' mighty wind shall he shake his hand over the river, and shall smite it in the seven streams, and make men go over dryshod. And there shall be a highway for the remnant of His people, which shall be left, from Assyria; like as it was to Israel in the day that he came up out of the land of Egypt" (Isa. 11:15, 16).*

The drying up of a passage through the Red Sea in order to free the children of Israel and bring judgment upon the Egyptians was literal in the time of the Exodus.

The Jordan river was stopped by a dry passage to let Joshua and his hosts through to the promised land, where they were used of God to destroy Jericho and the Canaanites.

## Rev 16:12 6<sup>th</sup> Angel pour out the 6<sup>th</sup> Bowl Euphrates dries up

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**Euphrates: A great formidable barrier throughout history ...**

- The cradle (and grave) of man's civilization ( *Zech 10:11; Isa 11:15-16*).
- Eastern boundary of Israel (*Gen 15:18*) and the Roman Empire...

The river Euphrates is mentioned 25X in the Bible:

It is 1800 miles long;

It is 300-1200 yards wide;

It is 10-30 feet deep;

often deeper, wider

...in the 1991 Gulf War, armies of 30 countries bottled up Saddam Hussein's forces against the Euphrates by destroying bridges and crossing points

It is to dry-up



The red line indicates the Euphrates-Tigris watershed



## Rev 16:12 Kings of the ~~East~~ Rising...

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This barrier is to be divinely removed so that the way may be prepared for the coming of the “kings of the rising of the sun”.

“Kings of the ~~east~~ ‘Rising Sun’”: 10X in NT; 3X in OT (LXX).

The King James Version translates it as one of the points of the compass, the east.

The common Greek word for the east is ‘anatole’, from the place name Anatolia.

It literally means, “the rising”.

It usually refers to the east, though once it refers to Christ Who is called the "rising" from on high, translated "the dayspring from on high" (*Luke 1:78*).

This usage ‘east’ comes from the Septuagint where the word is used many times as a compass point.

It is used 3x times in the Old Testament to speak of Christ the "branch," as someone Who rises from the stem (*Jer. 23:5; Zech. 3:8; 6:12*).

## Rev 16:12 “Rising Sun”

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Apart from all other uses (*Rev. 7:2* being the only other exception), the word for "sun" is added here → "rising sun"

The literal translation, then, is *"that the way of the kings from the rising of the sun might be prepared."*

In classical Greek the word is used without a noun to describe the rising of sun, moon, and stars.

Polybius even uses it to describe the source of a stream.

In instances when the word is used for the compass point, the word for sun is never added,

just as in Italian, "levante" means "rising"; the common word for "east."

## Rev 16:13-14 like frogs...

*13] And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs come out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet.*

*14] For they are the spirits of devils, working miracles, which go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty.*

“dragon...beast...false prophet”: Unholy trinity?

From the counterfeit god the devil,

The counterfeit son the Antichrist, and

The counterfeit spirit the unholy spirit,

come three unclean spirits, said to be *like frogs*.

The unclean spirits are described in a symbol.

They are *"as it were, frogs."*

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Frogs: 2nd plague of Egypt,

*"And if thou refuse to let them go, behold, I will smite all thy borders with frogs: And the river shall bring forth frogs abundantly, which shall go up and come into thine house, and into thy bedchamber, and upon thy bed, and upon thy people, and into thine ovens, and into thy kneading troughs: And the frogs shall come up both on thee, and upon thy people, and upon all thy servants.*

*And the Lord spake unto Moses, Say unto Aaron, Stretch forth thine hand with thy rod over the streams, over the rivers, and over the ponds, and cause frogs to come up upon the land of Egypt" (Exod. 8:2-5).*

When the Lord finally revoked the plague there were so many frogs that the people gathered them together in heaps and the land stank (*Exod. 8:14*).

the frogs of Egypt *responded to Pharaoh's magicians.*

cf. locusts as demons *Rev 9; Amos 7:1(LXX); Ezek 38*

Aristophanes tells of a special costume worn on the Greek stage, the *bactrachis*, or frog-garment: used as sex symbol, representing fecundity.

ACTS 17:11 1 THESS 5:21

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## Rev 16:13-14 Unclean spirits like frogs

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1. Frogs are connected with plagues.

One of the plagues in Egypt was a plague of frogs (Exo.8:5-11). "He sent frogs ... which destroyed them," says the Psalmist (Ps.78:45). "Their land swarmed with frogs even in the chambers of their kings" (Ps.105:30).

2. Frogs are unclean animals.

Although not mentioned by name, they are included by definition in the list of unclean things in the water and the sea which begins in Lev.11:10. The frog stands for an unclean influence.

3. Frogs are famous for their empty and continuous croaking

The sound the frog makes is the symbol of meaningless speech.

4. In Zoroastrianism, the Persian religion, frogs are the bringer of plagues and the agent of Ahriman, the power of darkness, in his struggle against Ormuzd, the power of light.

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## Rev 16:13 The False Prophet

*13] And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs come out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet.*

- The dragon is identified as Satan (*Rev. 12:3, 9*).
- The beast, the Anti-christ and his Revived Roman Empire has appeared in *Rev. 13:1* as the beast from the sea (nations).
- This is the first time the 'false prophet' is identified by his title. In *Rev 13:11* he is called the 'beast coming up out of the earth' (out of Israel ???).

The false prophet was a figure that God's people were warned to expect both in the Old and in the New Testament.

Men are forbidden to listen to the false prophet, regardless of how impressive his signs may be.

The punishment for being a the false prophet is death. It was a regular duty of the Sanhedrin to deal with the false prophet and to condemn him to death. (*Deut. 13:1-5*).

The Church was warned that false Christs and false prophets would arise to seduce Christ's people (*Mk. 13:22*).

"magic-vendors, religious impostors, fanatics, whether deceivers or deceived, regarded as persons who falsely interpret the mind of God.

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The false prophet is mentioned here and in *Rev. 19:20* and *Rev. 20:10*.

*Rev. 19:20* tells us that the false prophet is captured along with the beast.

- He is described as the person who worked miracles before the beast, and
- He deceived those who had the mark of the beast and worshipped its image.

In *Rev. 13:13-14* we have a description of the beast from the land.

- There it is said that this second beast does great wonders ... and
- That he deceives those who dwell on the earth by means of those miracles which he was allowed to do in the presence of the beast.

The works of the false prophet and the works of the second beast are identical; so, then, the false prophet and the beast from the land are to be identified.

The false prophet is the leader of the false religion which seeks to make men worship the Anti-christ as god and lord and abandon the worship of Jesus Christ.

**Anyone who tries to introduce the worship of other gods, who tries to make men compromise with the state or with the world, who tries to seduce other men from the exclusive worship of God is always a false prophet.**

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## Rev 16:13-14 Satan's frogmen on a mission...

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14] For they are the spirits of devils, working miracles, which go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty.*

To say that frogs came out of the mouth of the dragon, the beast, and the false prophet is to say that their words were like plagues, were unclean, were empty futilities, and were the allies of the power of the dark. It may be demonic inspired words that stir up the nations and drive them to gather at Armageddon.

Satan is still acting in great wrath because he knows that his time is short (*Rev 12:12*)

The 3 spirits go around the whole world to drive the company of the rebels to slaughter by the Lord under the pretense of doing 'battle with God'

And they go out working miracles:

*"after the working of Satan, with all power and signs and lying wonders, And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved" (2 Thess. 2:9, 10).*

The unbelieving rebel chiefs from around the world are brought to the place of judgment – Armageddon...

## Rev 16:15 Watch close ...

*15] Behold, I come as a thief. Blessed is he that watcheth, and keepeth his garments, lest he walk naked, and they see his shame.*

This is an announcement of the suddenness of the next phase of God's work.

There are very few believers left.

*"And shall not God avenge his own elect, which cry day and night unto him, though he bear long with them? I tell you that he will avenge them speedily (Gk. shortly, quickly). Nevertheless, when the Son of man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth?" (Luke 18:7-8).*

Daniel tells us that *"there will be one thousand two hundred and ninety days from the time that the abomination of desolation is set up until the end"* (*Dan. 12:11*),

*"Blessed is he that waiteth, and cometh to the thousand three hundred five and thirty days"* (*Dan. 12:12*).

It must certainly indicate that some of the believers – perhaps those who survive the tribulation and time of God's wrath - will not receive their eternal bodies until 45 days after the destruction of the Antichrist.



## Rev 16:15 Watch, keep your 'character' clean

*15] Behold, I come as a thief. Blessed is he that watcheth, and keepeth his garments, lest he walk naked, and they see his shame.*

This is a wonderful promise, a word of encouragement, and a solemn warning.

The garment in the Scripture is always a symbol of righteousness.

It first appears in the garden of Eden where Adam and Eve lost the light that had been their covering and sought to replace it with fig leaves, symbols of righteousness of their own providing.

The Lord Himself shed the blood of a sacrifice in order to provide garments of skins for the man and woman who had just believed His word about the Seed of the woman, the Redeemer.

Garments:

old English "habit" = manner of living;

French, one's clothing...

Note: Jesus parable of the wedding guests and garments.

*"Ye are not in darkness that that day should overtake you as a thief..."*  
(1 Thess 5:4).

## Rev 16:15 Watch, keep your 'character' clean

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It is a warning similar to that admonition which is given to us for this age, wherein we are told to be on guard lest we be ashamed before Him at His coming (1 John 2:28).

*1 John 2:28 KJV And now, little children, abide in him; that, when he shall appear, we may have confidence, and not be ashamed before him at his coming.*

*1 John 2:28 NIV And now, dear children, continue in him, so that when he appears we may be confident and unashamed before him at his coming.*

Take a lesson:

The warning of verse 15 is addressed to those of the tribulation saints whose zeal and diligence may be flagging under the great provocation of the tribulation miseries but it has a daily application for us too...

*...Blessed is he that watcheth, and keepeth his garments, lest he walk naked, and they see his shame.*



## Rev 16:16 See you at Armageddon ??

*16] And he gathered them together into a place called in the Hebrew tongue Armageddon.*

The has scene suddenly changes -- The Lord announces that the preparation for judgment is complete.

The nations are all gathered at Armageddon.

The evil spirits (words??)

Stir up the kings of the earth to bring them to battle in a final conflict between god and the forces of evil.

*Psalm 2:2 The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the Lord, and against his anointed, saying,*

It is God who has gathered them there.

The 3 frog like, unclean spirits may have done the actual driving of them, stirring them up, but it is the Lord, the righteous Judge who has done the ordering and the planning, and they are there in accordance to His plan.

## Rev 16:16 See you at Armageddon ??

*16] And he gathered them together into a place called in the Hebrew tongue Armageddon.*

The Hebrew form of the word Armageddon is 'Har meghiddo', "mount of Megiddo."

Armageddon" would mean the city of "Megiddo"

Harmagedon" would mean "the mountain of Megiddo."

It is the only mention of this place in the Bible.

It refers to the mount or city of Megiddo, or the great plain of Esdraelon which is known as the valley of Megiddo about 60 miles N of Jerusalem.

*Zeph 3:8; 2 Chr 35:22; Josh 5:14; Zech 12:11.  
Judges 5:19-21; 2 Kings 9:27; 2 Kings 23:29-30*

### Megiddo

- Jabin + 900 chariots were overwhelmed by God's intervention
- Gideon's 300 following God's specific instruction defeated the Midianites, Amalekites & children of the east without a fight
- Samson triumphed over the Philistines
- Barak & Deborah defeated Sisera
- Saul was slain by Philistines
- Ahaziah slain by arrows of Jehu
- Pharaoh Necho slew King Josiah
- Saracens, Crusaders, Egyptians, Persians, Druses, Turks, Arabs, et al. fought
- Napoleon's disastrous march from Egypt to Syria ended there

Note: Don't confuse Megiddo with Masada

## Rev 16:17-18 7<sup>th</sup> Angel pours out the final Bowl

*17] And the seventh angel poured out his vial into the air; and there came a great voice out of the temple of heaven, from the throne, saying, It is done.*

*18] And there were voices, and thunders, and lightnings; and there was a great earthquake, such as was not since men were upon the earth, so mighty an earthquake, and so great.*

“The air”: The last sphere of Satan’s influence.

“Prince of the power of the Air” (*Eph 2:2*);

Satan is now to be judged in the last sphere of his power.

The powers of Satan at present infest the "high places" (*Eph. 6:12*).

“high places” (*Eph 6:12*) = “heavenlies” (*Eph 1:20; 3:10*).

God is even now making His wisdom known to Satan's hosts by means of the body of believers, and that this is being done in the Heavenly places.

*Ephes. 3:10*

*To the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places might be known by the church the manifold wisdom of God,*

## Rev 16:17 It is finished – It is done...

*17] And the seventh angel poured out his vial into the air; and there came a great voice out of the temple of heaven, from the throne, saying, It is done.*

God’s great voice speaks again out of the temple of Heaven

Jesus Christ has been off the throne since the early part of the judgment period (*Rev 5:7*)

All but one word in the Greek is the same as those spoken from the cross by the Lord.

- "It is finished" = Jesus, God the Son, as He completed the sacrifice for sin (*John 19:30*)
- "It is done," = God, the Most High, possessor of heaven and earth (*Gen. 14:19*) against whom Satan had first rebelled (*Isa. 14:14*).

The word from the Cross came a word of comfort, hope and salvation.

- There was nothing more to be feared from God
- The price had been paid in full
- There could be no further condemnation upon those who put their trust in their Saviour.

This word from the throne comes as a word of Judgment, doom, and condemnation.

- For those who refuse to put their trust in the Man who died for them, there is the end of earthly torment, but no hope for eternity, no second chance, no further help.

The issues of eternity are settled in this life. The day of settlement is now passed.

## Rev 16:18 Voices...

*18] And there were voices, and thunders, and lightnings; and there was a great earthquake, such as was not since men were upon the earth, so mighty an earthquake, and so great.*

The details and consequences of this final proclamation of judgment will be fully described in the next several chapters of The Revelation.

Following the voice from the throne come lesser voices which echo the divine commands.

We now see the accomplishment of Jesus' sure word of prophecy.

*Matthew 24:21 For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be.*

Thunders, Lightnings, Earthquakes...

## Rev 16:18 Thunders, Lightnings, Earthquakes...

*18] And there were voices, and thunders, and lightnings; and there was a great earthquake, such as was not since men were upon the earth, so mighty an earthquake, and so great.*

Great electrical storms cleave the sky / cosmic disturbances grip the earth.

*"Thou shalt be visited of the Lord of hosts with thunder, and with earthquake, and great noise, with storm and tempest, and the flame of devouring fire" (Isa. 29:6).*

*"Our God shall come, and shall not keep silence: a fire shall devour before him, and it shall be very tempestuous round about him. He shall call to the heavens from above, and to the earth, that he may judge his people" (Ps. 50:3-4).*

At the same time there is a great, a mighty earthquake,

*"such as was not since men were upon the earth."*

This is not the slip of a geological fault.

This is a mighty supernatural phenomenon engaging the very bowels of the earth. It causes the whole surface of the globe to slip around on its foundations. Every tectonic plate is moved and broken...

## Rev 16:19 THE great Earthquake ...

*19] And the great city was divided into three parts, and the cities of the nations fell: and great Babylon came in remembrance before God, to give unto her the cup of the wine of the fierceness of his wrath.*

*20] And every island fled away, and the mountains were not found.*

The effects of the earthquake upon the great city of Jerusalem are seen.

It is clearly distinguished from "the cities of the nations".

The Lord has been working in the midst of the city of Jerusalem for some time before this moment.

- The temple area was first possessed by His messengers (*Rev 11:1*).

This is the first exclusion of Satan from any particular area of the earth.

- Then there occurred an earthquake at the time of the ascension of the two witnesses (*Rev 11:13*),

A tenth part of the city fell.

Now, in this greater calamity the city is divided into three parts.

Cf: *"The mount of Olives shall cleave in the midst thereof toward the east and toward the west, and there shall be a very great valley; and half of the mountain shall remove toward the north and half of it toward the south" (Zech. 14:4).*

## Rev 16:19 The city by thirds ...

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This makes possible the flow of the stream that is to come forth from the sanctuary in a short time and which is to change the whole of the Dead Sea valley (*Ezek. 47*).

The city is divided - analogous to that of the land (*Zech. 13:8*)

Two parts of the city are destroyed while the Lord reserves the third part as a refuge for those who stand firmly for Him in the midst of these last frightful moments of the power of the Antichrist.

*"And I will bring the third part through the fire, and will refine them as silver is refined, and will try them as gold is tried: they shall call on my name, and I will hear them: I will say, It is my people: and they shall say, The Lord is my God ... And ye shall flee to the valley of the mountains . . . and the Lord my God shall come, and all the saints with thee" (Zech. 13:9; 14:5).*

Note: Jerusalem, Rome and Babylon are all identified by commentators as being the location symbolized in various passages. Sort them out ...

## Rev 16:19 The cities of the nations...

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Then we read that the cities of the nations fell.

the devil's prophets, through the ages, have frequently referred to such a judgment.

Nostradamus, foretelling the doom of Paris, wrote,

A driving great flame will leap and scatter everywhere; Then they will be unable to extinguish the great flame. The grand city will be utterly waste, Not one of its dwellers will be left.

Similar prophecies exist among the devil's followers which point to the destruction of Rome and of cities in the Far East.

**"God made the country (land) and man made the town."**

The cities and towns are all to fall. This is the judgment of God.

He has spoken, and says that "It is done." Count on it...

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Beyond any shadow of a doubt, that this prophecy covers Peking and Philadelphia, Moscow and Melbourne, Berlin and Buenos Aires, Cairo and the Cape, Bombay and Boston, Istanbul and Chicago, Naples, New York and Detroit...

All of the cities shall be destroyed.

It cannot be otherwise.

*"Thus saith the Lord of hosts; Yet once, it is a little while, and I will shake the heavens, and the earth, and the sea, and the dry land; and I will shake all nations, and the desire of all nations shall come ..." (Hag. 2:6-7).*

This is not the end of the world...there is a 1,000 year kingdom yet to follow.

It is the end of the present civilization and all that it stands for ...

"great Babylon" comes into remembrance before God

It is to receive His special wrath...

"Babylon" mentioned in *Rev 14:8; Ch. 17-18* ...stay tuned for breaking news...

## Rev 16:20 Ooo...The Earth moved...

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And at the same time the topography of the earth is changed.

Every plate has shifted and broken...every island sunken and mountain leveled  
After the chaos of the first judgment upon Satan (*Gen. 1:2*), God moved to restore the earth, and

On the second of these days, God brought the dry land into one place and the seas were all together (*Gen. 1:9*).

Finally in the days of Peleg, following the flood, the great flood and "continental drift" divided the lands of the earth as they are found today (*Gen. 10:25*).

Scientists themselves, teach that the mountains rose to their present heights largely due to tectonic motion and furnish us with an abundance of geological data to prove their points.

We believe it was done, not by any slow process of evolution, but by the catastrophe of judgment, just as God pours out his final wrath upon this earth.

## Rev 16:20 History → Past of Future

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*"I beheld the earth, and, lo, it was without form, and void [ARV waste and desolate]; and the heavens, and they had no light. I beheld the mountains, and, lo, they trembled, and all the hills moved lightly. I beheld, and, lo, there was no man, and all the birds of the heavens were fled. I beheld, and, lo, the fruitful place was a wilderness, and all the cities thereof were broken down at the presence of the Lord, and by His fierce anger. For thus hath the Lord said, The whole land shall be desolate; yet will I not make a full end" (Jer. 4:23-27).*

## Rev 16:21 Hail and farewell from King Jesus

*21] And there fell upon men a great hail out of heaven, every stone about the weight of a talent: and men blasphemed God because of the plague of the hail; for the plague thereof was exceeding great.*

The final portion of this cosmic disturbance is a great and disastrous precipitation of hail. Each stone is about the weight of a talent.

What is the weight of a talent?

There are various weights for a talent.

- The Jews weighed a silver talent at about 120 pounds Troy, or 96 pounds avoirdupois.
- For other materials a Jewish talent was about 135 pounds.
- The Babylonian talent was even heavier
- The Greek talent was about 86 pounds.
- Lightest of all was the Attic talent at 57.7 pounds.

(Cf. Beth-Horon, *Josh 10:11*.)

In Biblical use it would be the silver talent or about 96 pounds

Josephus: Roman catapults threw stones the weight of a talent into Jerusalem in 70 A.D. when Titus leveled the city.

**Penalty for blasphemy: stoning!**

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God's method of stoning was to use Hail

[which also accompanies nuclear blasts...]

With islands drifting or disappearing, with mountain ranges sinking into the earth, there would be released, most probably, jet strong currents of rising air which would bear masses of condensing clouds of freezing moisture and dust aloft that talent sized hail stones would easily become possible.

God does need to use the forces of nature to accomplish His purposes but He often does just that...

The law of God provided that blasphemers should be stoned with stones until they died, so we see in the last moments of earth's civilization.

God Himself upholds His law and stones blasphemers with hailstones.

## Titus 2:13 ... the blessed hope”

*“Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ” (Titus 2:13).*

Note: These judgments are not the “blessed hope”:

Many are trying to reduce the population of the earth;

it would be more appropriate to reduce the population of hell!

Judgment cannot produce repentance; it was never intended to.

God changes hearts through His grace and mercy.

Remember, this book was sent to the seven churches:

*It was given to us in order to change our lives right now!*