

THE BOOK OF REVELATION
CHAPTER 16
“When God’s Patience Runs Out”

The Book of Revelation is a Book about the final events of earth and the people that will be alive in those “**Last Days**”

- ☞ **It is a book** about **redemption**, it is a book about **judgment**.
- ☞ **But in all of the 22 chapters** of Revelation, you come away with one overwhelming sense that the God of this universe loves his creation, and has taken extraordinary steps to prove that love.

As we arrive at the end of chapter 15 and the beginning of chapter 16, the earth and her people, have reached a critical place, the patience of God has run out...

Numbers 14:18

“The LORD is longsuffering and abundant in mercy, forgiving iniquity and transgression...”

Peter was a man who knew how patient Jesus is, because Peter opened his big mouth and tested the patience of Jesus many times.

- ☞ **So, Peter wrote** of the patience of the Lord and His longsuffering towards us:

2 Peter 3:9

The Lord is not slack concerning His promise (**To return for us**), as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, **not willing that any should perish** but that all should come to repentance.

But, there is a time and a place where even the Longsuffering and patience of the Lord runs out.

Psalms 103:9

He will not always strive with us,

Genesis 6:3

And the LORD said, “My Spirit shall not strive with man forever, for he is indeed flesh; yet his days shall be one hundred and twenty years.”

The Lord gives a man and a woman no more than 120 years to make up their mind whether or not they will submit their life to Jesus and accept His offer of forgiveness.

When Jesus told the story of the Rich man who was in Sheol, who saw the poor man, Lazarus in Paradise, across the great canyon that separated the two, the rich man asked Abraham to “*Send someone from sheol back to his family to tell them that Hell was real.*”

Luke 16:25-31

25 But Abraham said, “Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things; but now he is comforted and you are tormented.

26 And besides all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed, so that those who want to pass from here to you cannot, nor can those from there pass to us.'

30 And he said, "No, father Abraham; but if one goes to them from the dead, they will repent.'

31 But he said to him, "If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded though one rise from the dead.'

The Lord is very patient, He has been patient with us for more than 6,000 years.

- ☞ **He has given us every day of our life**, to make up our mind about who Jesus is and whether or not we believe Gods Word that there is no other way to heaven, except through Jesus Cross.

The Father is not going to ask us what church we went to, He is not going to ask us why we were not more Religious...

- ☞ **He is going to ask us just one question:** "What did you do with my Son?"
- ☞ "Did you accept Jesus death on the Cross as the payment for your sins?"
- ☞ "Then did you prove your decision to accept my Salvation by following Jesus and living for Him, the rest of your life?"
- ☞ **When we accept Jesus as our Savior** and then begin to live our life for Him, there no longer awaits any judgment for us...

Jesus said concerning the time of His return to earth: That the "**Days of Noah**", and the last days just before He returns to earth, would be identical.

Matthew 24:37-39

37 But as the days of Noah were, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be.

38 For as in the days before the flood, **they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day** that Noah entered the ark,

39 and did not know until the flood came and took them all away, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be.

When Noah began building the Ark, he began to tell people that Gods patience was about to run out.

- ☞ **Noah built the ark for 100 years**, during which time, the invitation was still there for people to believe the Lords time of judgment was about to come and come into the ark.
- ☞ **For 100 years**, while the Ark was being built, and up to the day the door closed, **no one believed it.**
- ☞ **Only Noah** and his family, 8 souls were saved.
- ☞ **People were not lost forever**, because the Lord didn't want to save them, **but because they were not willing to come and enter the Ark.**

2 Peter 3:5-7

5 For this they willfully forget: that **by the word of God** the heavens were **of old**, and the **earth standing out of water** and in the water,

6 by which **the world that then existed perished, being flooded with water.**

7 But the heavens and the earth which are now preserved by the same word, are reserved for fire until the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men.

In other words, the people at Noah's day forgot that God's patience can run out. **There is a time when it is too late.**

So, as we arrive at Revelation chapter 16, "**That Day of Judgment**", has finally arrived, God's patience has ended, His judgment has arrived.

- ☞ **The Good News is** that if you had accepted Jesus into your life and turned from your sins and had followed Jesus during your life here on earth, then before this Great time of Tribulation begins, you will be **RAPTURED** out of the earth and already be with the Lord in heaven, before chapter 16 begins.

Revelation 15

- 5 After these things I looked, and behold, **the temple** of the tabernacle of the testimony in heaven **was opened**.
- 6 And **out of the temple came the seven angels** having **the seven plagues**, (BOWLS) clothed in pure bright linen, and having their chests girded with golden bands.

There is strong scriptural evidence that these 7 "Angels" could be 7 men, perhaps prophets from the Old Testament.

- ☞ **Remember** that the word "Angel", is the Greek word "Angelos", and means: a "Messenger".
- ☞ **An "Angelos"** can be an angel, a man, even a pastor as when Jesus addresses the letters to the 7 churches in Revelation chapters 2 and 3, to the pastors of the 7 churches, he calls them "Angels"
- ☞ **In Rev. 17:1** one of these "*Angels*" showed John the mystery of the beast and the woman that he was carrying on his back.
- ☞ **Then in Rev. 21:9** one of these "Angels" showed John the New Jerusalem.
- ☞ **After seeing these things** John fell down at the feet of the angel to worship him, and was told not to do that **because he was an ordinary man — one of the prophets** (Rev. 19:9-10; 22:8-9). He is called a man in Rev. 21:17.

Revelation 19:9-10

- 9 Then he said to me, "Write: 'Blessed are those who are called to the marriage supper of the Lamb!'" And he said to me, "These are the true sayings of God."
- 10 And I fell at his feet to worship him. But he said to me, "See that you do not do that! I am **your fellow servant**, and **of your brethren** who have the testimony of Jesus. Worship God!

Revelation 22:8-9

- 8 Now I, John, saw and heard these things. And when I heard and saw, I fell down to worship before the feet of the angel who showed me these things.
- 9 Then he said to me, "See that you do not do that. **For I am your fellow servant**, and of **your brethren the prophets**, and of those who keep the words of this book. Worship God.

Revelation 15

- 7 Then one of the four living creatures gave to the seven angels seven golden bowls full of **the wrath of God** who lives forever and ever.

8 The temple was **filled with smoke** from the glory of God and from His power, **and no one was able to enter the temple till the seven plagues of the seven angels were completed.**

- ☞ **1st the temple is opened.** you remember I had taught in our past studies that there is the original temple in heaven, the one on earth is a copy. **see Hebrew chapter 9.**
- ☞ **2nd seven angels** come out of the temple.
- ☞ **3rd one of the 4 living creatures**, the cherubim, gives to the 7 angels the 7 final bowls or vials of Gods wrath to be completed.
- ☞ **4th the temple is closed** until after the last 7 judgments are finished.

WHY IS THE TEMPLE CLOSED HERE?

- ☞ **When Jesus** completed his sacrifice for us upon the cross, the veil to the temple was torn in two from top to bottom.
- ☞ **This signified** that the barrier between God and man, namely man's sin problem, had been taken care of and now there was complete access to God.
- ☞ **Now as** the terrible finality of Gods final judgment comes, the temple is closed.
- ☞ **God poured** out his wrath one time for us **on Jesus**
- ☞ **Now he is pouring** out his wrath again, this time **on man.**
- ☞ **It is as if** the Lord is in his temple, we see this by the presence of the smoke and his glory.
- ☞ **We will see** these final 7 vials of God's judgment in Revelation chapter 16 next week.

CHAPTER 16:

In these 7 last "Bowl Judgments", there is an amazing Similarity between the 10 plagues of Egypt and the last 7 Bowls here in Revelation 16

10 Plagues of Egypt:

1. Water to Blood (**2nd and 3rd Bowls**) Exodus 7:19.
2. Frogs (**6th Bowl**) Exodus 8:2
3. Gnats Exodus 8:16
4. Flies Exodus 8:21.
5. Livestock Diseased Exodus 9:3.
6. Boils (**1st Bowl**) Exodus 9:8.
7. Thunder and Hail (**7th Bowl**) Exodus 9:18.
8. Locusts Exodus 10:4
9. Darkness (**5th Bowl**) Exodus 10:21
10. Death of the Firstborn Exodus 11:4

7 Bowls:

1. Sores on Men
2. Sea Turns to Blood
3. Rivers turn to Blood
4. Sun Scorches Men
5. Darkness on the Beasts kingdom
6. Euphrates River Dried up/ Demons from Frogs
7. 100 Pound Hail

Notice, the 4th Bowl, the Sun Scorches men, there is not plague on Egypt like this one.

It is important to remember that these last 7 Bowls are a judgment on the people who are left on the earth that:

1. **Have rejected** Jesus sacrifice upon the Cross.
2. **They have taken** the mark of the beast and thereby have worshipped satan.
3. **They have** cursed God and hate Him.
4. **They love** the beast and his kingdom

These horrible last judgments are **not directed** on those who have **not taken** the mark of the beast, or any remaining people who have given their lives to Jesus.

- ☞ **They are directed at** the “***beast***”, the antichrist, and upon those who have given their worship and loyalty to him.
- ☞ **It is interesting** that there is a pause between the first 6 **seal** judgments and the 7th.
- ☞ **There is also a pause** between the 6th **trumpet** judgment and the 7th.
- ☞ **But there is no pause here** between any of the bowl judgments.
- ☞ **These final plagues** are directed against Satan’s last try at overthrowing God’s kingdom.

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1 then I heard **a loud voice from the temple** saying to the seven angels, "go and pour out the bowls of the wrath of God on the earth."

- ☞ **You remember** in the last verse of chapter 15, we saw the temple as God entered it and no one else was allowed to go in, it was closed.
- ☞ **Here, it appears** that the loud voice coming out of the temple is that of God himself.
- ☞ **Everyone else** was not allowed into the temple until after these last 7 judgments are finished.

The first bowl:

2 so **the first** went and poured out his bowl upon the earth, and **a foul and loathsome sore** came upon **the men who had the mark of the beast** and those who worshiped his image.

- ☞ **Notice** where this first bowl judgment is directed: at the men who had the mark of the beast and those who worship his image.
- ☞ **God always makes a distinction** between his people and those who are receiving his judgment.
- ☞ **They are not directed** at the human population in general.
- ☞ **It resembles the plague** of boils that Moses brought upon the Egyptians in

Exodus 9:10-11:

10 then they took ashes from the furnace and stood before pharaoh, and Moses scattered them toward heaven. And **they caused boils that break out in sores on man and beast.**

11 and the magicians could not stand before Moses because of the boils, for **the boils were on the magicians and on all the Egyptians. (No One Else)**

The second bowl:

3 then **the second** angel poured out his bowl **on the sea**, and it became blood as of a dead man; and every living creature in the sea died.

- ☞ **You remember** that when the 2nd trumpet was blown, “*Something like a mountain was thrown into the sea and 1/3 of the waters became blood and 1/3 of the creatures in the sea died.*” (revelation 8:8-10)

Revelation 8:8-10

8 then **the second** angel sounded: and something like a great mountain burning with fire was thrown into the sea, and a third of the sea became blood.

9 and **a third of the living creatures in the sea died**, and a third of the ships were destroyed.

- ☞ **Here as the Second Bowl** is poured out, all of the remaining sea becomes blood, all the remaining creatures in the sea die.
- ☞ **Here in this 2nd bowl judgment**, there are **no limitations** placed upon death—every living creature in the sea dies.
- ☞ **In the 1st plague of Egypt**—Moses turned the waters of the Nile river into blood. (exodus 7:17-21)

Exodus 7

17 thus says the lord: "by this you shall know that I am the lord. Behold, I will strike the waters which are in the river with the rod that is in my hand, and **they shall be turned to blood.**

The 3rd bowl

4 then **the third** angel poured out his bowl on the **rivers** and **springs** of water, and they became blood.

- ☞ **This 3rd bowl judgment** also parallel's the **3rd trumpet** judgment.
- ☞ **In the 3rd trumpet judgment**, 1/3rd the rivers and the springs of water were affected.
- ☞ **Here, all of the rivers** and the springs are affected without limitation.

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5 and I heard **the angel of the waters** saying: "**you are righteous, o lord**, the one who is and who was and who is to be, because you have judged these things.

6 for **they have shed the blood of saints and prophets**, and you have given them blood to drink. For it is their just due."

- ☞ **This is the only place in your bible** where you will see the term: “*The angel of the waters*”.
- ☞ **In revelation chapter 7**, verse 1, we see 4 angels who control “*The 4 winds of the earth.*”
- ☞ **In revelation chapter 14**, verse 18, we see “*The angel who has power over fire*”.
- ☞ **In the apocryphal book of Enoch**, chapter 66, verse 2, we see angels who have “*Power over the waters*”.

- ☞ **In verse 6** we see that these angels apparently have the power to turn the water into blood **so that those who killed the Christians and the prophets had to drink blood instead of water.**

In his book “Worlds in collision”—Immanuel Velikovsky’s details his interesting theory:

Velikovsky claimed **Venus**, earths sister planet, was once a comet which came into Earth's orbit and created extreme planetary violence with Earth.

One person who took Velikovsky seriously from the start was Albert Einstein. He had Velikovsky's book open on his desk the day he [Einstein] died.

- ☞ **Venus** first became part of our solar system just a few thousand years ago.
- ☞ **Venus' diameter** is 86% that of the Earth's
- ☞ **It has 82%** the mass that our earth has.
- ☞ **Before Venus became a planet**, it was a huge piece of debris hurtling through space by itself.

Venus was pulled into the orbit of our sun and came very close to the earth.

- ☞ **It came so close** that **it pulled the earth out of it’s orbit** and took us from a **360 day** rotation around the sun to a **365 day** rotation.
- ☞ **We see from the ancient writings** that the days that were recorded several thousand years ago were in fact based on a 360 day year.

Velikovsky theorized that the strange events of the Bible, “The Long Day of Joshua”, “The Plagues of the Egypt”, “The Flood of Noah” and other events in the Bible, could have been caused by Venus coming into our solar system 6,000 years ago.

- ☞ **Velikovsky discovered** that the events recorded in the Bible, like **the long day of Joshua**, where the sun appeared to “*Stand Still*” for about 24 hours, was also recorded in other ancient civilizations around the world.
- ☞ **This could explain** many of the events we see in the book of revelation, like the meteor that looked like a “*Mountain burning with fire, that was cast into the sea*”.

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7 and **I heard another from the altar saying**, "even so, lord God almighty, **true and righteous are your judgments.**"

This is the only place in the Book Of Revelation where we see that the altar speaks.

- ☞ **What does the Altar say?:** “*True and righteous are your judgments*”
- ☞ **In chapter 15**, those who gave their lives to Jesus during the 7 year Tribulation are now in heaven and are watching the judgments of the Lord upon the earth, cry out

Revelation 15:3

“Great and marvelous are Your works, Lord God Almighty! Just and true are Your ways, O King of the saints!

- ☞ **Here we see the Altar itself** cry out that what God is doing on the earth is “*True and Righteous*”.
- ☞ **You can take great comfort** that the people you love, will receive a “True and Righteous” judgment from the Lord.
- ☞ **When you see it you will also say:** “*That is more than fair Lord...*”

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8 then the fourth angel poured out his bowl **on the sun**, and power was given to him **to scorch men** with fire.

9 and men were scorched with great heat, and they blasphemed the name of God who has power over these plagues; and **they did not repent** and give him glory.

- ☞ **This judgment** comes in the form of the sun burning men with excessive heat.
- ☞ **Notice the phrase** “*And power was given*”, this indicates that the ability for the sun to do this burning **is given by God**, not as a natural occurrence of the sun itself.

The Lord could place the sun into a “**Super nova**” effect where it expands rapidly.

- ☞ **This condition** can last anywhere from a day to a week, **as it does the star puts out larger amounts of heat and light.**
- ☞ **Once it reaches it’s maximum size**, it begins to shrink back down, this usually take about 20 years.
- ☞ **Notice that the men** who are burned by the sun recognize that this is a work of God—**they do not repent because of the hardness of their hearts.**

The fifth bowl:

10 then **the fifth angel poured out his bowl** on **the throne of the beast**, and **his kingdom became full of darkness**; and **they gnawed their tongues because of the pain.**

11 they blasphemed the God of heaven because of their pains and their sores, and **did not repent** of their deeds.

- ☞ **This judgment** come directly upon the “**Throne**” of the beast, the place where his power comes from.
- ☞ **Again, these judgments** come from God against the beast, the antichrist himself, not against the entire population of the earth.
- ☞ **Notice** that this judgment is “supernatural darkness”.
- ☞ **Remember** the plague of darkness upon Egypt in exodus 10:21-23

Exodus 10:21-23

21 then the lord said to Moses, "stretch out your hand toward heaven, that there may **be darkness over the land of Egypt, darkness which may even be felt.**"

22 so Moses stretched out his hand toward heaven, and **there was thick darkness** in all the land of Egypt three days.

23 they did not see one another; nor did anyone rise from his place for three days. **But all the children of Israel had light in their dwellings.**

Jesus said that the reason that people will not come and give their lives over to Him, is that they “Love darkness”, they love their sin more than they love the Lord...

John 3:19

And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and **men loved darkness** rather than light, because their deeds were evil.

The kingdom of the antichrist is a kingdom of Darkness. Those who follow his kingdom, also love darkness.

- ☞ **It is as if the Lord is saying:** *“I came to give you light and life, but instead you choose darkness and death, so you want darkness, darkness you shall have, forever...”*

Matthew 22:13 In eternity, those who love darkness shall have darkness:

Then the king said to the servants, “Bind him hand and foot, take him away, and **cast him into outer darkness**; there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

Those that choose darkness now, will live in darkness forever...

Notice that Revelation 16:10 says they: gnawed their tongues because of the pain.

Revelation 16:10

10 then **the fifth angel poured out his bowl on the throne of the beast, and his kingdom became full of darkness**; and **they gnawed their tongues because of the pain**

- ☞ **This text does not tell us** what the source of their pain is, only that the darkness seems to magnify the suffering.
- ☞ **Again, they do not repent** from their worship of the beast, but even in the midst of the judgment, the darkness, and the pain, they still curse the Lord...

The sixth bowl:

12 then **the sixth angel poured out his bowl** on the great river Euphrates, and **its water was dried up**, so that the way of **the kings from the east** might be prepared.

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

This judgment is different from the other 5 bowl judgments. It is not directed at the people who worship the beast, but is focused on that final Battle called “The Battle of Armageddon”.

- ☞ **Remember that In the 6th trumpet** judgment, the 4 angels are released from the river Euphrates to lead an army of demons to kill 1/3rd of mankind.
- ☞ **The river Euphrates** in the old testament is the boundary of the promised land of Israel.
- ☞ **SATELLITE VIEW OF EUPHRATES:**

Here in this context, the drying up of the river Euphrates is a symbol of removing the barriers that hold back the pagan nations.

- ☞ **The kings of the east:** the leaders of china, Japan, India, Pakistan and Afghanistan.

- ☞ **The Euphrates river** is approximately 1,700 miles long and runs right through the middle east.
- ☞ **Verse 13:** we see the demonic spirits that come out of the demons like “frogs”.
- ☞ **This is very similar** to the plague of frogs we saw in exodus 8:6

Exodus 8:6

6 so Aaron stretched out his hand over the waters of Egypt, and the frogs came up and covered the land of Egypt.

Notice the unclean spirits come out of the mouth of the dragon. It is believed that the spirit comes out of the mouth when it leaves a person upon their death.

The final days of my fathers life, his mouth opened and stayed open, the nurse said that all dying people do this!

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14 for they are spirits of demons, **performing signs**, which go out to the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them **to the battle of that great day of God almighty**.

Did you ever wonder how the antichrist will be able to convince the “Kings of the world” to gather together in the valley of Megiddo, to fight the Battle of Armageddon?

- ☞ **It will be by** these demonic spirits that come out of the mouth of these 3 frogs.
- ☞ **Psalm 2**, speaks of this gathering together for this great battle:

Psalm 2:2-3

2 **the kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the lord and against his anointed**, saying,

3 "let us break their bonds in pieces and cast away their cords from us."

4 **He who sits in the heavens shall laugh**; The LORD shall hold them in derision.

The Lord says here in Psalm 2, that when He sees this massive army gathered together, to fight against Jesus when He returns to the earth, that He will simply laugh at them...

As this battle is about to take place, Jesus jumps into the story here in verse 16 to remind us that when He come for us, it will be suddenly, and it will all be over very quickly...

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15 "behold, **I am coming as a thief**. Blessed is he who watches, and **keeps his garments**, lest he walk naked and they see his shame."

- ☞ **“I am coming as a thief”** in other words, it will be a surprise to those who are not watching for him.
- ☞ **To those who know Jesus**, they will be expecting him.
- ☞ **“Blessed is he who watches”** The warning here is for Gods people to not focus on the events of the beast of God’s judgment, **just watch** for Jesus to come back.

1 Thessalonians 5:4

4 but you, brethren, are not in darkness, **so that this day should overtake you** as a thief.

☞ **This is one of the greatest texts** for the “Pre—Tribulation Rapture.”

Think about it:

- ☞ **It is impossible to watch for something** unless that event is capable of coming at any time.
- ☞ **If the Rapture was going to happen** at the end of the tribulation period, we would be able to know the exact day Jesus would return, **1260 days after the beast sets up his statue in the temple.**

Here is Revelation 16:15, Jesus reminds us to “*Keep our garments*”: In revelation 3:18, Jesus says:

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18 "I counsel you to buy from me gold refined in the fire, that you may be rich; and **white garments, that you may be clothed, that the shame of your nakedness may not be revealed**; and anoint your eyes with eye salve, that you may see.

- ☞ **When a person surrenders their life to Jesus** as Lord and Savior, they are immediately cleansed of every sin they will ever commit.
- ☞ **They exist** as a perfect being, **forever.**
- ☞ **The proof** that they are perfect and have been cleansed, is that Jesus will give to us a “*White garment*” to wear when we arrive in heaven.
- ☞ **Everyone that sees us with this white garment** knows that we have been washed in the “*Blood of the Lamb*”
- ☞ **The only people in heaven** that have white garments, are those who have been redeemed by the Blood of Jesus Christ.

Here we see the encouragement the Church at Laodicea, who Jesus said are “Luke warm” Christians, to “**Buy white garments**” from Jesus, ie, they are going to church but they are not saved!

- ☞ **This is a reminder** that every human being needs to surrender their life to Jesus, if they want eternal life.
- ☞ **The encouragement by Jesus** to “*Buy the white garment*”, is His statement that we need to give our lives to Him, so He can give us the garment.
- ☞ **How do you “Buy” the white garment? With Jesus Blood.**
- ☞ We are “**Clothed in his righteousness**”, not our own.

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16 and they gathered them together to the place called in Hebrew, **Armageddon**.

- ☞ **The word Armageddon** comes from the Hebrew word “**Har—megiddo**” Which means “*The Mountain of Megiddo*.”
- ☞ **There is actually no “mountain of Megiddo**, it is a plain between the valley of Jezreel and the Mediterranean sea.

During the past 4000 years, at least 34 bloody conflicts have already been fought at the ancient site of Megiddo and adjacent areas of the Jezreel Valley.

- ☞ **Egyptians, Canaanites, Israelites**, Midianites, Amalekites, Philistines, Hasmonaeans, Greeks, Romans, Muslims, Crusaders, Mamlukes, Mongols, French, Ottomans, British, Australians, Germans, Arabs and Israelis have all fought and died here.
- ☞ **The names of the warring generals** and leaders reverberate throughout history: Thutmose III, Deborah and Barak, Sisera, Gideon, Saul and Jonathan, Shishak, Jehu, Joram, Jezebel, Josiah, Antiochus, Ptolemy, Vespasian, Saladin, Napoleon, and Allenby, to name but a few of the most famous **who have waged wars in the valley of Megiddo**.

In past history, whoever had control of the valley of Megiddo had control of one of the major trade routes in this area of Israel.

Barak and Deborah defeated the Canaanite Jabin here in the Jezreel Valley

Judges 5:19

19 "the kings came and fought, then the kings of Canaan fought in taanach, by the waters of Megiddo; they took no spoils of silver.

- ☞ **The purpose of this final battle** is to gather together all of the antichrist army's, his followers and to seek to kill Jesus in the valley.
- ☞ **We saw a vivid picture** of this in revelation 14:20

Revelation 14:20

20 and the winepress was trampled outside the city, and blood came out of the winepress, up to the horses' bridles, for one thousand six hundred furlongs. (About 200 Miles)

When Jesus touches down on the Mount of Olives, having ridden out of heaven along with all of us, he will immediately go over to the Valley of Megiddo, where all the armies of the world, under the command of the "Beast", will be waiting.

Revelation 19:12-15

12 His eyes were like a flame of fire, and on His head were **many crowns**. He had a name written that no one knew except Himself.

13 He was clothed **with a robe dipped in blood**, and His name is called **The Word of God**.

14 And **the armies in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, followed Him on white horses**.

15 Now **out of His mouth goes a sharp sword**, (The Word of God) that with it He should strike the nations. And He Himself will rule them with a rod of iron.

Upon entering the Valley of Megiddo, Jesus, **the Living Word of God**, will simply Speak, and the beast, and all the armies of the world will be slaughtered, their Blood up to the depth of a horses Bridle, the entire length of the Valley, for 200 miles.

2 Thessalonians 2:8

And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord will consume with the breath of His mouth and destroy with the brightness of His coming.

Then as the Battle is over as soon as it begins, the armies of the world slaughtered in the Valley of Megiddo, an angel will call for the scavenger birds of the air to come and **“Feast on the flesh of kings...”**

Revelation 19:17-18

17 Then I saw an angel standing in the sun; and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the birds that fly in the midst of heaven, **“Come and gather together** for the supper of the great God,

18 **that you may eat the flesh of kings**, the flesh of captains, the flesh of mighty men, the flesh of horses and of those who sit on them, and the flesh of all people, free and slave, both small and great.”

The Conclusion of Revelation 16

Revelation 16:17-18

17 Then **the seventh angel poured out his bowl** into the air, and a loud voice came out of the temple of heaven, from the throne, saying, **“It is done!”**

18 And there were noises and thunderings and lightnings; and there was a great earthquake, such a mighty and great earthquake as had not occurred since men were on the earth.

“It is done”, The judgment of Jesus upon the earth has finally concluded.

- ☞ **The Seven Seals** have been opened...
- ☞ **The Seven Trumpets** have been sounded...
- ☞ **The Seven Bowls** have been emptied...

Revelation 16:19-21

19 Now the great city (Babylon) was divided into three parts, and the cities of the nations fell. And great Babylon was remembered before God, to give her the cup of the wine of the fierceness of His wrath.

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

21 And **great hail from heaven fell upon men**, each hailstone about the weight of a talent. Men blasphemed God because of the plague of the hail, since that plague was exceedingly great.

As the 7th Bowl is poured out, something like a **“Polar Axis Shift”** happens on the earth, that causes the Tectonic plates of the earth to shift and move **“Islands out of their place”**, as well as **“Mountains not being found”**.

- ☞ **Currently** the earth is tilted on its axis at 23.5 degrees.
- ☞ **This tilt** is what maintains our delicate weather and living environment on the earth.
- ☞ **A slight shift in this axis**, by contact from an asteroid or meteor, can shift entire continents in an instant.

We know that this has happened before, as we have found **“Mammoths”** that were grazing on tropical vegetation, suddenly **“Quick Frozen”** as their tropical habitat was instantly moved by 1,600 miles.

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- ⊕ **Here God destroys the antichrist's capital** city of Babylon, as well as the nations of the world that followed him.
- ⊕ **We see the results of John's statement in verse 18**, an earthquake so violent that it has never been seen like this on the earth before.
- ⊕ **The earthquake is so violent** it divides Babylon city into 3 parts, in other words, it appears to be completely destroyed.
- ⊕ **Isaiah described this** time in history and an earthquake like this one that John announced:

Isaiah 24:18-21

18 and it shall be that he who flees from the noise of the fear shall fall into the pit, and he who comes up from the midst of the pit shall be caught in the snare; for the windows from on high are open, and **the foundations of the earth are shaken**.

19 the earth is **violently broken**, the earth is split open, the earth is shaken exceedingly.

20 **the earth shall reel to and fro like a drunkard**, and shall totter like a hut; its transgression shall be heavy upon it, and it will fall, and not rise again.

21 it shall come to pass in that day that the Lord will punish on high the host of exalted ones, and on the earth the kings of the earth.

- ⊕ **What could cause** this kind of destruction?.
- ⊕ **We had talked about** the destruction that occurs when a meteor hits the earth.
- ⊕ **The planets axis** would be shifted and cause the tectonic plates in the earth to move violently.
- ⊕ **Mountains would be moved** out of their place, and islands would disappear.
- ⊕ **Notice also Isaiah's prophecy** about "*the earth shall reel to and fro like a drunkard*".

Scientist state that the earth does wobble on it's axis as it rotates around the sun.

- ⊕ **This wobble effect** cycles every 7 years.
- ⊕ **It starts** with a very slight wobble and then at the end of 7 years it begins to wobble like a "**top**", eventually correcting itself and starting the cycle over again.
- ⊕ **They say there appears** to be indications in history when this wobble did not correct itself and finally the earth just shifts on it's axis.
- ⊕ **If this happens**, we would see the results of Isaiah's prophecy or John's observation in verse 18.
- ⊕ **In verse 19:** we see the possible result of this kind of changing of the axis and subsequent tectonic plate shift:

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20 then every island fled away, and the mountains were not found.

21 and great hail from heaven fell upon men, each hailstone about the weight of a talent. Men blasphemed God because of the plague of the hail, since that plague was exceedingly great.