

Rev230 – **True and Just Judgement - Revelation 16:1-21**

In our **last msg - Rev Ch 15** - We were put on **High Alert**
for **what** we are going to **see today**

In **Ch 15** - The **7 Angels** were **Given** the **Final 7 Bowl Judgments**
That will be **poured out** on the **earth**

& we **saw those** who had **overcome the Beast** (& been Martyred)
Standing on a **Red Sea of Glass** around the **Throne** of **God**

& **they** were **Praising God**
for His **JUSTICE** & His **RIGHTEOUSNESS**

Have you **noticed** - that the **Book of Revelation**

is **more** on **FOCUSED** on - the **JUSTICE**,
RIGHTEOUSNESS, & **HOLINESS** of **God**

Than it is on **ALL** the **DETAILS** of these **events**
That **we** would be **CURIOUS ABOUT?**

Here's WHY - **speculation** on the **what** the **details might be**
Will **NOT save you**

But - **Looking in the FACE** - of **God's Righteous Judgment**
that **MUST Fall upon Sin - Prayerfully WILL Save you**

Let's Pray

Today - as we **see ALL 7** of the **Final Bowl Judgments**
One right after **the other**

ALL POURED OUT - on the **Sin of this World**
& the **Enemies Of Hell**

We **Have to Remember** the **quote** we read in our **Last Msg**

H.A. Ironside:

God has given us these revelations out of kindness to us, that we may be warned thereby to avoid what lies ahead for this guilty world

These **Final 7 Bowl Judgments**
are clearly "Setting Up" The 2nd Coming of Christ

This is the **FINAL SET** of **Judgments upon** the **Sin of the World**

& **when** new **get** to **Rev 16:17** - we will read, "**IT IS OVER (Done)**"

We **ended Ch 15** with the **7 Angels** standing "**At The Ready**"
Just outside the **Temple** in **Heaven**

& Revelation 16:1 starts off (NLT)

1 Then I heard a mighty voice from the Temple say to the seven angels, "Go your ways and pour out on the earth the seven bowls containing God's wrath."

This "**Mighty Voice**" - Is Most **probably**
the **Voice** of **God Himself**

& God tells the 7 Angels we met last msg - *“Go your ways and pour out on the earth the seven bowls containing God’s wrath.”*

& so begins - the Final Judgment
on SIN - & ON the Enemies of God on Earth

& AS God’s FINAL JUDGMENT this earth Begins

We see a very CLEAR distinction of JUDGMENT
in the Very First Bowl

Revelation 16:2 (NLT)

2 So the first angel left the Temple and poured out his bowl on the earth, and horrible, malignant sores broke out on everyone who had the mark of the beast and who worshipped his statue.

The 1st Bowl Judgment is SPECIFICALLY
poured out on those

Who have Chosen to TAKE the Mark of the Anti-Christ
& Chosen to Worship his Image

*horrible, malignant sores that broke out
on everyone who had the mark of the beast & worshipped him*

they will ultimately WISH - that THIS was the full extent
of the Consequences or their Decision (*but it is not*)

& then - the 2nd Bowl - Revelation 16:3 (NLT)

3 Then the second angel poured out his bowl on the sea, and it became like the blood of a corpse. And everything in the sea died.

In the **2nd Trumpet Judgment**

God turned 1/3 of the Sea into Blood

Now - **God Turns the Entire Sea into Blood**

Which **turns the Entire World into a Cesspool of DEATH**

& the 3rd BOWL extends the Water-into-Blood Judgment

to **include the FRESH Water of the World**

The 3rd Bowl - Revelation 16:4 (NLT)

4 Then the third angel poured out his bowl on the rivers and springs, and they became blood.

This will CLEARLY BE a Divine Judgment

There will be NO other explanation

BUT - We DO NOT See ANYONE - turning to the Lord

in **Repentance - & seeking His forgiveness**

In fact - we will see the people of the world

get **Harder & Harder in their COMPLETE REJECTION of God**

**BUT - there are two Angels at the Altar of God in Heaven
Who KNOW the Correct Response to God's Judgment**

**& they turn TOWARD God & AFFIRM for all of heaven
that God's Judgments are JUST**

The First Angel is in Revelation 16:5-6 (NLT)

***5 And I heard the angel who had authority over all water saying,
"You are just, O Holy One, who is and who always was, because
you have sent these judgments.***

***6 Since they shed the blood of your holy people and your
prophets, you have given them blood to drink. It is their just
reward."***

Back in Rev Ch 6 - we saw the believers who had been
MARTYRED in the tribulation

& Revelation 6:10 says (NLT)

***10 They shouted to the Lord and said, "O Sovereign Lord, holy
and true, how long before you judge the people who belong to
this world and avenge our blood for what they have done to us?"***

God's ANSWER to that question

Is HERE in Ch 16 - - & the answer is - THIS LONG !!

**So Now - ALL The Waters of the Earth
are RUNNING RED Like the blood of a Corpse**

As a World-Wide Testimony - That God WILL AVENGE
His Martyred Saints - AS they prayed he would

AND - It IS what they Deserve

But . . . YOU & I Deserve

the **SAME Judgment** - for **OUR Sin**

But - The **Bible is CLEAR** - If you have **received**
Jesus Christ by **FAITH** - **AS** is your **Savior** today

that Judgment has **already** been **poured out**
& **Paid in Full** - **ON your BEHALF**

When it was **poured out** on **Jesus Christ** - **IN your Place**

But - **on THIS Day** - **God's Judgment** - Is being **poured out**
on those who have **Rejected God's Offer** of **Salvation** in **Christ**
& **chosen instead** - to **wage war** against **God**

& **then** - the '**Righteousness**' of **God's Judgment** upon **Sin**
Is **Proclaimed** from the **VERY ALTAR** in Heaven

Revelation 16:7 (NLT)

7 And I heard a voice from the altar, saying, "Yes, O Lord God, the Almighty, your judgments are true and just."

Like the **First Angel** - a **Voice FROM** the **Altar in Heaven**
Confirms - The **judgments of God are true and just**

If we'd be honest - we Might NOT really LIKE
that the Judgments of God are True & Just

We Might prefer for God to JUDGE - MORE like US (as in):
"I'm a pretty good guy, I think I should be forgiven"

But - OUR Judgment is - NOT True & Just
God's Judgement - IS True & Just

& we are Seeing God's FINAL
True & Just Judgement - here in Rev

4th Bowl - Revelation 16:8 (NLT)

8 Then the fourth angel poured out his bowl on the sun, causing it to scorch everyone with its fire.

This makes me think of Solar Flares

Which create such incredible force & heat
that we have a hard time even measuring them

They are Several Hundred Million Degrees
& they leave the Sun at up to 7 Million Miles an Hour

& Just Like Water - the Sun is LIFE for this Planet

But in these FINAL DAYS

God Will USE - What He CREATED -

To bring His Final Judgment on the Sin of this Earth

But THAT - is NOT what is most incredible
what IS most incredible - is the people's RESPONSE

Revelation 16:9 (NLT)

9 Everyone was burned by this blast of heat, and they cursed the name of God, who had control over all these plagues. They did not repent of their sins and turn to God and give him glory.

THREE TIMES in this Ch

we see that those under God's Judgment
Continue to CURSE God - & BLASPHEME

& we see NO SIGNS here - of Repentance & Salvation

As One Commentator Said - "*If a man rejects the kindness and love of God, then what makes us think that the judgment of God will change his heart?*"

Romans 2:4–5 (NLT)

4 Don't you see how wonderfully kind, tolerant, and patient God is with you? Does this mean nothing to you? Can't you see that his kindness is intended to turn you from your sin?

5 But because you are stubborn and refuse to turn from your sin, you are storing up terrible punishment for yourself. For a day of anger is coming, when God's righteous judgment will be revealed.

THAT Day - is HERE - In Rev Ch 16

5th Bowl - Revelation 16:10 (NLT)

10 Then the fifth angel poured out his bowl on the throne of the beast, and his kingdom was plunged into darkness. His subjects ground their teeth in anguish,

From Being BURNED by the Sun

God then plunges the Enemy's Kingdom - into Darkness

In **Mat 25:30** Jesus described **God's Eternal judgment** as "***Outer Darkness***" where there will be "***Weeping & Gnashing of Teeth***"

& we **HAVE to Remember** - **THIS** is the **Judgment**
that **Jesus** Christ **TOOK** - On **OUR Behalf**

**During the Final 3 Hours on the Cross - Jesus Experienced
THIS Darkness & Torment - on OUR Behalf**

SO THAT We could **Escape** it - **Thru FAITH** in Him

But **Those** on the **earth**

Only **INCREASE** their **CURSING** & **BLASPHEME** of God

Revelation 16:11 (NLT)

11 and they cursed the God of heaven for their pains and sores. But they did not repent of their evil deeds and turn to God.

Over & Over again - we see

THIS is the **Response** of **those** who have **rejected God**

& now - in the 6th Bowl Judgment

we have The Preparation - For the Final Battle of this World

Revelation 16:12 (NLT)

12 Then the sixth angel poured out his bowl on the great Euphrates River, and it dried up so that the kings from the east could march their armies toward the west without hindrance.

The Euphrates River originally flowed
Out of the Garden of Eden

It's still today - it FORMS a Natural Boundary
between Israel & the Nations of the East

& Back in Rev Ch 9

We saw a Demonically Driven Army of 200 Million

& we said - the only way for a 200 Million Man Army
To Get from the EAST - to ISRAEL

Would be for the Euphrates River to be dried up

& now HERE in Rev 16 - We are About to SEE

a Massive World-Wide Army
gathered together for the final Battle against Jesus Christ

& to prepare the WAY for that Battle
the Great Euphrates River is Dried up by God

In order to DRAW the World's Armies
into the Valley where GOD is going to MEET them

Here's HOW it happens

Revelation 16:13–14 (NLT)

13 And I saw three evil spirits that looked like frogs leap from the mouths of the dragon, the beast, and the false prophet.

14 They are demonic spirits who work miracles and go out to all the rulers of the world to gather them for battle against the Lord on that great judgment day of God the Almighty.

Satan, Antichrist & False Prophet - send out Demonic Spirits

to gather the Armies of the World together
for one Final Battle Against God

Satan is going to 'Demonically' Gather
the Nations of the Whole World - to FIGHT against God

Now - We're going to HOLD OFF on V.15 - & Come BACK to it

So, The Demonic Spirits Go Out
to gather the Armies of the World

& God dries up the Euphrates River - to DRAW them in

& in Revelation 16:16 (NLT) - we see where they're going

16 And the demonic spirits gathered all the rulers and their armies to a place with the Hebrew name Armageddon.

This is The SITE of the Final Battle

**between the Armies of the World
& Jesus Christ Himself at His Second Coming**

The word **Armageddon** comes from **two Hebrew words**

HAR - meaning **Mount** (Hill) - & **MEGIDDO** - which is
the Name of this Valley (***Jezreel Valley***)

HAR-MEGGIDO - The **Hill of Megiddo** - is one of the
most **FOUGHT OVER Hills** in all **history**

It's at a **Major Crossroads** of **Trade Routes** -
& it's a **Natural Divide** **between** the **North** & the **South**

A DOZEN Battles were **fought here** - **JUST in Biblical Times**

When **Napoleon saw** this exact place - **He said** it was
the Greatest & Most natural Battlefield on Earth

& it is **here** - in **Rev 19** - **Jesus Christ** - ***with US in tow***

Will conquer the **Armies of the World** - Once & For All

This is one of the **MOST AWESOME**
places to **stand** - in all of Israel -

because of **What** is going to **happen** here

& finally - we reach the 7th Bowl Judgment - Where God says the Judgments on Earth - ARE FINISHED

Revelation 16:17 (NLT)

17 Then the seventh angel poured out his bowl into the air. And a mighty shout came from the throne in the Temple, saying, "It is finished!"(more literally - it is OVER, DONE)

& I like that the Holy Spirit uses a Different Greek Word Here than is Used for the Famous Word of Jesus on the Cross

On the Cross Jesus Cried - TETELESTAI - *It is FINISHED*

Because he had FINISHED the Work of Salvation for all who would believe

& Here - God calls out from the throne room in Heaven

GINOMAI - *It is OVER (done)* - Meaning God's Judgment the Sin & Rebellion of this Earth - is OVER

& this Final Judgment - Poured into the Air Brings some Final & Complete Devastation - to The Earth

Revelation 16:18–21 (NLT)

18 Then the thunder crashed and rolled, and lightning flashed. And a great earthquake struck—the worst since people were placed on the earth.

19 The great city of Babylon split into three sections, and the cities of many nations fell into heaps of rubble. So God

remembered all of Babylon's sins, and he made her drink the cup that was filled with the wine of his fierce wrath.

20 And every island disappeared, and all the mountains were leveled.

21 There was a terrible hailstorm, and hailstones weighing as much as seventy-five pounds fell from the sky onto the people below. They cursed God because of the terrible plague of the hailstorm.

Unprecedented Judgments - Poured Out
on a **World** that is **AT WAR** with God

A **World-Wide Earthquake** - like the earth has never seen

The **Great City of Babylon Splits** into **3 Parts**

The **Cities of Many Nations** (Gentile Nations) **FALL in Heaps**

Islands Disappear, & **Mountains** are **Leveled**

& Great 75 LB Hailstones fall onto the **people** of the **Earth**

(It's interesting) - In the **Law of Moses**

The Judgment for **Blaspheming God** - was **Stoning**

& **here** - the **Blaspheming World** is **LITERALLY**

Judged by Stoning - as **75 lb hailstones** Fall from **Heaven**

& **Still** - **those** who are **Set Against God**

Continue to **Curse God** - - **hardened beyond repentance**

& so - we have 1 vs to finish - It's the Vs we skipped

Rev 16:15 - Jesus speaking - right in the Middle
of these Final Judgments coming upon the earth

Revelation 16:15 (NLT)

15 "Look, I will come as unexpectedly as a thief! Blessed are all who are watching for me, who keep their clothing ready so they will not have to walk around naked and ashamed."

It feels to me - like this vs's is written

more for those who are READING Revelation
than for those who are LIVING IN IT

Can you Imagine - the Ltr of Rev - being READ in N.T. churches

& in the Middle of us READING
About these unimaginable, overwhelming Judgements

Jesus Calls out to a World that is heading over
The Cliff of Eternal Judgment

Just like - Jesus calls out to EACH ONE of us
a Warning that SIN MUST BE JUDGED

& Jesus says - *Look, I will come as unexpectedly as a thief!*

When you least Expect it - You will Suddenly be face-to-face
with Jesus Christ - AS THE JUDGE of this Earth

& **Blessed** are **all who** are **watching** - & **waiting** - for me

& **BLESSED** are **those** who have **PUT-ON**
the **Righteousness of Christ**

which is **often referred to** as **Clothing**

Jesus is calling out - to a **World** that is
under the **JUST** & **REQUIRED** - **Judgment** of God

& **Jesus** says **LOOK TO ME** - Put your FAITH in ME

CLOTHE Yourself in the **Righteous of God**
that **comes ONLY** thru your **Faith in Jesus Christ**

YOU can **PUT ON** that **Righteousness of Christ** today

& **Jesus** Christ **WILL SAVE YOU**
from - **The Wrath** that **MUST come** - **upon the Sin** of this **world**

WATCH for Jesus - **Be LOOKING** for **HIM** as your **Savior**

& BY FAITH - **BE CLOTHED** in **His Righteousness**

KNOWING that the **Time of His Return** -
Could be **VERY NEAR**

Let's Pray