

Revelation 16: Last Judgments /7 Bowls of God's Undiluted Wrath

Remember to Lift Up the Lord Jesus Christ

Chapter 15 Review: Prelude to Conclude

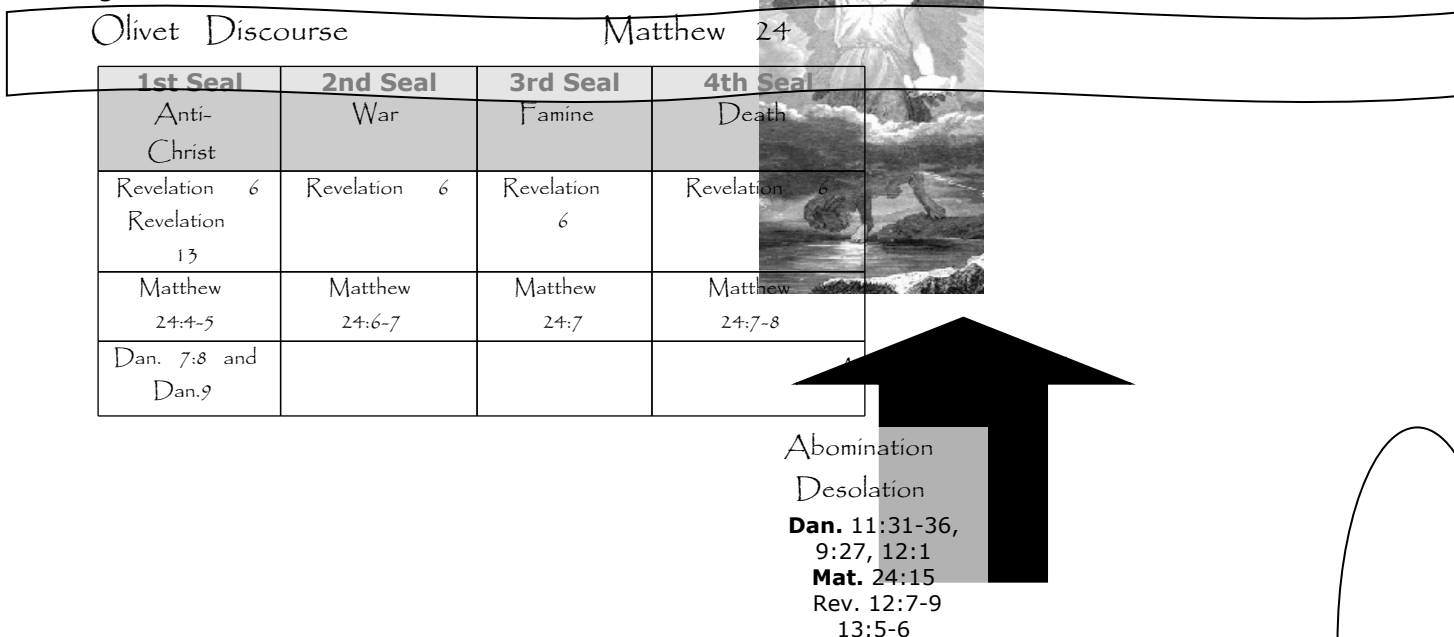
- **Prelude to the Bowl Judgments of Chapter 16**
- **Song of Moses/ Song of the Lamb**
- **Temple Opened in Heaven:** Seven Angels/Seven Bowls of Wrath ready for Action

Chapter 16 Introduction:

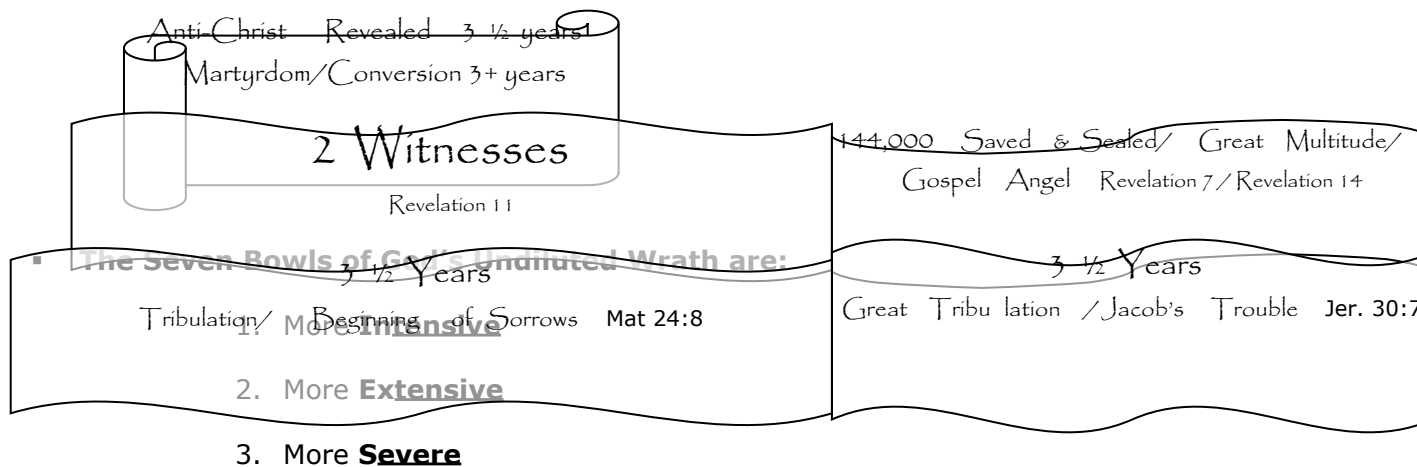
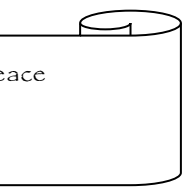
- **7 Angels Ready** to Pour out Seven Bowls of Wrath on a **Christ Rejecting World**
- **Jewish Remnant** in the Wilderness; **Un-Marked** are fleeing/martyred as **Drought/Famine** underway
- **6 Bowls/Interlude/ Seventh Bowl** as per Revelation Pattern
- These are **similar to but not the same as Trumpet Judgments**
- **Timeline:** Under the **6th Seal** the **7th Trumpet** releases the **7 Bowls**

Revelation 11:15 Then the **seventh angel sounded** [the seventh trumpet]: And there were loud voices in heaven, saying, "The kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever!"... **19** Then **the temple of God was opened in heaven**, and the ark of His covenant was seen in His temple. And there were lightnings, noises, thunderings, an earthquake, and great hail.

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, clothed in pure bright linen, and having their chests girded with golden bands.



5th Seal Dragon Attack	6th Seal Cosmic Disturbances
Revelation 6 & 12	Revelation 6
Matthew 24:8-28	Matthew 24:28-31
Daniel 7:21, 25 Daniel 12:11	



Revelation 16

Introduction

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."**

- **Loud Choice:** Jesus is in Complete **Control**
- **Angels** given both the **Ability** and **Authority to pour out His judgment**
- **7 Bowls** filled by God with are *His Wrath*
- **Wrath:** These plagues are not for conversion/conviction but God's undiluted Wrath:

*Each must be poured out in proper order and the cumulative effect of all seven will finally be the **complete purging of human rebellion from earth**. [H. Morris, 296]*

Revelation 15:1 ...I saw another sign in heaven, great and marvelous: seven angels having the seven last plagues, for in them the **wrath of God is complete**.

- **Chronology:** Just before the Lord Jesus Second Coming:

I. First Bowl: Loathsome Sores

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**.

- **First Angel pours out the First Bowl on the Earth**
- **Foul and Loathsome Sores** are only on those with the **Mark of the Beast**
- **Egypt:** [Types/Anti-Types]
 1. **Pharaoh:** Devil/Anti-Christ attempting to usurp the Living God
 2. **Egypt:** World/ World System
 3. **Israelites:** God's People/Redeemed

Exodus 9:8 [2nd Plague in Egypt]...the LORD said to Moses and Aaron, "Take for yourselves handfuls of ashes from a furnace, and let Moses scatter it toward the heavens in the sight of Pharaoh. ⁹ And it will become fine dust in all the land of Egypt, and it will cause boils that break out in sores on man and beast throughout all the land of Egypt." 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**.

- Moses prophesied a future plague [Rev 16] of the **same sort**:

Deuteronomy 28:15 "...it shall come to pass, if you do not obey the voice of the LORD your God, to observe carefully all His commandments and His statutes which I command you today, that all these curses will come upon you and overtake you: ... ²⁷ The LORD will **strike you with the boils of Egypt**, with tumors, with the scab, and with the itch, from which you cannot be healed... ³⁵ The LORD will strike you in the knees and on the legs with severe boils **which cannot be healed**, and from the sole of your foot to the top of your head.

- **Implication:** No cure
- **Not a third** of the population as earlier judgments, but EVERYONE who has the Mark
- No effect on those who *do not have the Mark*. These are/will be a **Great Multitude**:

Revelation 7:9 After these things I looked, and behold, a **great multitude which no one could number**, of all nations, tribes, peoples, and tongues, **standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes**... ¹³ Then one of the elders answered, saying to me, "Who are these arrayed in white robes, and where did they come from?" ¹⁴ And I said to him, "Sir, you know." So he said to me, "**These are the ones who come out of the great tribulation**, and washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the

Lamb.

II. Second Bowl: The Sea Turns to Blood

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.

- **Second Angel pours out the Second Bowl on the Sea**
- Sea becomes as the "*blood of a dead man*"

Revelation 8:8 ...the second angel sounded [his trumpet]: 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.

- Now every living creature in the sea...*dies*
- Sea becomes a **grave** instead of a womb of life [JVM]
- Possibly same cause as trumpets or a miraculous chemical change:

It should be remembered that, chemically speaking, the composition of sea water is almost identical to that of blood, so that only a relatively small modification would be necessary. Of course, the red color of blood flowing in human veins is imparted to it by the hemoglobin in the red corpuscles, due largely to its component of iron. In living flesh, these corpuscles transmit oxygen and other materials to all the cells of the body so that truly, "the life of the flesh is in the blood" [Leviticus 17:11]. In no way could sea water substitute for blood of living flesh, but in this case the waters of the sea became "as the blood of a dead man". It is merely a chemical solution, water containing iron and other chemicals which give it a blood red appearance, but there is no longer life there in. In fact, it brings death to every living creature in the sea. [Morris, 298]

III. Third Bowl: Fresh Waters Turn to Blood

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

- **Third Angel pours out the Third Bowl on Fresh Water**
- Fresh water turns to blood:

Revelation 8:10 Then the third angel sounded: And a great star fell from heaven, burning like a torch, and it fell on a **third of the rivers** and on the springs of water. ¹¹ The name of the star is Wormwood. A third of the waters became wormwood, and many men died from the water, because it was made bitter.

Exodus 7:19 [^{1st} Plague in Egypt]...the LORD spoke to Moses, "Say to Aaron, 'Take your rod and stretch out your hand over the waters of Egypt, over their streams, over their rivers, over their ponds, and over all their pools of water, that they may become blood. And there shall be blood throughout all the land of Egypt, both in *buckets of wood* and *pitchers of stone*.'" ²⁰ And Moses and Aaron did so, just as the LORD commanded. So he lifted up the rod and struck the waters that were in the river, in the sight of Pharaoh and in the sight of his servants. And all the waters that were in the river were turned to blood. ²¹ The fish that were in the river died, the river stank, and the Egyptians could not drink the water of the

river. So there was blood throughout all the land of Egypt. ²² Then the magicians of Egypt did so with their enchantments; and Pharaoh's heart grew hard, and he did not heed them, as the LORD had said. ²³ And Pharaoh turned and went into his house. Neither was his heart moved by this. ²⁴ So all the Egyptians **dug all around the river for water to drink**, because they could not drink the water of the river.

- Now **Worldwide**

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."

- **Angels:** Gods Superintendents of His Creation

Revelation 7:1 ...I saw four angels standing at the four corners of the earth, holding the four winds of the earth, that the wind should not blow on the earth, on the sea, or on any tree.

- **Testimony of the Angel of the Waters:** "You are righteous O Lord"; "You are the One Who is, was, and is to be"
- Righteous because those being judged are those who have:

1. Shed the blood of **Saints:** **New Testament Martyrs**
2. Shed the blood of **Prophets:** **Old Testament Martyrs**

- You have given them **blood to drink... instead of accepting Christ's blood to be saved:**

Revelation 5:9 And they sang a new song, saying: "You are worthy to take the scroll, And to open its seals; For You were slain, And have **redeemed us to God by Your blood** Out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation...

- Men love **darkness:**

John 3:19 ... this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. ²⁰ For everyone practicing evil hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed.

Matthew: 23:34 ...indeed, I send you **prophets, wise men, and scribes:** *some* of them you will kill and crucify, and *some* of them you will scourge in your synagogues and persecute from city to city, ³⁵ that **on you may come all the righteous blood shed on the earth**, from the blood of righteous Abel to the blood of Zechariah, son of Berechiah, whom you murdered between the temple and the altar.

- **God is Righteous in Judgment:**

Luke 2:34 Then Simeon blessed them, and said to Mary His mother, "Behold, this *Child* is destined for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign which will be spoken against ³⁵ (yes, a sword will pierce through your own soul also), that the **thoughts of many**

hearts may be revealed.”

Matthew 27:25... all the people answered and said, “**His blood be on us** and on our children.”

Romans 2:5 ...in accordance with your hardness and your impenitent heart you are treasuring up for yourself wrath in the **day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God**, ⁶ who “*will render to each one according to his deeds*”: ⁷ eternal life to those who by patient continuance in doing good seek for glory, honor, and immortality; ⁸ but to those who are self-seeking and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness—indignation and wrath, ⁹ tribulation and anguish, on every soul of man who does evil...

2 Thessalonians 1:3 We are bound to thank God always for you, brethren, as it is fitting, because your faith grows exceedingly, and the love of every one of you all abounds toward each other, ⁴ so that we ourselves boast of you among the churches of God for your patience and faith in all your persecutions and tribulations that you endure, ⁵ *which is* manifest evidence of the **righteous judgment of God**, that you may be counted worthy of the kingdom of God, for which you also suffer; ⁶ since *it is* a righteous thing with God to repay with tribulation those who trouble you, ⁷ and to *give* you who are troubled rest with us when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with His mighty angels, ⁸ in flaming fire taking vengeance on those who do not know God, and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹ These shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power, ¹⁰ when He comes, in that Day, to be glorified in His saints and to be admired among all those who believe...

⁷ And I heard **another from the altar saying**, “Even so, Lord God Almighty, **true and righteous are Your judgments.**”

- **“Another from the altar”** gives the same Testimony; i.e. **“True and Righteous are your judgments”**

Revelation 6:9 When He opened the fifth seal, I saw **under the altar the souls** of those who had been slain for the word of God and for the testimony which they held. ¹⁰ And they cried with a loud voice, saying, “**How long, O Lord**, holy and true, until You judge and avenge our blood on those who dwell on the earth?”

IV. Fourth Bowl: Men Are Scorched

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

- **Fourth Angel pours out the Fourth Bowl on the Sun**
- Poured out his bowl on the sun; **power given to “him”** [angel] **to scorch the earth with great heat:**

Revelation 8:12 Then the fourth angel sounded: And a **third of the sun was struck**, a third of the moon, and a third of the stars, so that a third of them were darkened. A third of

the day did not shine, and likewise the night.

- **Sun:** Created to serve man...

Genesis 1:14 Then God said, "Let there be lights in the firmament of the heavens to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs and seasons, and for days and years; 15 and let them be for lights in the firmament of the heavens to give light on the earth"; and it was so.

- Prophesied to become a curse:

Malachi 4:1 "For behold, the day is coming, **Burning like an oven, And all the proud,** yes, all who do wickedly will be stubble. And the day which is coming shall burn them up," Says the LORD of hosts, "That will leave them neither root nor branch..."

Isaiah 24:6 Therefore the curse has devoured the earth, And those who dwell in it are desolate. Therefore the inhabitants of the **earth are burned**, And few men are left.

Isaiah 30:26 ...the light of the moon will be as the light of the sun, And the light of the sun will be **sevenfold**, As the light of seven days, In the day that the LORD binds up the bruise of His people And heals the stroke of their wound.

- **Water needed but is blood!** Expensive purification only
- Evaporation of great quantities of water will cause greater "**greenhouse effect**"
- **Any Rain/Hail** that reaches earth will be in the form of violent thunderstorms and/or tornados
- **Lowering of water tables:** Land becomes unstable/ Tsunamis
- **Believers protected:**

Psalms 121:4 Behold, He who keeps Israel Shall neither slumber nor sleep. ⁵ The LORD is your keeper; The LORD is your shade at your right hand. ⁶ **The sun shall not strike you by day, Nor the moon by night.** ⁷ The LORD shall preserve you from all evil; He shall preserve your soul. ⁸ The LORD shall preserve your going out and your coming in From this time forth, and even forevermore.

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.**

- **Blasphemed*** the Name of God; i.e. the **Character** of God
- Why? They knew God **caused** the heat/ had the power to **stop** the heat...but would not!
- Blaspheming the Name [Character] of God:

Romans 2:23 You who make your boast in the law, do you dishonor God through breaking the law? ²⁴ For "*the name of God is blasphemed among the Gentiles because of you,*" as it is written.

- David was judged for not only adultery, but giving God's enemies "**great occasion**

to blaspheme"

2 Samuel 12:14 ...David said to Nathan, "I have sinned against the LORD." And Nathan said to David, "The LORD also has put away your sin; you shall not die. However, because by this deed you have given great occasion to the enemies of the LORD to blaspheme, the child also who is born to you shall surely die."

- **Repentance** relation to Giving God Glory; talk is cheap:

Matthew 3:7 ...when [John the Baptist] saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to them, "Brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? ⁸ Therefore **bear fruits worthy of repentance...**

2 Corinthians 13:5 **Examine yourselves as to whether you are in the faith.** Test yourselves. Do you not know yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you?—unless indeed you are disqualified.

John 15:4 Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me. [Love one another]

V. Fifth Bowl: Darkness and Pain on the Beast and his Kingdom

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.**

Revelation 9:1 Then the **fifth angel sounded:** And I saw a star fallen from heaven to the earth. To him was given the key to the bottomless pit. 2 And he opened the bottomless pit, and smoke arose out of the pit like the smoke of a great furnace. So the sun and the air **were darkened because of the smoke of the pit.** 3 Then out of the smoke locusts came upon the earth. And to them was given power, as the scorpions of the earth have power.

- **Fifth Angel pours out the Fifth Bowl on the Throne/Kingdom of the Beast**
- **Darkness/Pain:** Localized the Beast's Kingdom [not earth, sea, etc...but on the "throne of the beast"]

1. Darkness: Darkness felt

Exodus 10:21 [9th Plague in Egypt] ...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.

- **Darkness sought; darkness given... beginning in the throne room of the Beast!**

2. Pain: Loathsome sores, bitter ware, burning heat and heavy darkness

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

- V .9 Blasphemed the “name of God” as they knew He had power to stop the heat
- Here blaspheme not His Name, but **God Himself** because of pain of their previous sores from **Bowl One**:

Revelation 16:2 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.

- **Again they did not repent**/hardened their hearts [c.f. Pharaoh in Exodus 3,4,5,7,13,14]

Revelation 22:11 He who is unjust, let him be **unjust still**; he who is filthy, let him be filthy still; he who is righteous, let him be **righteous still**; he who is holy, let him be holy still.”

Romans 2:4 ...do you despise the riches of His goodness, forbearance, and longsuffering, not knowing that the goodness of God leads you to repentance? 5 But in accordance with your hardness and your impenitent heart you are treasuring up for yourself wrath in the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God...

- This one [antichrist/Satan] who would long for “the day” thinking it was “his day” is now in **pain and darkness**:

Amos 5:18 Woe to you who desire the day of the LORD! For what good is the day of the LORD to you? It will be darkness, and not light.

VI. Sixth Bowl: Euphrates Dried Up/ Armageddon

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.

- **Sixth Angel pours out the Sixth Bowl on the Great River Euphrates**

Revelation 9: 13 Then the **sixth angel sounded**: And I heard a voice from the four horns of the golden altar which is before God, ¹⁴ saying to the sixth angel who had the trumpet, “Release the four angels who are bound at the great river Euphrates.” ¹⁵ So the four angels, who had been prepared for the hour and day and month and year, were released to kill a third of mankind.

- **Euphrates**: [Also see notes for Revelation 9]
 - **Hebrew**: Abraham; possibly meaning “other side of the Euphrates”
 - Eastern border of the land promised to Abraham [see Genesis 15:18]

- Border between East and West
 - 1800 miles long; The "Great River" of Deuteronomy 1:7
 - Over 25 references in the Word of God first in Genesis 2
 - "Cradle of mans civilization" Adam and Eve
 - Also the Eastern Border of the **Roman Empire**
- Miraculously will "dry up" and "erase" the borders of East and West
 - Way made for the Kings of the East; i.e. "The Kings of the Sunrise" to march to **Armageddon**
 - 10 Kings of the Earth proceed to Armageddon foolishly "*eager to move to the final confrontation*"
 - Gives us chronology [placement in the 7 year tribulation] of the Bowl Judgments; i.e. **just before Armageddon and the Second Coming of Jesus**

Interlude between Sixth and Seventh Bowl vv 13-16

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**.

- **Unclean spirits LIKE frogs:**

Exodus 8:3 [2nd Plague in Egypt]...the river shall bring forth frogs abundantly, which shall go up and come into your house, into your bedroom, on your bed, into the houses of your servants, on your people, into your ovens, and into your kneading bowls. 4 And the frogs shall come up on you, on your people, and on all your servants."''''

- Coming out of the **Unholy Trinity after an Unholy Huddle:**

1. **Dragon** -----[Satan]
2. **Beast** -----[Antichrist /Sea Beast]
3. **False Prophet** -----[Earth Beast]

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.

- **Interpretation given:**

1. Spirits of **Demons**
2. Perform signs [give direction] convincing "**proofs**"

Mark 13:22 ...false christs and false prophets will rise and show signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect.

3. Go out to the **Kings of the Earth**
4. Go out to the **Whole World**

5. **Purpose:** Gather Christ -rejecting kings and their followers to the Battle of the Great Day of God Almighty [Supper of God]

- **Unclean spirits:** Working though willing vessels:

Matthew 24:24 ...false christs and false prophets will rise and show great signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect. 25 See, I have told you beforehand.
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- **Using the voices of false prophets who “give heed to” deception:**

2 Peter 2:1 But there were also false prophets among the people, even as there will be false teachers among you, who will secretly bring in destructive heresies, even denying the Lord who bought them, and **bring on themselves swift destruction.**

1 Timothy 4:1 Now the Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith, **giving heed to** deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons...

- **With minds distorted by Sorcery** [gr. Pharmacia] these kings become followers:

Joel 3:9 Proclaim this among the nations: “Prepare for war! Wake up the mighty men, Let all the men of war draw near, Let them come up. 10 Beat your plowshares into swords And your pruning hooks into spears; **Let the weak say, ‘I am strong.’”** 11 Assemble and come, all you nations, And gather together all around. Cause Your mighty ones to go down there, O LORD. 12 “Let the nations be wakened, and come up to the Valley of Jehoshaphat; **For there I will sit to judge all the surrounding nations.**

Proverbs 16:9 A man’s heart plans his way, But the LORD directs his steps.

- **Satan’s Goal:** To abolish God and God’s Name from the face of the earth, blaming Him for their pain and defaming His character to the kings of the earth who persuade the rest of the world to march, fly, drive, and ride to Armageddon; he will have a pseudo victory before his destruction:

Zechariah 14:2 For I will gather all the nations to battle against Jerusalem; The city shall be taken, The **houses rifled, And the women ravished. Half of the city shall go into captivity,** But the remnant of the people shall not be cut off from the city.

Joel 3:1 “For behold, in those days and at that time, When I bring back the captives of Judah and Jerusalem, 2 I will also gather all nations, And bring them down to the Valley of Jehoshaphat; And I will enter into judgment with them there On account of My people, My heritage Israel, Whom they have scattered among the nations; They have also **divided up My land.** 3 They have cast lots for My people, Have given a boy as payment for a harlot, And sold a girl for wine, that they may drink. [c.f. Isaiah 10:28]

NOTE: Divided up My land: Enough said?

- **God’s Result:** Harvest and Destruction of the ungodly; temporal physical and eternal spiritual torment

Joel 3:16 The **LORD also will roar from Zion,** And utter His voice from Jerusalem; The

heavens and earth will shake; But the LORD will be a shelter for His people, And the strength of the children of Israel. 17 " So you shall know that I am the LORD your God, Dwelling in Zion My holy mountain. Then Jerusalem shall be holy, And no aliens shall ever pass through her again."

Zephaniah 3:8 " Therefore **wait for Me," says the LORD**, " Until the day I rise up for plunder; My determination is to gather the nations To My assembly of kingdoms, To pour on them My indignation, All My fierce anger; All the earth shall be devoured With the fire of My jealousy.

▪ **Interlude continues:**

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."

- **Blessed is he who watches...Behold I come as a thief**
- Encouragement to Tribulation Believers who refused the Mark and are waiting for the **Horizontal rapture to Jerusalem and Mount Zion**; i.e. the Millennium [Revelation 20]

Chronology:

1. **Rapture:** Jesus will not come as a thief to His Bride, the Church:

1 Thessalonians 1: 2 ...you yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so comes as a thief in the night. ³ For when they say, "Peace and safety!" then sudden destruction comes upon them, as labor pains upon a pregnant woman. And they shall not escape. ⁴ But you, brethren, are not in darkness, so that this Day should overtake you as a thief. ⁵ You are all sons of light and sons of the day. We are not of the night nor of darkness. ⁶ Therefore let us not sleep, as others *do*, but let us watch and be sober.

2. **2nd Coming:** Every eye will see:

Revelation 1:7 Behold, He is coming with clouds, and every eye will see Him, even they who pierced Him. And all the tribes of the earth will mourn because of Him. Even so, Amen.

Matthew 24:26 "Therefore if they say to you, 'Look, He is in the desert!' do not go out; or 'Look, He is in the inner rooms!' do not believe it. ²⁷ For as the lightning comes from the east and flashes to the west, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be.

3. **Horizontal Rapture/Gathering of the Saints:** To the Millennial Kingdom as Jesus comes back from "trampling the winepress" [Isaiah 63]

Matthew 24:30 Then the sign of the **Son of Man will appear in heaven**, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. **24:31** And He will send His angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they will **gather together His elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.**

Revelation 14:1 Then I looked, and behold, a Lamb standing on Mount Zion, and with Him one hundred and forty-four thousand, having His Father's name written on their foreheads.

Psalms 50:5 "Gather My saints together to Me, Those who have made a covenant with Me by sacrifice." 6 Let the heavens declare His righteousness, For God Himself is Judge. Selah

- **To these He says in the midst of the Bowl Judgments: "Blessed is he who Keeps his garments"**
- **Not be ashamed**; i.e. ready to meet Him face to Face:

"...the captain of the temple made his rounds during the night to see if the guards were awake and alert. If any was found asleep, he was either beaten or his garments set on fire."
[Edersheim]

1 John 2:28 ...little children, abide in Him, that **when He appears, we may have confidence and not be ashamed before Him at His coming.**

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

- **They gathered them together:** Unclean Demonic Spirits did the gathering
- Place called in **Hebrew**...Armageddon
- **War:** Not a single battle; Russia from the North comes down toward Israel
- Extends from the length of Israel to the valley of Jehoshaphat including the Mountain of Edom [Isaiah 63] concluding with the **Second Coming of Jesus Christ:**

Revelation 19:11 Now I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse. And He who sat on him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness **He judges and makes war.**

- In prophesy only used **once in the Old Testament:**

Zechariah 12:11 In that day there shall be a great mourning in Jerusalem, like the mourning at Hadad Rimmon in the plain of **Megiddo.**

- **Har-Magedon:** lit. **Mount of Megiddo** Only used in here in NT Revelation 16:16
- **Compound word:** "Har" = Mountain and "Megiddo" = plain of Esdraelon; i.e. **Valley of Armageddon ; Scene of many battles throughout history:**

1. Assyrians
2. Napoleon from Egypt into Syria
3. Saracens
4. Crusaders
5. Anti-Christian Frenchman
6. Egyptians
7. Persians
8. Druses
9. Turks
10. Arabs

VII. Seventh Bowl: The Earth Utterly Shaken

- **Interlude Over**

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!"**

- **Seventh Angel pours out the Seventh Bowl "into the air"**
- No geographical location; every portion of the globe
- It is "done": same word as "*finished*" in Hebrews 4 speaking of:

The Finished Work of **Creation**:

Hebrews 4:3 ...we who have believed do enter that rest, as He has said: " So I swore in My wrath, ' They shall not enter My rest,'" although the works were **finished** from the foundation of the world.

Genesis 2:1 ...the heavens and the earth, and all the host of them, **were finished**. 2 And on the seventh day God ended His work which He had done, and He rested on the seventh day from all His work which He had done. 3 Then God blessed the seventh day and sanctified it, because in it He rested from all His work which God had created and made.

The Finished Work of **Salvation**:

John 19:30 When he had received the drink, Jesus said, **"It is finished."** With that, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

Here the Finished Work of **Purging and Changing the Earth**:

Revelation 16:17 ...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!"**

- There is no more mercy...no more grace...no more possibility of escape:

Hebrews 2:3 ...how shall we escape if we neglect so great a salvation, which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed to us by those who heard Him,

- Nothing ahead for Christ rejecters except the **White Throne Judgment**

Hebrews 10:26 For if we sin willfully after we have received the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins, 27 but a certain fearful expectation of judgment, and fiery indignation which will devour the adversaries. 28 Anyone who has rejected Moses' law dies without mercy on the testimony of two or three witnesses. 29 Of how much worse punishment, do you suppose, will he be thought worthy who has trampled the Son of God underfoot, counted the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified a common thing, and insulted the Spirit of grace? 30 For we know Him who said, "Vengeance

is Mine, I will repay," says the Lord. And again, "The LORD will judge His people." 31 It is a **fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.**

Later the Finished Work of **Renewal**:

Revelation 21:1 Now I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. Also there was no more sea. 2 Then I, John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. 3 And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, "Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them and be their God. 4 And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away." 5 Then He who sat on the throne said, "Behold, I make all things new." And He said to me, "Write, for these words are true and faithful." 6 And He said to me, **"It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End.** I will give of the fountain of the water of life freely to him who thirsts.

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.**

- Most intense earthquake of all listed in Revelation and ever since mankind's existence [c.f. Revelation 4:5, 8:5 and 11:9]

Haggai 2:6 "For thus says the LORD of hosts: 'Once more (it is a little while) I will shake heaven and earth, the sea and dry land; 7 and I will **shake all nations**, and they shall come to the Desire of All Nations, and I will fill this temple with glory,' says the LORD of hosts.

Isaiah 24:17 Fear and the pit and the snare Are upon you, O inhabitant of the earth. 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.

Joel 3:16 The LORD also will roar from Zion, And utter His voice from Jerusalem; The heavens and **earth will shake**; But the LORD will be a shelter for His people, And the strength of the children of Israel.

19 Now the **great city 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.**

- **Great City:** Jerusalem [distinguished from Babylon] divided into 3 Parts as it is the

earthquakes epicenter

- **Jerusalem:** the Eternal City

1 Chronicles 23:25 ... David said, "The LORD God of Israel has given rest to His people, that they may dwell in Jerusalem forever";

Psalms 125:1 Those who trust in the LORD Are like Mount Zion, Which cannot be moved, but abides

Micah 4: 7 I will make the lame a remnant, And the outcast a strong nation; So the LORD will reign over them in Mount Zion From now on, even forever.

- Even Jerusalem will be **changed**:

Zechariah 14:4 ... in that day His feet will stand on the Mount of Olives, Which faces Jerusalem on the east. And the Mount of Olives shall be split in two, From east to west, Making a very large valley; Half of the mountain shall move toward the north And half of it toward the south.

- **Babylon remembered:** Babylon; i.e. Iraq

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

- **Every Island fled:** i.e. moved from one place to another

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.**

- **Mountains were not found:** Lit. *Some* mountains disappeared
- **Hail from Heaven:** Judgment from Heaven

1. Greek=**56 lbs**
2. Jewish=**114 lbs**

NOTE: Roman catapults through stones this size into Jerusalem [Josephus]

Isaiah 30:30 The LORD will cause His glorious voice to be heard, And show the descent of His arm, With the indignation of His anger And the flame of a devouring fire, With scattering, tempest, and hailstones.

Joshua 10:11as they fled before Israel and were on the descent of Beth Horon, that the LORD cast down large hailstones from heaven on them as far as Azekah, and they died. There were *more who died from the hailstones than the children of Israel killed with the sword.*

- **Warning not Heeded: Stoning was the penalty for blasphemy**

Leviticus 24:14 "Take outside the camp him who has cursed; then let all who heard him

lay their hands on his head, and let all the congregation stone him. 15 "Then you shall speak to the children of Israel, saying: 'Whoever curses his God shall bear his sin. 16 And whoever blasphemes the name of the LORD shall surely be put to death. **All the congregation shall certainly stone him, the stranger as well as him who is born in the land. When he blasphemes the name of the LORD, he shall be put to death.**

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* Blasphemy in Revelation 16

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. [Revelation 16:8, 9]

- Scorched by fire they blasphemed the "Name of God" i.e., His character, even

knowing He had power and authority to relent

- They did not repent and “give Him glory”

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. [Revelation 16:10, 11]

- Gnawing their tongues, trying to offset the pain of their sores, they blasphemed God
- They did not repent of their deeds

[Seventh Angel pours his bowl on the air] Men blasphemed God because of the plague of the hail, since that plague was exceedingly great. [Revelation 16:20]

- They blasphemed God because the plague of hail was great.
- Judgment for blasphemy was justified