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Revelation 16:12-16 (NKJV)

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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.

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.

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."

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

a. The sixth angel and its bowl starts the.

1. Winding down

2. Closing out

3. Finishing up all the prophecies of scripture.

b. It can be seen as a turning point of the seven-year period of tribulation.

1. The opening of the way or gate are opportunity for the return of the Lord Jesus Christ.

a. Which has not been possible until now.

b. Which has been predicted by almost every writer in scripture.

c. Has been looked for by every generation of believers.

9. Unlike the other two sets of judgments.

a. The seven seals

b. The seven trumpets

1. Which only had six judgments and the seventh was an announcement to the upcoming judgments.

c. The seven Bowl judgments have seven full sets of judgments.

1. This is one of the reasons why they are seen as the more severe judgments.

And can be seen as the closer of the seven years of tribulations.

10. First John sees the sixth angel pour out its bowl of the great Euphrates River.

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a. The sixth bowl has several purposes.

1. It prepares a way for the armies of the world –(antichrist) – to move into the place called Armageddon.

a. The place where the evil armies of this world will gather together to battle the nation of Israel for the last time. - (They thing)

Rev. 9 : 15 – 21 - Rev. 16 : 12 : 16

b. The waters of the Euphrates have been a hindrance to the nations of this world who wish to destroy the nation of Israel.

1. But we have seen what scholars of old did not see.

a. The water of the Euphrates is drying up.

1. The Euphrates is known in scripture as the great river just as the Mediterranean sea is known as the great Mediterranean Sea.

2. The waters of the river of Euphrates have not completely dried up, even though it is experiencing a severe shortage of water it has not completely dried up yet, but well on its way. According to the ministry of water of Iraq.

3. Their prediction is, by the year 2040 it will be dry due to climate change.

c. There are two real reasons why the Euphrates are drying up.

1. First – Because God's word said it would.

2. Secondly – Is because in 1970 through 1980 and 1990's a dam built by the southeastern Anatolia –(Gap) – project of Turkey was constructed for water irrigation of upstream countries.

a. This dam has stopped the water flow of both the Euphrates and Tigris rivers to a trickle.

b. Even though there is a treaty between Turkey and the nations that these rivers flow to and through, Iraq has accused Turkey of breaking the treaty, but Turkey says the water shortage is because of climate change.

d. The Euphrates is over 1800 miles long and it was very wide and deep making it almost impossible to cross it now no more than a mud puddle.

11. These events that John is seeing and writing about have been predicted by prophets of God for many years.

a. Jeremiah says a sword or judgment is coming.

Jeremiah 50:35-42 (NKJV)

³⁵ "A sword *is* against the Chaldeans," says the LORD, "Against the inhabitants of Babylon, And against her princes and her wise men. ³⁶ A sword *is* against the soothsayers, and they will be fools. A sword *is* against her mighty men, and they will be dismayed. ³⁷ A sword *is* against their horses, Against their chariots, And against all the mixed peoples who *are* in her midst; And they will become like women. A sword *is* against her treasures, and they will be robbed. ³⁸ A drought *is* against her waters, and they will be dried up. For it *is* the land of carved images, And they are insane with *their* idols. ³⁹ "Therefore the wild desert beasts shall dwell *there* with the jackals, And the ostriches shall dwell in it. It shall be inhabited no more forever, Nor shall it be dwelt in from generation to generation. ⁴⁰ As God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah And their neighbors," says the LORD, "So no one shall reside there, Nor son of man dwell in it. ⁴¹ "Behold, a people shall come from the north, And a great nation and many kings Shall be raised up from the ends of the earth. ⁴² They shall hold the bow and the lance; They *are* cruel and shall not show mercy. Their voice shall roar like the sea; They shall ride on horses, Set in array, like a man for the battle, Against you, O daughter of Babylon.

b. Paul says they will be punished with everlasting destruction.

11 Thess. 1 : 1 - 12

12. Rev. 9 : 15 – 21 has already mentioned this,

a. Place

b. 200 million-man army

c. Battel called Armageddon

1. Rev. 9 : 15 – 21 is another set of scriptures that have to be pulled out and placed where they belong

2. They belong here in the closing days are hours of this time known as the great tribulations.

d. John introduces this army and battel in chapter nine, but it could not happen because it was not the right time are place

1. Now is the

a. Right Time

b. Right place for chapter nine and the battel called Armageddon.

c. We must remember that the modern-day Iran, Iraq and Syria was known as the Persia empire in biblical history

13. David Writes and warns the kings of the earth to honor the king of all Kings in Psalms chapter two because judgment is coming upon those who don't.

Psalms 2:1-12(NKJV)

14. John says that the way of the Kings of the east might be prepared.

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- a. The word kings is symbolic of leaders of troops.
- b. This is the greatest army ever assembled in human history.
 - 1. A 200 million men army according to rev. chapter nine verse sixteen.
 - 2. Gather from all the nations of the earth.
 - 3. To do war against one of the smallest nations of the earth.
 - a. Just as the nation of Israel-(or Jewish)- is the target of the wrath of God during the seven bowl judgments
 - b. So also is the nation of Israel still the target for the armies of the world-(for total destruction).
 - 1. Little do they know that they will not be meeting the armies of the nation of Israel for battle
 - 2. But they will be meeting the God of Israel for their final battle.

15. Six things we should be reminded of that scripture teaches.

- a. Scripture says the great river Euphrates will dry up
 - 1. We know how and why today
 - b. Scripture says the kings over the confederate armies of the kingdoms of the earth will cross over to the valley known as Armageddon.
 - 1. The kings of the east of Palestine consisting of all Arabs nations, China, all the nations of the east.
 - 2. The Kings north of Palestine known as Russia.
 - 3. The Kings of the south of Palestine including Africa.
 - 4. The Kings of the west of Palestine including all European nations Canada and America.
 - a. All will be represented at the valley of Armageddon
 - b. All will have their own reason for being there
 - Oil – Gas – wealth will be the root desire.
- Zech. 12 : 1 – 9 - Zach. 9 : 10 - Zach. 3 : 9 - Joel 3 : 9 – 16**
Is. 11 : 4 - Is. 2 : 4 - Dan. 2 : 44 – Dan. 7 : 19 – 27 - Ezek. 38 : 39
- c. Their objective is to war against the nation of Israel for total extermination of the Jews.
 - c. Scripture says there will be a day known as Armageddon.
 - 1. The day of God almighty.
 - 2. It is the day the armies of the world will come to meet their maker.

- d. Scripture says there is the warning of the return of Christ.
 - 1. The judgments have come to all those who have taken the mark of the beast and worshipped and followed after the Beast.
 - e. Scripture says. The battle ground is the valley of Meggido in Palestine
 - 1. Better known as Armageddon.
- Matt. 25 : 13 - Luke 12 : 37 - 1 Thess. 5 : 5 – 6 - Rev. 3 : 11 – Rev. 16 : 15

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