

THE SIXTH & SEVENTH BOWL JUDGMENTS – Euphrates Dried Up/Armageddon; The Earth Utterly Shaken -- 16:12-21

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THE SIXTH PLAGUE – EUPHRATES DRIED UP/ARMAGEDDON - 16:12-16

Rev 16:12 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.

Rev 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.

Rev 16:14 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.

Rev 16:15 "Behold, I am coming

as a thief.

Revelation 16:12-21

PLAGUE SIX – EUPHRATES DRIED UP/ARMAGEDDON - 16:12-16 - Not Revelation 20:7-10! cf. Zech. 12:9; 14:1-4, 12-16; Rev. 14:19-20; 19:15

v. 12 “its water was dried up, so that the way of the kings (perhaps China, India, Iran, Pakistan & all the “stans”, all from SE Asia) from the east might be prepared.” - The preparation for this battle - Cf. Genesis 15:18; Deut. 1:7-8 (Euphrates) cf. Isaiah 11: 15-16; Zech. 10:11 - Is there a connection with Revelation 9:14-16?

v. 13 “three unclean spirits” - The presence of demonic forces - cf. Rev. 9:20

v. 13 “like frogs” Their Appearance – Possibly by stages. The trinity of evil. The dragon, Satan, his man, the antiChrist and the false prophet.

v. 14 - Their Ability “performing signs” - three unclean spirits

v. 15 “to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty” - The purpose of these demonic forces; possibly Anti-Semantic positions with be the unifying force

v. 15 “Behold, I am coming” - The promise of the second coming - Cf. Rev. 22:7, 12-13, 16, 20 (Jesus is whom we are talking about!)

v. 15 “as a thief” - The Surprise of His coming - cf. Matt. 24:42-44; 1 Thess. 5:2, 4; 2 Peter 3:10

“EUPHRATES DRIED UP/ ARMAGEDDON”

From a human viewpoint, it appears that the armies of the nations are gathering on their own; but John makes it clear that the military movement is according to God’s plan. The satanic trinity, through demonic powers, will influence the nations and cause the rulers to assemble their armies. They will even work miracles that will impress the rulers and cause them to cooperate. But all this will merely fulfill the will of God and accomplish His purposes

This gathering of the nations against Israel will happen! It’s His battle and He is going to accomplish His purposes!

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*Rev 16:16 And they gathered them together to
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v. 15 *"Blessed is ..."* - The Seriousness of His coming v. 15
"Blessed" (BEATITUDES) – Rev. 1:3; 14:13; 16:15

v. 15 *"he who watches"* Our anticipation –

v. 15 *"keeps his garments"* Our actions - Cf. 2 Cor. 5:1-9; Rev. 3:18

v. 15 *"naked"* - opposite of garments

v. 15 *"shame"* - issue of moral purity - Cf. Matt. 7:21-23; 1 John 2:28-29; 3:1-3

v. 16 *"they gathered them together to the place called in Hebrew, Armageddon."* The place where the nations are gathered -
"Armageddon" - The name Armageddon comes from two
Hebrew words, har Megiddo, the hill of Megiddo. The word
Megiddo means "place of troops" or "place of slaughter." (hill of
Megiddo or mountain of slaughter) - Cf. Rev. 14:20 – "mountain
of slaughter"; more of the picture?? 200 miles (?) Cf. Is. 63:1-6

The admonition in Rev 16:15 applies to us
all: "Behold, I [Jesus] come as a thief.
Blessed is he who watches, and keeps his
garments, lest he walk naked, and they see
his shame." Jesus Christ may return at any
time, and it behooves us to keep our lives
clean, to watch, and to be faithful.

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PLAGUE SEVEN - GREAT EARTHQUAKE/HAIL -- 16:17-21

Rev 16:17 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!"

Rev 16:18 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.

Rev 16:19 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.

Rev 16:20 Then every island fled away, and the mountains were not found.

Rev 16:21 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

2A. PLAGUE SEVEN - GREAT EARTHQUAKE/HAIL - 17-21

v. 17 "It is done!" - It will be the completion of God's plan - Cf. 10:7; 15:1, 8

v. 17 "such a mighty and great earthquake" - The Dimensions of the earthquake - cf. 6:12-17 and Isaiah 24:18

v. 17 "had not occurred since men were on the earth." - It will be the greatest catastrophe of all time! - 18-21a

v. 19 "the cities of the nations fell." - The Destruction of the world's cities-each and every one of them!!

v. 20 "Then every island fled away, and the mountains were not found." - The Disappearance of mountains and islands - cf. 6:14

v. 21 "great hail from heaven fell upon men, each hailstone about the weight of a talent." - The Dropping of giant hailstones (100 pounds) -cf. Exodus 9:22-26

v. 21 "Men blasphemed God because of the plague of the hail, since that plague was exceedingly great" - It will be the consequence which God will bring on those who worship the beast and his image - cf. 16:9, 11, 21

Plague #7 – Great Earthquake!

This may very well be the voice of our Lord and He is announcing, "It is done!" This is it! The judgments are complete. The time of man's rebellion is over. The time for the Lord to come and establish God's kingdom upon the earth, the new earth, the new age, the time has come. It's done. The rebellion against God, it's over. The kingdom of darkness, it's over. And the time has come! That glorious day!

There will be a tremendous, cataclysmic, upheaval.

The hail reminds us of the seventh plague. Imagine hailstones that weigh 100 pounds, which is what a talent of silver weighed in John's day. Lev 24:16 states that the blasphemer should be stoned to death, so the men of the earth who continued to blaspheme God get what they deserve.

What will it take to turn a person's heart from their sin? There is an interesting passage of Scripture that says, Know ye not that it is the goodness of God that leads a man to repentance? As the Book of Hebrews speaks of the hardness of the impenitent heart, it's only reserving or building up for the day of judgment that is coming. How important though that we realize that the Lord is coming for those that are ready!

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		<p><u>Questions:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. <u>Who is doing the “preparing the way of the kings of the east in verse 12? What will the preparation consist of?</u>2. <u>How does the Armageddon described in today’s study differ from that described in Rev. 20:7-10? Is there a difference or is it the same?</u>3. <u>Where in the Bible does it say that the greatest earthquake of all times will occur? When?</u>4. <u>Does verse 15 in this chapter seem out of place to you? Why do you think it’s there?</u>5. <u>Are you aware that “Armageddon” has more than one meaning in Hebrew? What do you think it means?</u>6. <u>In verse 17, what is included in “It is done”!</u>7. <u>Can you envision the catastrophe that will occur when “the cities of the nations fell” in verse 18?</u>8. <u>In Leviticus 24:16, the penalty for whomever blasphemes, was being stoned to death. Do you see any similarity in verse 21? Who is “throwing the stones”?</u>
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