

Book of Revelation

Chapter 16: – 6th & 7th Bowl Judgments

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Revelation 16 - Overview

- Previously, we covered the first FIVE Bowl of Wrath Judgments in Revelation 16:1-11
 - First Bowl – painful sores
 - Second Bowl – sea turns to blood
 - Third Bowl – fresh waters turn to blood
 - Fourth Bowl – sun gets hotter; people scorched
 - Fifth Bowl – complete darkness over Antichrist's kingdom
- We'll finish up Revelation 16:12-21 tonight; Bowl of Wrath Judgments 6 & 7

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Revelation 16:12-16

- 12 The sixth angel poured out his bowl on the great river Euphrates, and its water was dried up, to prepare the way for the kings from the east. 13 And I saw, coming out of the mouth of the dragon and out of the mouth of the beast and out of the mouth of the false prophet, three unclean spirits like frogs. 14 For they are demonic spirits, performing signs, who go abroad to the kings of the whole world, to assemble them for battle on the great day of God the Almighty. 15 (“Behold, I am coming like a thief! Blessed is the one who stays awake, keeping his garments on, that he may not go about naked and be seen exposed!”) 16 And they assembled them at the place that in Hebrew is called Armageddon.

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Revelation 16:12 – Sixth Bowl

- Euphrates dries up...
- The Euphrates River HAS been drying up as far back as August 2021 or longer, leaving the “breadbasket” of Syria decimated [1]
- This drying up is in preparation for what God is going to DIRECT to occur and we’ll see that in the Seventh Bowl
- Notice according to v 12, this is being done to “...*prepare the way for the kings from the east...*”
- They – the rulers of the earth - come together for a great conflict
- [1] <https://www.france24.com/en/live-news/20210830-desert-drying-euphrates-threatens-disaster-in-syria>

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Revelation 16:13-14 - Sixth Bowl

- Notice also the “...*three unclean spirits like frogs.*” (v 13) that come from the dragon, the beast (Antichrist), and False Prophet.
- This appears to be some sort of proclamation to the kings of the earth because it comes from their *mouths*
- This is what causes the world’s armies to mobilize and converge on Palestine
- This is done for their “advantage” but results in their complete destruction by our Lord and Victor, Jesus
- Fallen angels/demons are sent forth to help mobilize the armies
- Frogs in Scripture are “unclean and loathsome” (Lev 11:10-11; 14)
- The second Egyptian plague involved frogs (Exodus 8:5), but these are real demons but simply LIKE frogs. They are not actual frogs.

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Revelation 16:15 – Sixth Bowl

- Verse 15 is a parenthesis – God is stating that the time of His physical return is nearly at hand!
- He comes like a thief meaning the lost will NOT expect His return!
- Christians must remain awake and WILL expect His return!
- We must not be lulled into sleep by a “woke” world
- We must remain true to God’s Word and His purposes
- We cannot and dare not hate those in the world but we can hate what they traffic in and what they call “good” though it is “bad”
- We must continue being lights to the world and preach the Gospel to the lost with our lips and with our lives

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Revelation 16:15 – Sixth Bowl

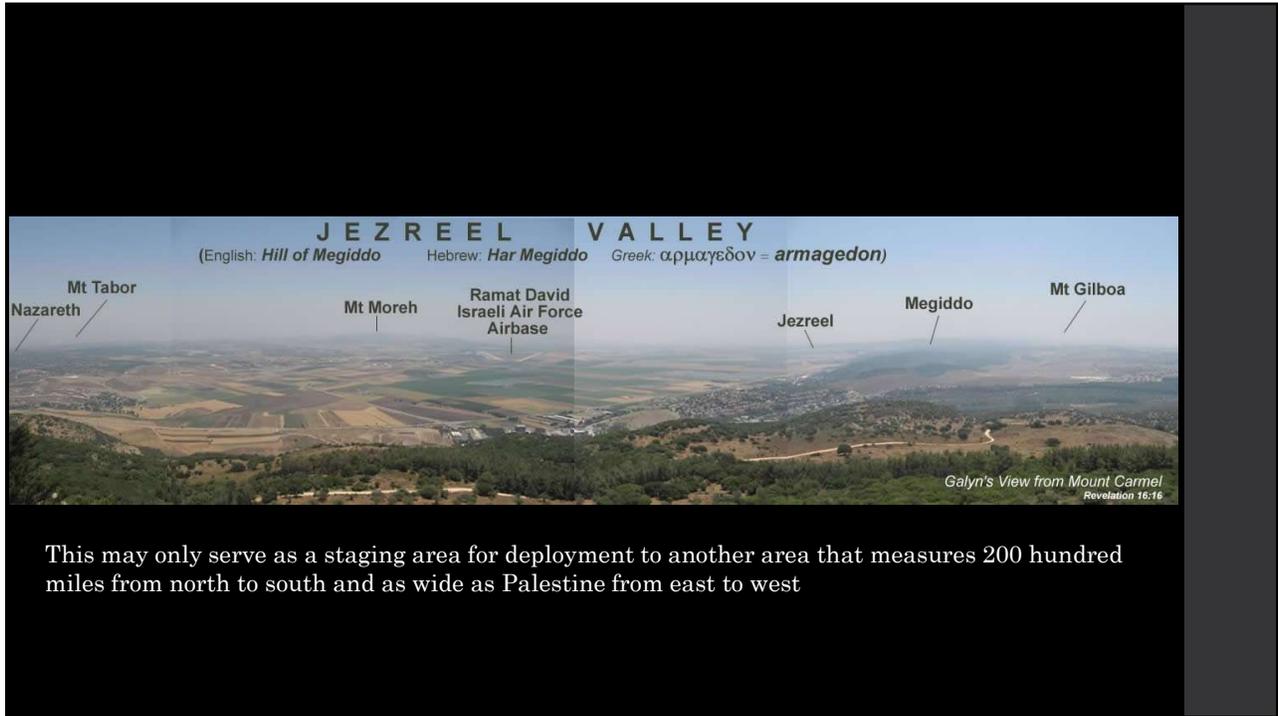
- “...*keeping his garments on, that he may not go about naked and be seen exposed!*”
- Jesus Himself made this parenthetical statement and warns believers to be
 - Watchful
 - Pure
- The alternative is
 - Embarrassment
- This is ultimately a word of encouragement to all believers at that time during that last portion of the Tribulation
- Those believers who do not understand that Christ WILL return soon may behave in ways that will be embarrassing when He DOES return

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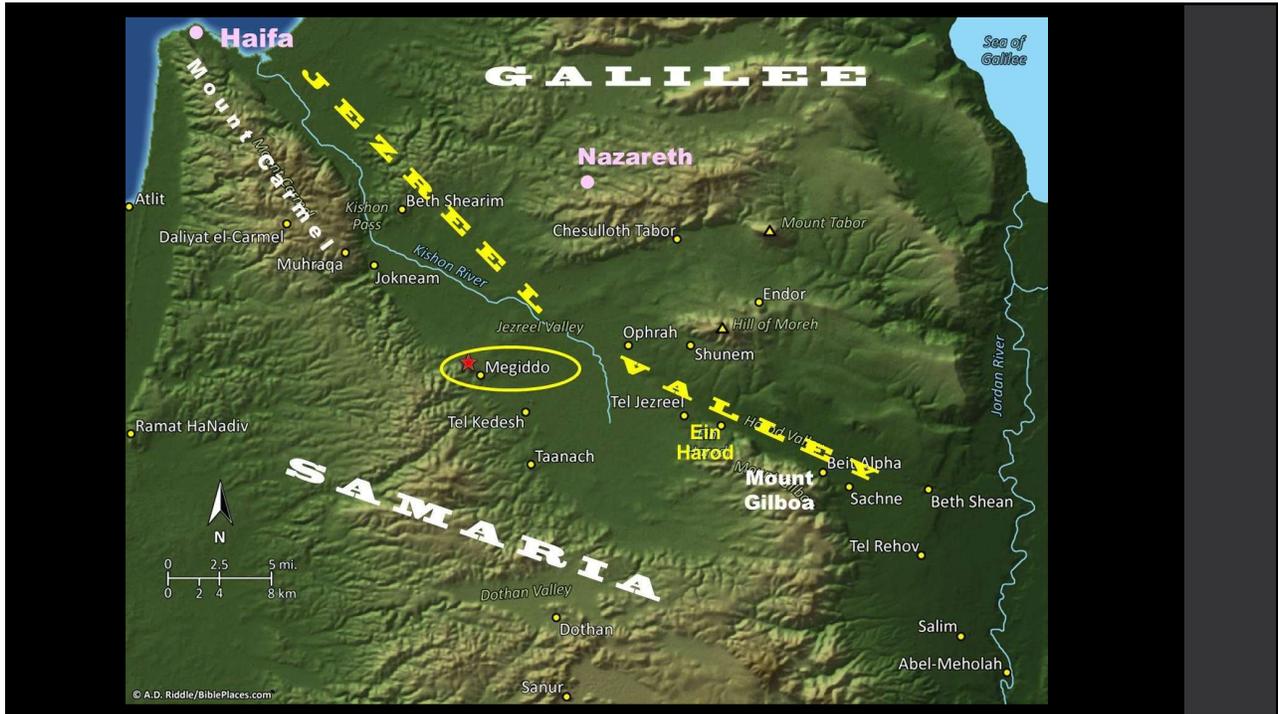
Revelation 16:16

- Verse 16 points out that all the kings and their armies of the world will gather at Armageddon under direction of the demons sent forth by the dragon, Antichrist and False Prophet
- Armageddon is from the Hebrew “Har-Magedon” or literally, the mountain of Megiddo
- May refer to the small hill on the south-central edge of Jezreel (Esdraelon) Valley in northern Palestine where Megiddo stood
- Could also mean mountain closest to Megiddo – Mt. Carmel (Elijah)
- Probably, so that there’s room enough, Har-Megiddo refers to hill country around Megiddo that border approximately 14 by 20 MILES Valley of Jezreel (where Deborah and Barack defeated Canaanites)
- Megiddo means “place of slaughter”

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Revelation 16:17-21 Seventh Bowl

- Verse 17 states: “It is done!”
- Notice angel pours contents of bowl into the AIR, which is what humans breathe to remain alive
- God’s voice declares all is finished referring to judgments
- 7th bowl judgment is just about to occur
- This “it is done” probably refers to God’s demolition of man’s final weapon in human warfare (nuclear?)
- What does “it is done” remind you of?

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Revelation 16:18 – Seventh Bowl

- Flashes and lightnings and the greatest earthquake this world will ever have experienced will produce destruction that follows!
- These are divine signs of judgment
- They are in preparation for the 7th bowl of wrath judgment that brings to the end all 21 judgments

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Revelation 16:19 – Seventh Bowl

- The “great city” here could refer to
 - Jerusalem
 - Rome
 - Babylon
 - Euphrates
- I believe it refers to Jerusalem
- The word “great” is also used in Revelation 11:8 when describing the situation where the slain two witnesses’ bodies will lie
- Zechariah 14:4 also lists the geological changes that will occur in Jerusalem prior to the Lord’s return
- Notice also that the “cities of the nations fell” – not just Jerusalem

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Revelation 16:20-21 – Seventh Bowl

- Massive destruction occurs!
 - Islands literally move
 - No mountains found
 - Giant hailstones fall from heaven to earth – 100 POUNDS each
 - Hail was often used as divine judgment in biblical history
 - I can pick up an 80 pound bag of concrete mix but it’s a struggle.
 - Imagine 100 pounds hitting you from the sky!
 - Death and destruction awaits!
 - Reaction? They curse God! They are unable to repent yet they know God exists!



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Next Time:

- Revelation 17 – Babylon, the Prostitute on the Beast