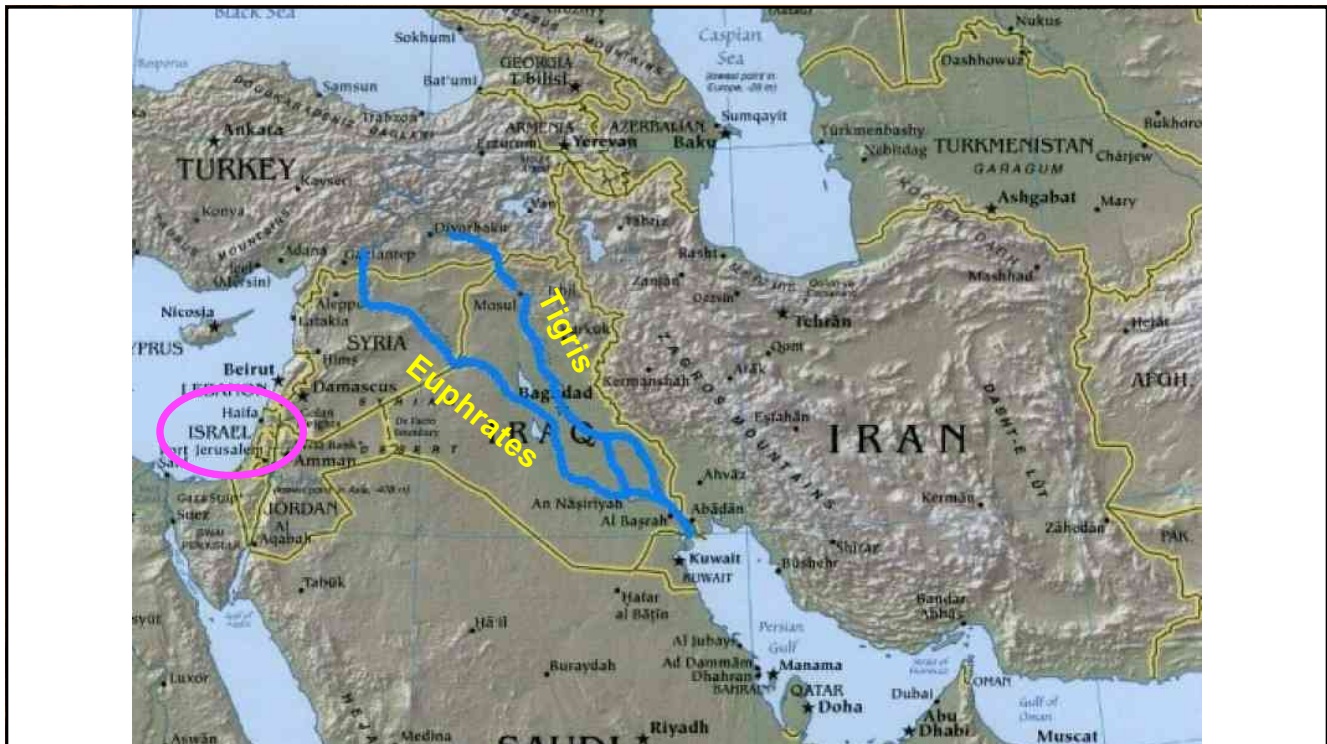


Chapter 16

Verse 12- *The sixth angel poured out his bowl on the great river, the Euphrates; and its water was dried up, so that the way would be prepared for the kings from the east.*

was dried up- This will allow armies from the east to amass on the plain of Megiddo.

kings from the east- Literally, “kings of the rising of the sun.” China, Japan, India, etc. This is a global army coming to fight God and his people. He is finalizing the destruction of the physical earth dramatically and they are forced to fight Him and His people.



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Major Battles Fought at Megiddo (Over 200 total)

- Thutmose III vs. the Canaanites in ca. 1472 BC
- Deborah & Barak vs. Sisera (Judges 5)
- Saul vs. the Philistines (1 Sam 31)
- Solomon vs. Pharaoh Shishak (2 Chr. 12:3-4)
- Josiah vs. Pharaoh Necho (2 Kings 23:29)
- Four battles between Saladin and the Crusaders in the 12th century
- Egyptian Mamlouks vs. Mongols in 14th century
- Napoleon Bonaparte vs. Ottomans in 1799
- General George Allenby vs. Ottoman Turks in 1918
- Kibbutz Mishmar Halemek vs. Arab Liberation Army in 1948

Chapter 16

Verse 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;*

out of the mouth- Compare with the sword coming out of the Lord's mouth:

*Revelation 2:16-Therefore repent; or else I am coming to you quickly, and I will wage war against them with the **sword of My mouth**.*

*Revelation 19:15-**From His mouth comes a sharp sword**, so that with it He may strike down the nations, and He will rule them with a rod of iron; and He treads the wine press of the fierce wrath of God, the Almighty.*

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frogs- Anything without scales and fins was unclean according to Levitical law (Lev. 11:10). Frogs were considered sacred to the Egyptians and they worshiped Heqet, the frog-headed Goddess of birth. Frogs were thought to be sacred and not to be killed (second plague). The unholy trinity of the devil, beast, and false prophet join forces. These demons proceeding out of their mouths are “like” frogs.



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Verse 14- *for they are spirits of demons, performing signs, which go out to the kings of the entire world, to gather them together for the war of the great day of God, the Almighty.*

demons, performing signs- These demons will influence the world leaders aligned in a global army to wage war against God and His people. As the time of the final battle draws nearer, Satan fights harder against God and His followers.

the war- Definite article. This is the final and biggest battle.

the great day- Definite article. The word “great” is used 6x in this chapter.

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war of the great day of God- The Jezreel Valley, also called the Plain of Esdraelon is 145 square miles, not big enough to contain this global army of 200 million soldiers (Rev. 9:6). This battle will start at Har-Megedon and spill over 70 miles south to Jerusalem where it will end at the Valley of Jehoshaphat, "The valley where Yahweh will judge." It is also known as the Kidron Valley, separating the temple mount from the Mt. of Olives.

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Joel 3:1-2, 12

*"For behold, in those days and at that time, When I restore the fortunes of Judah and Jerusalem, I will gather all the nations And bring them down to the **Valley of Jehoshaphat**. Then I will enter into judgment with them there On behalf of My people and My inheritance, Israel, Whom they have scattered among the nations; And they have divided up My land.*

*"Let the nations be awakened And come up to the **Valley of Jehoshaphat**, For there I will sit to judge."*

Chapter 16

Verse 15- (*"Behold, I am coming like a thief. Blessed is the one who stays awake and keeps his clothes, so that he will not walk about naked and people will not see his shame."*)

like a thief- Jesus repeatedly tells his followers He will return like a thief (Matt. 24:42-43; Luke 12:39-40; Rev. 3:3). Followers are to be ready, and those who don't follow Him take action to prevent Him from returning.

Blessed is the one- This is the third of seven beatitudes in Revelation:

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#1. Revelation 1:3	<i>Blessed is anyone who reads the words of this prophecy, and blessed those who hear them, if they treasure the content, because the Time is near.</i>
#2. Revelation 14:13	<i>Blessed are those who die in the Lord! Blessed indeed, the Spirit says; now they can rest forever after their work, since their good deeds go with them [doctrine of merit].</i>
#3. Revelation 16:15	<i>Blessed is anyone who has kept watch, and has kept his clothes on, so that he does not go out naked and expose his shame.</i>
#4. Revelation 19:9	<i>Blessed are those who are invited to the wedding feast of the Lamb.</i>
#5. Revelation 20:6	<i>Blessed and holy are those who share in the first resurrection; the second death has no power over them but they will be priests of God and of Christ and reign with Him for a thousand years. [the first death is one's physical death; the second death is the failure to win eternal life.]</i>
#6. Revelation 22:7	<i>I am coming soon! Blessed are those who keep the prophetic message of this book.</i>
#7. Revelation 22:14	<i>Blessed are those who will have washed their robes clean, so that they will have the right to feed on the tree of life and can come through the gates into the city. [the Jerusalem of 21:9]</i>

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Verse 15- (*“Behold, I am coming like a thief. Blessed is the one who stays awake and keeps his clothes, so that he will not walk about naked and people will not see his shame.”*)

stays awake and keeps his clothes- The Lord does not tell sleepy believers they will miss His return, but they must be ready (morally) or they risk shame. Keep an eye on your garments and don't sleep. Although Christians have been redeemed, the Lord requires us to live so that we will not be ashamed if he returned today. Christ's people are to focus on their readiness for his return, not the war of evil forces coming against them.

Chapter 16

Verse 16- *And they gathered them together to the place which in Hebrew is called Har-Magedon.*

they gathered them- The demons released from the unholy trinity in verse 14 are influencing the kings through signs and wonders to march to Israel and fight God and His followers.

Har-Magedon- The only time this word is used in the Bible. There is Tel-Megiddo, but no mountain other than Mt. Carmel west of Megiddo. The battle begins in the Jezreel Valley and moves south to Jerusalem.

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Verse 17- *Then the seventh angel poured out his bowl upon the air, and a loud voice came out of the temple from the throne, saying, "It is done."*

upon the air- This used to be the domain of Satan but has been taken back by God. It may also be the initial cause of the coming hailstorm.

"It is done" - (*gegonen*- the perfect tense of *ginomai*). An act with effects in the future. It reminds us of Jesus' last words on the cross (John 19:30). God's justice is complete and there will be no new series of seven judgments. This is it.

Chapter 16

Verse 18- *And there were flashes of lightning and sounds and peals of thunder; and there was a great earthquake, such as there had not been since mankind came to be upon the earth, so great an earthquake was it, and so mighty.*

flashes of lightning and sounds and peals of thunder- These introduced the seventh seal (8:5) and trumpet (11:19) and now the seventh bowl.

a great earthquake- Possibly worldwide so that the geography of the world will be changed. All tectonic plates shift at once?

Chapter 16

Verse 19- *The great city was split into three parts, and the cities of the nations fell. Babylon the great was remembered in the sight of God, to give her the cup of the wine of His fierce wrath.*

great city was split into three parts- Jerusalem will be split into three parts as a result of the global earthquake. This is a fulfillment of Zech. 14:3-4:

*Then the Lord will go forth and fight against those nations, as when He fights on a day of battle. On that day His feet will stand on the Mount of Olives, which is in front of Jerusalem on the east; and **the Mount of Olives will be split in its middle from east to west forming a very large valley**. Half of the mountain will move toward the north, and the other half toward the south.*

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the cities of the nations fell- All the world's cultural, political, economic, and sociological centers collapse due to the earthquake. They are the source of the "kings of the east and they are judged as part of the Babylonian world system.

Babylon- Rome? Babylon in Iraq? Whatever the geographic location, it is the capital of the beast's empire.

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cup of the wine of His fierce wrath- The world system of the beast now is the sole subject of God's anger (wrath).

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Verse 20- *And every island fled, and no mountains were found.*

island fled, and no mountains were found- Again, as a result of the global earthquake, all mountains, on land and under water (islands), tumble.

We've seen the beginning of this during the sixth seal judgment in Revelation 6:14:

*The sky was split apart like a scroll when it is rolled up, and **every mountain and island was removed from its place.***

Chapter 16

Verse 21- *And huge hailstones, weighing about a talent each, came down from heaven upon people; and people blasphemed God because of the plague of the hail, because the hailstone plague was extremely severe.*

hailstones, weighing about a talent each- Hail reminds us of the seventh plague of Egypt (Exodus 9:22-23). These hailstone were 100 – 120 pounds each. A bag of ice from a machine usually weighs 2 pounds, so each hailstone would be the equivalent of 50 bags of ice melted together. They would kill instantly whoever they fell on.

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blasphemed God- Once again, the reprobate lost who follow the beast curse God.

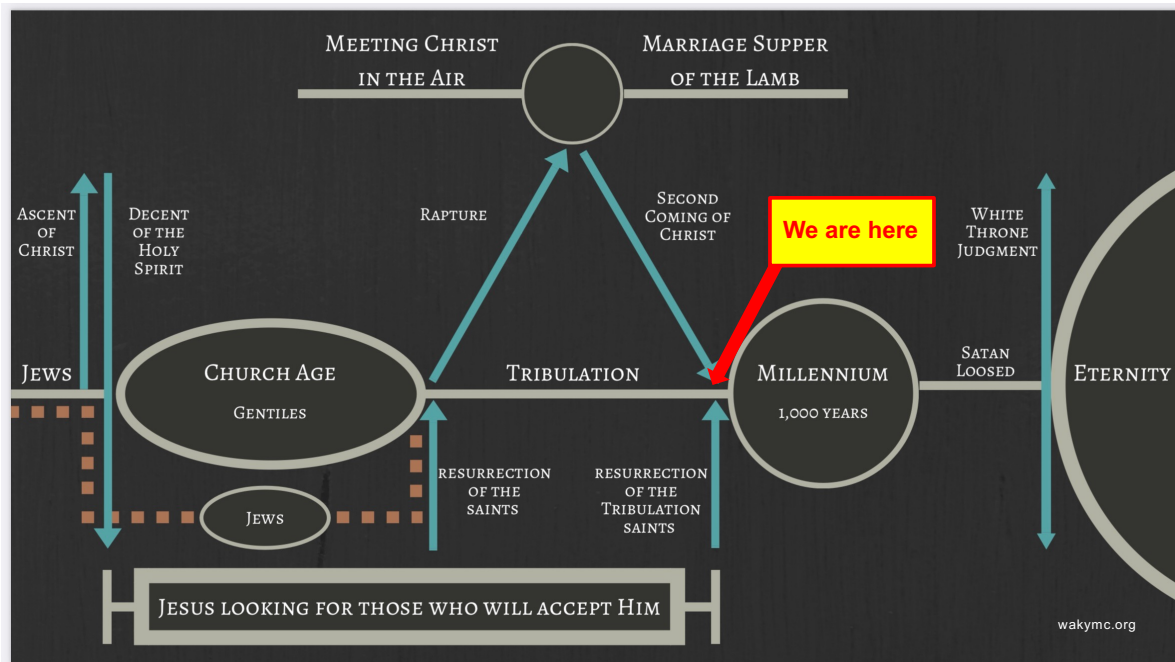
Greek- *blasphēmein*,

Latin- *blasphemare*,

Middle English (from Old French)- *blamer, blasmer*,

Modern English- *blame*

Where are we headed?



Next week...

Chapter 17- "The Doom of Babylon"

