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CHAPTER 16

16 And I heard a great voice out of the temple saying to the seven angels. Go your ways, and pour out the vials of the wrath of God upon the earth.

² And the first went, and poured out his vial upon the earth; and there fell a noisome and grievous sore upon the men which had the mark of the beast, and upon them which worshipped his image.

³ And the second angel poured out his vial upon the sea; and it became as the blood of a dead man: and every living soul died in the sea.

⁴ And the third angel poured out his vial upon the rivers and fountains of waters; and they became blood.

⁵ And I heard the angel of the waters say, Thou art righteous, O Lord, which art, and wast, and shalt be, because thou hast judged thus.

⁶ For they have shed the blood of saints and prophets. and thou hast given them blood to drink; for they are worthy.

⁷ And I heard another out of the altar say, Even so, Lord God Almighty, true and righteous are thy judgments.

⁸ And the fourth angel poured out his vial upon the sun; and power was given unto him to scorch men with fire.

⁹ And men were scorched with great heat, and blasphemed the name of God, which hath power over these plagues: and they repented not to give him glory.

¹⁰ And the fifth angel poured out his vial upon the seat of the beast; and his kingdom was full of darkness; and they gnawed their tongues for pain

And blasphemed the God of heaven because of their

pains and their sores, and repented not of their deeds.

12 And the sixth angel poured out his vial upon the great river Euphrates; and the water thereof was dried up, that the way of the kings of the east might be prepared.

¹³ And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs come out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet.

¹⁴ For they are the spirits of devils, working miracles, which go forth unto 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 come as a thief. Blessed is he that watcheth

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and keepeth his garments, lest he walk naked, and they see his shame.

¹⁶ And he gathered them together into a place called in the Hebrew tongue Armageddon.

¹⁷ And the seventh angel poured out his vial into the air; and there came a great voice out of the temple of heaven, from the throne, saying, It is done.

¹⁸ And there were voices, and thunders, and lightnings; and there was a great earthquake, such as was not since men were upon the earth, so mighty an earthquake, *and* so great.

And the great city was divided into three parts, and the cities of the nations fell: and great Babylon came in remembrance before God, to give unto her the cup of the wine of the fierceness of his wrath.

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

²¹ And there fell upon men a great hail out of heaven, every stone about the weight of a talent: and men blasphemed God because of the plague of the hail; for the plague thereof was exceeding great.

(Revelation 16:1-21)

Insights

Verse 2 is a **key**: And the first went, and poured out his bowl upon the earth; and there fell a noisome and grievous sore <u>upon</u> the men which had the mark of the beast, and upon them which worshipped his image. Verse 13 is another **key**: And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs come out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet. Its **keys** tell us His **bowls of wrath** follow the ascension of the elect who refuse to bow to the beast or take his mark. (20:4-5; 14:14-20; Mat. 24:29-31; Mk. 13:24-27; Lk. 17:26-37)

There is no mistaking the Lord when we see Him returning in His glory (in 19:11-16). Not even His adversaries will doubt He is the King of kings (in 16:16-21; 19:17-21, Armageddon).

The **first bowl** causes a painful sore with a terrible odor on everyone who has the mark in his hand or forehead. The **second bowl** turns the sea into blood, and every soul in it dies. The **third** makes rivers and springs like blood since they killed the prophets and slaughtered the innocents, even infants and children. Hence, they have only blood to drink (in 16:6).

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The **fourth** sends the intensity of the sun, scorching their skin as fire would. The **fifth bowl** strikes the throne of the beast, Babylon (in 16:10-11). Darkness covers the kingdom formed by the three beasts as agonizing plagues infect them. The dragon had given his throne to the beast (in 13:2). Its judgment impacts the world but doesn't deter God's enemies.

At the **sixth bowl,** the kings of the East, likely from the land of Japheth's son Magog, east of the Euphrates—Iran, China, Pakistan, India, and many others, cross the dried riverbed to war against the Lamb, anticipating His return.

Like frogs, three evil spirits leap out of the mouths of the dragon, the beast, and the lying prophet (in 16:13; cf. Ex. 7-11). Ironically, the frog-like spirits attract the nations, mustering them to the wide valley Armageddon. Repentance would remit His wrath, but they refuse, so He pours His indignation on them.

¹¹ And [they] blasphemed the God of heaven because of their pains and their sores, and repented not of their deeds. (Rev. 16:11)

It's a mystery of iniquity: *no one seeks God; not even one*. (See Rom. 3:11-12; Ps. 14:1-3) He works in us to will and do what pleases Him till we believe by His gift of faith. Then He sets us free to resist or to choose Him. Whether we choose life or death is up to us. (Rom. 9:20) When we surrender all, we're born again.

Though we're taught that we choose a new nature by a free will and are predestined to be saved no matter what we do, the truth is exactly the opposite. This is the great apostasy. We must tear down the strongholds and believe God alone. To those who are left behind, He says, Behold I come as a thief. Blessed is he that watcheth and keepeth his garments, lest he walk naked, and they see his shame. (16:15b)

Persuaded by miracles and amazed by wonders, we've been confused by false teachers. The miracles may be from God, but what have the teachers taught? The Holy Spirit works by signs, wonders, and miracles, but convicts men of sin, of righteousness, and of judgment. Few have divided the truth from deceptions.

God alone knows each of us. We can't pander to the flesh and believe in Jesus. Refusing to see the future, we are disarmed by deceptions. (Jer. 5:30-31; 14:14-16) Seeking His righteousness and His promises, when trials come we look up to the Savior.

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At the **seventh bowl** (in 16:14), the whole earth shakes. God remembers Babylon and destroys her. He sends fire and hail as prophesied (in 16:19; 17:16-17; 18:17-20; 19:1-3). While this befalls the world, Israel mourns for her Son.

All Things Are Possible

Most people agree that it wasn't possible for God to create the universe in six days; that Noah couldn't have saved those animals from a flood in an ark; that Moses could not have freed the Hebrews from slavery; that God could not have parted the Red Sea for them to cross it though the Egyptians drowned; that a great fish never swallowed Jonah; that God never fathered a Son as a mortal; that Jesus couldn't have risen from the dead. Most people didn't believe that the Jews would return to their land or speak their native tongue again, but now they're there, and most people want them destroyed while Jews are turning to Yeshua daily. Soon *all Israel will be saved*, including all who endure to the end, despite what most people think.

³⁴ And I will bring you out from the people, and will gather you out of the countries wherein ye are scattered, with a mighty hand, and with a stretched out arm, and with fury poured out. (Ezk. 20:34)

As slaves in Egypt, Hebrews painted the blood of lambs to their doorposts. In Persia they all prayed for three days without food or water, just hoping the king would extend his scepter to Esther, his Jewish wife. When Jerusalem takes the dragon into her temple, God gathers the nations against her until as one man they call out for His Son by name; then Yeshua returns.

⁴ And his feet shall stand that day upon the mount of Olives, which is before Jerusalem on the east, and the mount of Olives shall cleave in the midst thereof toward the east and toward the west, and there shall be a very great valley; and half of the mountain shall remove toward the north, and half of it toward the south. ... ⁹ And the LORD shall be king over all the earth: in that day shall there be one LORD, and his name one. ... ¹¹ And men shall dwell in it, and there shall be no more utter destruction; but Jerusalem shall be safely inhabited.

(Zec. 14:4, 9, 11; cf. Ezk. 38; Rev. 16:18-21)

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Assembling the Pieces

The One who walked through the storm on the sea was God in Christ. In the day of battle, He bruised the serpent's head and gave the saints the Kingdom. He stands on the Mount of Olives and splits it in two for His people to flee their enemies. In that day the LORD is King over all the earth, and *Jerusalem shall be safely inhabited* for a thousand years till the world's rebels rise, and God's wrath falls on them who hate Him. (Rev. 20:7-10)

Ezekiel 38 and 39 are similar, but each has its time, divided by the Messianic Kingdom. Reading and comparing the words, chapter 39 precedes 38 by a thousand years, splitting Daniel's seventieth week in half with the indignation of the bowls and the trumpets on either side of the Messianic Kingdom.

Here is the order of history: Revelation 12; then 17, which is mostly fulfilled, including the seventh and eighth kings. When its ten kings (in 17:12) received kingdoms after WW1, the dragon rose as a little horn, a king-to-be, the eighth, but *of the seven*.

The terrible scarlet beast was finally slain when Babylon, his throne, fell in Berlin, and he gave *his throne* to the next beast. The dragon was *the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed* (in 13:2-3, 12). After the next beast, he rose as *another, diverse from the first (in Dan. 7:24; cf. Rev. 13:11)*.

In Rev. 2:13 Yeshua cites where Satan's seat is and where Satan dwells as Pergamon, but it isn't contradictory to say that Babylon was his throne, which he gave the beast in Rev. 13:2 and yet destroys in 17:16-17. The city's spirit is his evil throne, mystical Babylon, which he carried to cities that took her in. Her spirit covered Europe and entered the church before he carried her to 8th century Rome; then to 19th century Berlin.

¹³ "I know thy works, and where thou dwellest, even where Satan's seat is. And thou holdest fast my name, and hast not denied my faith, even in those days wherein Antipas was my faithful martyr, who was slain among you, where Satan dwelleth. (Rev. 2:13)

Babylon's culture is one of death. She had power over the cities of the Greeks and Persians long before the dragon carried her to Rome. When he carries his throne, he moves the spirit of Babylon to another city for another empire. Wherever his throne

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is, its city is taken by Babylon's culture, weakening the people by enticing them to revel in sin through their denial of God. The wealth of the world is in her. Her description is repeated in 18 where we learn more about the cursed city the dragon carried.

Chapter 18 immediately precedes the return of the Lord and Armageddon where He destroys His enemies and casts the beast and false prophet into the lake of fire. The devil is chained in the pit till the thousand years are over.

Following 18, chapter 19 refers to His return for His Bride. It leads to 20 and the future that culminates in chapters 8 through 11 when the devil is released till his destruction. After the living and the dead are judged, Revelation takes us to eternity.

The way to know Christ is by sacrifice. All we have, everything and everyone, are His. It's time to take up our cross and prepare for the tribulation. We have a window of opportunity to save our nation and our souls as we live by faith.

This is the apostasy when a large number of us have believed lies. It's natural to believe deceivers, but we must not be subject to a nature that rejects the truth. The prophets are misled by easy messages out of their own hearts, ensnaring the unstable. (See Jer. 14:13-15; 23:17, 21-22) Truly, the great tribulation is imminent.

The woman riding a scarlet beast is the city of the red dragon (in 17:18). Today the throne of the dragon is the city of the beast that houses all nations as Babylon in chapter 18. The dragon who carried her gave his throne to the beast that now owns her (in 13:2). The spirit of the throne is the mystery of chapter 17.

In 18 she is full of violence, idolatry, sorcery, mind-altering drugs, deceptions, immorality, and the sale of human souls. She could be many big cities since her influence covers the world, but there's much more in the prophecy that pinpoints the site of the dragon's throne. Mystery Babylon's nemesis is Jerusalem. *The city of the great King* is the throne of Messiah Yeshua; thus Satan's city Babylon is the throne he gave the beast:

¹⁷ At that time they shall call Jerusalem the throne of the LORD; and all the nations shall be gathered unto it, to the name of the LORD, to Jerusalem: neither shall they walk any more in the imagination of their evil heart. (Jer. 3:17)