

**Revelation 16:1-21 (NIV)**

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**3** **The** second angel poured out his bowl on the sea, and it turned into blood like that of a dead man, and every living thing in the sea died.

**4** **The** third angel poured out his bowl on the rivers and springs of water, and they became blood.

**5** **Then** I heard the angel in charge of the waters say: "You are just in these judgments, you who are and who were, the Holy One, because you have so judged;

**6** **for** they have shed the blood of your saints and prophets, and you have given them blood to drink as they deserve."

**7** **And** I heard the altar respond: "Yes, Lord God Almighty, true and just are your judgments."

**8** **The** fourth angel poured out his bowl on the sun, and the sun was given power to scorch people with fire.

**9** **They** were seared by the intense heat and they cursed the name of God, who had control over these plagues, but they refused to repent and glorify him.

**10** **The** fifth angel poured out his bowl on the throne of the beast, and his kingdom was plunged into darkness. Men gnawed their tongues in agony

**11** **and** cursed the God of heaven because of their pains and their sores, but they refused to repent of what they had done.

**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** **Then** I saw three evil spirits that looked like frogs; they came out of the mouth of the dragon, out of the mouth of the beast and out of the mouth of the false prophet.

**14** **They** are spirits of demons performing miraculous signs, and they go out to the kings of the whole world, to gather them for the battle on the great day of God Almighty.

**15** **"Behold,** I come like a thief! Blessed is he who stays awake and keeps his clothes with him, so that he may not go naked and be shamefully exposed."

**16** **Then** they gathered the kings together to the place that in Hebrew is called Armageddon.

**17** **The** seventh angel poured out his bowl into the air, and out of the temple came a loud voice from the throne, saying, "It is done!"

**18** **Then** there came flashes of lightning, rumblings, peals of thunder and a severe earthquake. No earthquake like it has ever occurred since man has been on earth, so tremendous was the quake.

**19** **The** great city split into three parts, and the cities of the nations collapsed. God remembered Babylon the Great and gave her the cup filled with the wine of the fury of his wrath.

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INTRO: The saints in Ch. 15 sing the songs of Moses and of the Lamb, songs of victory and celebration. As that subsides, John hears a loud voice from the temple...

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**God's voice** (a loud voice) from the temple – the 7 bowl judgments are to begin.

**The adjective** translated "loud" (*megalēs*) is frequently used in this chapter. The same Greek word is used in connection with intense heat (v. 9), the great river Euphrates (v. 12), the great day of God Almighty (v. 14), the loud voice (v. 17), a severe earthquake (v. 18), the great city (v. 19), Babylon the Great (v. 19), huge hailstones (v. 21), and a terrible plague (v. 21) – ALL USE THE WORD "MEGALES," a prolonged form of very large/very great!



**2 The first** angel went and poured out his bowl on the land, and ugly and painful sores broke out on the people who had the mark of the beast and worshiped his image.

**God—"you're** going to take the mark of the beast on your body? I'm going to judge you with marks (sores)."

**When God struck Egypt with plagues, He caused boils to break out on the Egyptians' bodies (Exodus 9:8–11). Centuries earlier the Philistines attempted to corrupt the Israelites' faith and faced God's stern judgment. He struck them with tumors (1 Samuel 5:6).**

**TUMORS = Painful sores/boils -- Ugly & painful** sores = ulcerated, malignant sores, itched, very painful, smelled terrible...greater than Job experienced! **KJV--Emerod (to burn; a boil or ulcer (from the inflammation), It speaks specifically of a tumor in the anus or pudenda. The pudendal nerve is a major nerve in your pelvic region. This nerve sends movement and sensation information from your genital area. The pudendal nerve runs through your pelvic floor muscles that support organs and ends at your external genitalia.**

**This could** also be a judgment on all the sexual immorality that has grown to epic proportions.

**3 The second** angel poured out his bowl on the sea, and it turned into blood like that of a dead man, and every living thing in the sea died.



**2<sup>nd</sup> judgment** = the sea turned into blood.

Violence and bloodshed escalated greatly in the last days & Tribulation – so, the judgment of blood, which kills every living thing in the sea (Gk. Literally saltwater)!

**4 The third** angel poured out his bowl on the rivers and springs of water, and they became blood.



Like the plague in the Nile River (Pharaoh/Moses), and earlier in Rev. where 1/3 of water struck, now ALL of the rivers and springs of water are affected! Brings about much suffering, dehydration, etc.

**GOD SAYS:** You've shed the blood of my followers, so I will make you have to drink blood!

In the Tribulation, the Antichrist and his followers will slaughter millions of people who choose Jesus. They refuse to follow the Antichrist and are thereby slaughtered by the most cruel and inhuman methods imaginable.

**And, if there's any question as to whether or not these judgments are specific and directed or warranted...**

**5 Then I** heard the angel in charge of the waters say: "You are just in these judgments, you who are and who were, the Holy One, because you have so judged;

The angel "in charge of the waters," said God is just (equitable).

**6 for they** have shed the blood of your saints and prophets, and you have given them blood to drink as they deserve." **7** And I heard the altar respond: "Yes, Lord God Almighty, true and just are your judgments." **V6** they shed blood of saints/prophets...you've given them blood to drink – they deserve it! **Revelation 6:9-10 (NLT2)**

**9** When the Lamb broke the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of all who had been martyred for the word of God and for being faithful in their testimony. **10** **They** shouted to the Lord and said, "O Sovereign Lord, holy and

true, how long before you judge the people who belong to this world and avenge our blood for what they have done to us?" **THE MERCIFUL GOD HAS NOW COME TO THE END OF HIS MERCY TO BE SHOWN.**

<sup>8</sup> The fourth angel poured out his bowl on the sun, and the sun was given power to scorch people with fire.

<sup>9</sup> They were seared by the intense heat and they cursed the name of God, who had control over these plagues, but they refused to repent and glorify him.



The 4<sup>th</sup> trumpet (8:12) darkened 1/3 of the heavens. This will become climate change/global warming to extreme! To be tortured with intense heat. No suitable water...now intense scorching heat. Instead of repenting & glorifying God, they cursed Him.

<sup>10</sup> The fifth angel poured out his bowl on the throne of the beast, and his kingdom was plunged into darkness. Men gnawed their tongues in agony <sup>11</sup> and cursed the God of heaven because of their pains and their sores, but they refused to repent of what they had done.

**5th Bowl** – Now God comes against the throne of the antichrist. **Exodus 10:21-23 (NLT2)** “Then the LORD said to Moses, “Lift your hand toward heaven, and the land of Egypt will be covered with a darkness so thick you can feel it.” <sup>22</sup> So Moses lifted his hand to the sky, and a deep darkness covered the entire land of Egypt for three days.

<sup>23</sup> During all that time the people could not see each other, and no one moved. But there was light as usual where the people of Israel lived.

**DARKNESS!** They gnawed their tongues in agony...cursed God...pains & sores...refused to repent.

These people are under terrible deception of the Antichrist and his false prophet.

What is happening today on a smaller scale will happen on a large scale in the Tribulation.

The beast and his followers loved moral and spiritual darkness, now experience a more tangible form of darkness. The prophet Joel predicted that the tribulation would be a day of thick darkness (**Joel 2:2**).

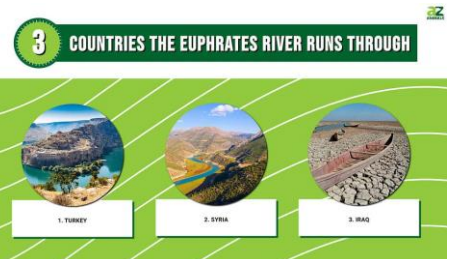
**Sores, intense heat (burns), now total darkness... a brief picture of eternal “hell” that they will soon enter!**

<sup>12</sup> 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.

This bowl is part of the preparation for the battle of Armageddon that is described in Ch 19.

**The Euphrates River**, 1740 miles long, runs through 3 countries—Turkey, Syria, & Iraq. 90% of the river’s water originates in Turkey, and it flows southeast over Syria and down the length of Iraq to the Persian Gulf.

<https://a-z-animals.com/blog/discover-the-countries-the-euphrates-river-runs-through/>



**Discover Magazine** reported in February, 2024 why the Euphrates river was drying up...and is dangerously low.



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Among the reasons...since the 1960s, the government of Turkey has built multiple dams to generate hydroelectric power, create reservoirs for irrigation during dry seasons. **The largest dam**... one of the largest in the world, is the Ataturk Dam which was completed in 1992. It is 554 feet tall. These hydroelectric projects have helped bring development to Southern Turkey, but they have raised international tensions, reducing by 40% the availability of water in the much drier downstream countries.

**SO, BY MAN-MADE INTERRUPTIONS AND/OR DROUGHT ...IN THE TRIBULATION IT WILL DRY UP...ALLOWING THE KINGS OF THE EAST (CHINA? & MORE?) TO COME**

<sup>13</sup> Then I saw three evil spirits that looked like frogs; they came out of the mouth of the dragon, out of the mouth of the beast and out of the mouth of the false prophet. <sup>14</sup> They are spirits of demons performing miraculous signs, and they go out to the kings of the whole world, to gather them for the battle on the great day of God Almighty.

**3 EVIL SPIRITS** – from Satan, the Antichrist & false prophet. Demons performing “miraculous signs.” Satan, the world ruler, and the false prophet unite in inciting the nations of the world to gather for the final world war.

Out of their mouths...words...DEMONS USE WORDS TO INFLUENCE/INCITE! Like Delphi Oracle – the idol thru whom demons spoke to give pagans direction. All cloaked in spirituality! Beware!

**It leads to THE BATTLE ON THE GREAT DAY** – noted in v16... "Armageddon" comes from the Greek *Harmagedōn*, which transliterates the Hebrew words for Mount (*har*) of Megiddo. That mountain is near the city of Megiddo and the plain of Esdraelon, the scene of many Old Testament battles.

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**Jesus'** return described as coming like a thief—sudden, unexpected, unprepared (unbelievers for sure).

But Paul said to the Thessalonian Church: **1 Thessalonians 5:4 (NLT2)** “But you aren’t in the dark about these things, dear brothers and sisters, and you won’t be surprised when the day of the Lord comes like a thief.

Joel 3:2 (NLT2) I will gather the armies of the world into the valley of Jehoshaphat. There I will judge them for harming my people, my special possession, for scattering my people among the nations, and for dividing up my land.

Zechariah 12:1-5 (NLT2) This message concerning the fate of Israel came from the LORD: “This message is from the LORD, who stretched out the heavens, laid the foundations of the earth, and formed the human spirit. <sup>2</sup> I will make Jerusalem like an intoxicating drink that makes the nearby nations stagger when they send their armies to besiege Jerusalem and Judah. <sup>3</sup> On that day I will make Jerusalem an immovable rock. All the nations will gather against it to try to move it, but they will only hurt themselves. <sup>4</sup> “On that day,” says the LORD, “I will cause every horse to panic and every rider to lose his nerve. I will watch over the people of Judah, but I will blind all the horses of their enemies. <sup>5</sup> And the clans of Judah will say to themselves, ‘The people of Jerusalem have found strength in the LORD of Heaven’s Armies, their God.’

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**7<sup>th</sup> angel...7<sup>th</sup> bowl (complete) – poured into the air**

**Loud voice from the throne – IT IS DONE! COMPLETED!**

Then, the heavens were filled with lightning, rumblings, thunder, greatest earthquake ever experienced.

In 1908 Italy earthquake killed more than 75,000 people

In 1923 Tokyo, Japan earthquake killed almost 100,000 people.

In 1920, Cansu province, China earthquake killed about 200,000 people.

This will far outdo all the previous ones.

**19 The great city split into three parts, and the cities of the nations collapsed.**

Great city – Rome (seat of Antichrist’s power?) Jerusalem? Babylon?

This earthquake will change the topography of the whole world.

**God remembered Babylon the Great and gave her the cup filled with the wine of the fury of his wrath.**

**Babylon judged severely!**

**20 Every island fled away and the mountains could not be found. Wow! Earth’s topography totally changed!**

**21 From the sky huge hailstones of about a hundred pounds each fell upon men. And they cursed God on account of the plague of hail, because the plague was so terrible.**



**Hailstones! Largest hailstone** ever recorded is about the size of a volleyball... at nearly 2 pounds  
A 100 lb. hailstone would be massive!

**AND THEY CURSED GOD ON ACCOUNT OF THE PLAGUE OF HAIL... STILL NO REPENTANCE!**