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Revelation 16



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The Seven Bowl
Judgements

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The seven bowl or vial judgments are the final judgments of the tribulation period. They will be the most severe judgments the world has ever seen.

Under the Antichrist, the wickedness of man has reached its peak, and it is met with God's wrath against sin. The seven bowl judgments are called forth by the seventh trumpet.

The first bowl

The first angel pours out the first bowl on the land, “and ugly, festering sores broke out on the people who had the mark of the beast and worshiped its image” (Revelation 16:2).

This plague is targeted at those who have committed themselves to the Antichrist; tribulation saints will not be affected by these sores.

The second bowl.

The second bowl is poured out on the sea, turning the water “into blood like that of a dead person, and every living thing in the sea died” (Revelation 16:3).

A third of the sea life had already perished with the sounding of the second trumpet (Revelation 8:9), and now the rest of the sea life is gone. The oceans are dead.



The third bowl

When the third bowl of God's wrath is poured out, the rivers and freshwater springs also turn into blood (Revelation 16:4-5).

The fourth bowl

The fourth angel pours out his bowl on the sun, “and the sun was allowed to scorch people with fire. They were seared by the intense heat” (Revelation 16:8-9).

Rather than repent of their sin, the wicked inhabitants of the earth “cursed the name of God, who had control over these plagues, but they refused to repent and glorify him” (verse 9).

The fifth bowl

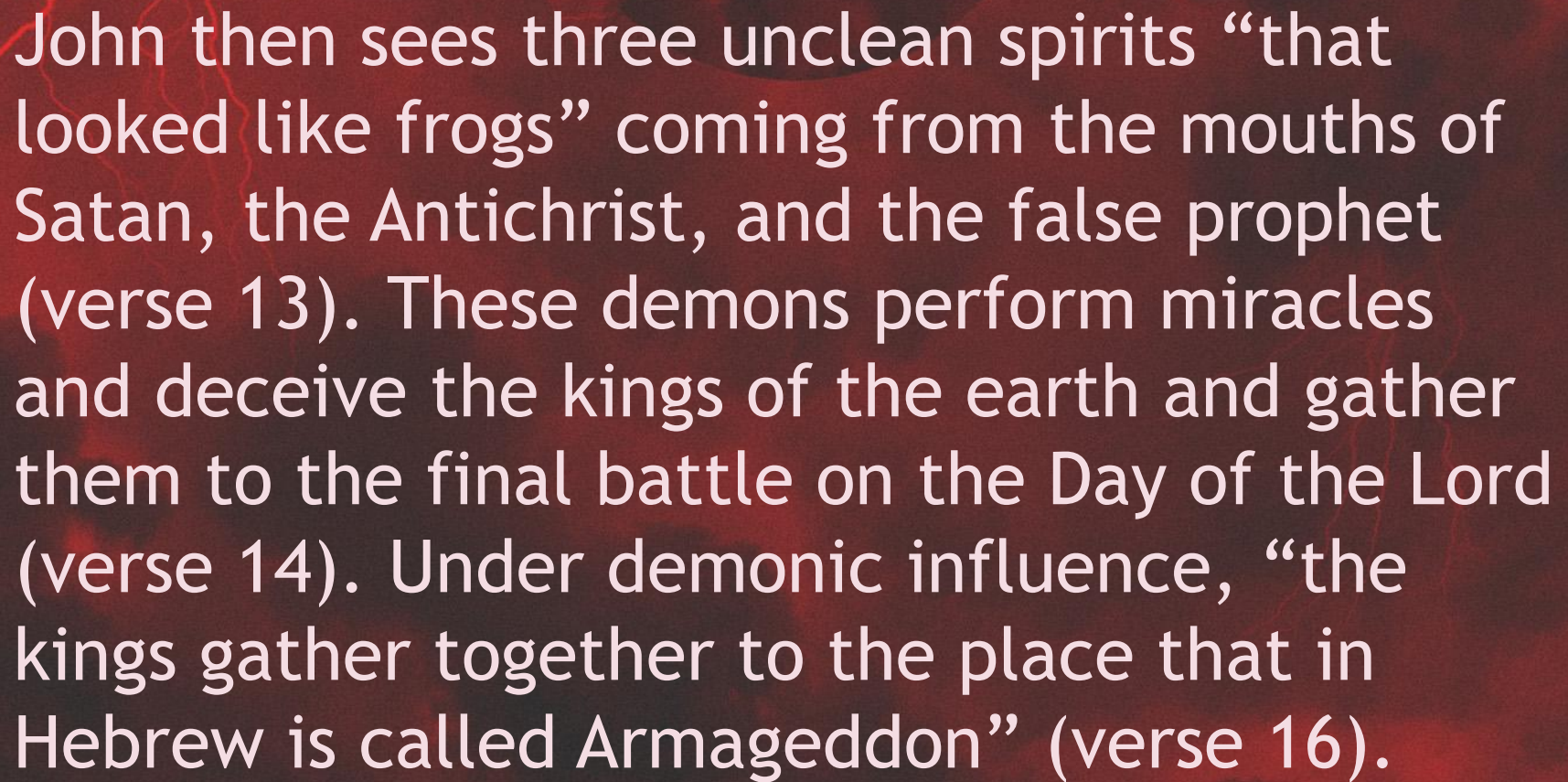
The fifth of the seven bowls causes the kingdom of the beast to be plunged into great darkness.

The pain and suffering of the wicked intensify, so that people gnaw their tongues in agony (Revelation 16:10-11). Still, the followers of the Antichrist “refused to repent of what they had done” (verse 11).



The sixth bowl

The sixth angel pours out his bowl of judgment on the Euphrates River. That river is dried up in preparation for the kings of the East making their way to their own destruction (Revelation 16:12).



John then sees three unclean spirits “that looked like frogs” coming from the mouths of Satan, the Antichrist, and the false prophet (verse 13). These demons perform miracles and deceive the kings of the earth and gather them to the final battle on the Day of the Lord (verse 14). Under demonic influence, “the kings gather together to the place that in Hebrew is called Armageddon” (verse 16).

The seventh bowl

The seventh bowl is emptied into the atmosphere.

A loud voice in heaven says, “It is done!” (Revelation 16:17). The seventh bowl results in flashes of lightning and an earthquake so severe that “no earthquake like it has ever occurred since mankind has been on earth, so tremendous was the quake” (verse 18).

Jerusalem is split into three parts, and the cities of the world collapse (verse 19). Islands are flooded, and mountains disappear (verse 20). Giant hailstones, “each weighing about a hundred pounds, fell on people” (verse 21). Those under judgment “cursed God on account of the plague of hail, because the plague was so terrible” (verse 21).

One of the angels of the seven bowl judgments then shows John the fate of Babylon the Great (Revelation 17), as God avenges “the blood of prophets and of God’s holy people, of all who have been slaughtered on the earth” (Revelation 18:24). The world mourns the fall of Babylon (chapter 18), but heaven rejoices (chapter 19). Jesus Christ then returns in glory to defeat the armies of the Antichrist at Armageddon (Revelation 19:11-21) and to set up His kingdom on earth (Revelation 20:1-6).

Battle of Armageddon

Timing

The battle of Armageddon will take place immediately following the last set of seven judgements, specifically, the seven bowl judgments.

Reason

The battle of Armageddon is God's final and victorious defeat of the unholy trinity. The Dragon, and the two beasts (Antichrist and False prophet) will be defeated in this battle. Heaven will rejoice at His victory. (Revelation 19:1)

Who will fight

The ten horns revealed. In Daniel's vision, the ten horns specifically represented ten kingdoms that this final world dictator has authority over (Daniel 7:24). In John's vision the ten crowns on the ten horns emphasize this idea.

My Beliefs

The 10 nations of Psalm 83 are 10 Islamic nations that will form an alliance to destroy Israel. These groups are no longer identifiable by their ancient names. The modern-day equivalents of these nations, that will form an alliance and will be plotting to destroy the nation of Israel may include:

Tents of Edom = [descendants of Esau] Palestinian Refugees and Southern Jordanians

Ishmaelites = Saudi Arabians

Moab = Palestinian Refugees and Central Jordanians

Hagrites = Egyptians

Gebal = Northern Lebanese

Ammon = Palestinian Refugees and Northern Jordanians

Amalek = Arabs South of Israel

Philista = Palestinian Refugees and Hamas of Gaza Strip

Inhabitants of Tyre = Hezbollah and Southern Lebanese

Assyria = Syrians and perhaps Northern Iraqis included

Children of Lot = Moab and Ammon

These nations will impose a single religion under the direction of the Antichrist forming the Islamic Caliphate. They will murder Jews and Christians but God will meet them on the plains of Megeddo in the battle called Armageddon.

Revelation 17:12 And the ten horns which thou sawest are ten kings, which have received no kingdom as yet; but receive power as kings one hour with the beast.

¹³ These have one mind, and shall give their power and strength unto the beast.

¹⁴ These shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them: for he is Lord of lords, and King of kings: **and they that are with him are called, and chosen, and faithful.**

Revelation 19:11 And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war.

12 His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on his head were many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself.

13 And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God.

14 And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean.

Where will the battle take place

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

The Outcome

Zechariah 14

Revelation 19