

# Day of Atonement (Yom Kippur)

- Tenth day of the month of Tishri
- Most solemn appointed time
- 6<sup>th</sup> of 7 Feast days
- The 2<sup>nd</sup> Fall feast
- Most holy, solemn of all feast days



# The Shema (Sh'ma)

**Sh'ma Yisrael  
Adonai Eloheinu  
Adonai Echad  
Baruch Shem k'vod  
malchutto, l'olam va'ed**

**Hear, O Israel:  
the LORD is our God  
The LORD is One.**

**Blessed be the name of His glorious kingdom  
for ever and ever.**



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*And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying: “Also the tenth day of this seventh month shall be the Day of Atonement. It shall be a holy convocation for you; you shall afflict your souls, and offer an offering made by fire to the LORD. And you shall do no work on that same day, for it is the Day of Atonement, to make atonement for you before the LORD your God. For any person who is not afflicted in soul on that same day shall be cut off from his people. And any person who does any work on that same day, that person I will destroy from among his people. You shall do no manner of work; it shall be a statute forever throughout your generations in all your dwellings. It shall be to you a sabbath of solemn rest, and you shall afflict your souls; on the ninth day of the month at evening, from evening to evening, you shall celebrate your sabbath.” (Leviticus 23:26-32)*

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*“On the tenth day of this seventh month you shall have a holy convocation. You shall afflict your souls; you shall not do any work. You shall present a burnt offering to the LORD as a sweet aroma: one young bull, one ram, and seven lambs in their first year. Be sure they are without blemish. Their grain offering shall be of fine flour mixed with oil: three-tenths of an ephah for the bull, two-tenths for the one ram, and one-tenth for each of the seven lambs; also one kid of the goats as a sin offering, besides the sin offering for atonement, the regular burnt offering with its grain offering, and their drink offerings. (Numbers 29:7-10)*

**Leviticus 16 contains the instructions for all the priestly duties on the Day of Atonement.** Since the Temple is no longer standing, these are not performed today, and have been *replaced by man-made, non Biblical, traditions.*

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**“Afflict”** Hebrew אָנָּה *’ânâh* (*aw-naw’*)

Idea of looking down, browbeating, depress literally or figuratively, abase, chasten, submit, HUMBLE. Used 83 X, almost always translated “humble.”

**your “souls”** Hebrew נֶפֶשׁ *nephesh* (*neh'-fesh*)  
a *breathing* creature, (abstractly) *vitality*; mind, mortality, one, own, person, self. The very core of a person (*this word has been translated as “soul” but is not used in the same sense we understand an immortal soul separate from the body. Represents whole of self.*)

# Day of Atonement (Yom Kippur)

- Phrase also accurately translated “*humble yourselves,*” or “*deny yourselves.*” Or “*look down on yourself.*”
- Idea here is to **see self as God sees you**, lacking before Him, fallen, in need of atonement, sinful, dark, evil. A comparison of self to eternal, holy God. That IS “depressing.” But God provides an acceptable sacrifice to make us clean before Him. *Anyone who does not see self in this way, cannot be saved!*
- Traditionally Jews have interpreted this as “*deny yourselves*” so they have initiated a number of man-made laws to govern self denial.

# Day of Atonement (Yom Kippur)

- When the Tabernacle/Temple still stood, this was the day (*once a year*) when the **High Priest would enter the Holy of Holies**.
- One day (per year) when one man (*and only after very strict ceremonial washing and preparation, as God's chosen representative for the entire people of God*) could enter into **God's presence as He dwelled between the cherubim** on the mercy seat of the Ark of the Covenant.
- Purpose was to make atonement by blood sacrifice for the entire nation.

# Day of Atonement (Yom Kippur)

- Entering the presence of God not to be taken lightly (*then or now!*).
- Priest had to be specialy prepared, (*ritual of cleansing*), had to be wearing the proper garments, and bringing the proper sacrifice.
- He also had to offer incense on the altar of incense to create a cloud that would prevent him from "seeing" the glory of God (*or he would die*).





# High Priest

- **Priests from Tribe of Levi**, family of Aaron - “Inherited office,” descendants of Aaron
- Had to **remain “holy to God”** – could not go near anything that would defile them because they were intermediaries between God and His people
- **Levites set apart** for sacred service.
- Priests in Hebrew is "**Kohanim**," all descendants of Aaron. These priests performed the rituals required by God in the Tabernacle.
- Had to wear special, symbolic clothing.



# High Priest

- **12 precious stones** (*names today not the same*) indicating “special treasure” to God. 1 for each tribe, tribe names inscribed
- **Specified order:** 1<sup>st</sup> row = sardius, topaz, emerald; 2<sup>nd</sup> row = turquoise, sapphire, diamond; 3<sup>rd</sup> row = jacinth, agate, amethyst, 4<sup>th</sup> row = beryl, onyx, jasper
- **Also appear in Revelation**, as 12 foundations of New City of Jerusalem. However, names of APOSTLES, not tribes of Israel. Jasper, sapphire, chalcedony, emerald, sardonyx, sardius, chrysolite, beryl, topaz, chrysoprase, jacinth, amethyst. (Revelation 21: 18-21) Exact relationship between these stones and high priest breastplate yet unknown.



# Our High Priest – Ultimate Fulfillment

*"Seeing then that we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. <sup>15</sup> For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin. <sup>16</sup> Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need."*  
(Hebrews 4:14-16)

## **Jesus, Our High Priest and Ultimate Fulfillment**

Jesus is the ultimate fulfillment of the role of the High Priest. He is the intercessor before God, for His people. He intercedes continually for each of us.



# Our High Priest – Ultimate Fulfillment

- Jesus not from the tribe of Levi, or family of Aaron. From a **higher order**, the order of Melchizedek, which made Him a higher priest – and King.
- Jesus lives forever, unlike Aaron, who eventually died and passed on the priesthood to his sons.
- Jesus is both priest AND king. Aaron a priest only.
- **Kings of Israel come from the tribe of Judah**, and from the family of David (Davidic covenant). (*Priests from tribe of Levi, family of Aaron.*)
- Jesus is holy, never sinned. Does not need to offer sacrifices for Himself, **only for us**. Tempted in every way we are, but still did not sin. He is fully human, and fully God. **ONLY** one able to pay our price.

# Our High Priest – Ultimate Fulfillment

- **Entire meaning** behind Day of Atonement:
  - 1) mankind's need for blood atonement to cover sins
  - 2) Understanding, ownership and repentance of those sins
  - 3) Our inability to provide that atonement for ourselves
  - 4) God's provision of an acceptable sacrifice
  - 5) Administered by the High Priest – appointed intermediary
- The stunning thing about this – **Yeshua is BOTH the acceptable sacrifice, AND the High Priest** before God. Jesus embodies, epitomizes and fulfills this requirement for atonement, and “administers” it before the Father.

# Our High Priest – Ultimate Fulfillment

- The true *spiritual* “**Day of Atonement**” was **Passover**, the year the Passover lamb of God gave His life for us, once and for all. He provided our atonement.
- In God’s prophetic calendar, Passover was first in line for completion of His perfect plan.
- Yom Kippur, will have its ultimate prophetic fulfillment at **Messiah’s Second Coming**.
- To fully understand **how Jesus fulfills the perfect role of the ultimate High Priest**, we would have to engage in a complete study of the book of Hebrews, which does just that.  
*Read and study it on your own!*

# Day of Atonement (Yom Kippur)

- A reminder of the **importance of one verse in Leviticus** (the book all about the sacrificial system, where every detail points to Jesus and His ultimate sacrifice for our sins): *“For the life of the flesh is in the blood, and I have given it to you upon the altar to make atonement for your souls; for it is the blood that makes atonement for the soul.”* (Leviticus 17:11)
- A **blood sacrifice is required to atone for sins.** The animal sacrifices were only symbolic, until the final and ultimate blood sacrifice of God’s Son was made.

# Day of Atonement (Yom Kippur)

- This was a day to “afflict the soul,” a solemn call to understand and repent of our sinful nature, before a holy God.
- Everyone was to be humbled before God, recognizing they were in need of forgiveness and atonement, which they could not provide for themselves.
- God commanded several sacrifices, the blood to be brought before Him into the Holy of Holies.
- Entire camp of Israel (*and later all the people of Israel*) were to hold a “**holy convocation**” - a sacred assembly of the people.



# Day of Atonement (Yom Kippur)

- Rabbis believe **Moses came down from Sinai with the second set of stone tablets** this day.
- This is why Orthodox Jews celebrate an entire season, starting with the previous **month of Elul as preparation**, and continuing until Tishri 10, to stand for the 40 days that Moses spent away from the camp.



# Repentance

- Jews believe the Day of Atonement is to **seek forgiveness for the sins of the past year.**
- Believe “books” of God are sealed and cannot be changed after this time. The Ten Days of Awe (10 days between Yom Teruah and Yom Kippur, called *yamim nora'im*) intended as the time when everyone seeks to change where their names go in these books by seeking repentance and doing good works.
- Repentance seeks to **repair any damaged relationship** between God and the individual.



# Repentance

- Though not dictated in scripture, Jews believe that seeking repentance also should include repairing damaged relationships with others. Jews are taught to seek out those with whom they have “ought” and seek reconciliation and restoration of relationships. *(A good practice, all the time!)*



# Repentance

- The process of “getting right with God” again is called “**Teshuva**” which means RETURN. It is interesting to note that in the New Testament, the word for *repentance* in Greek is *metanoia*, which also means a return, reversal, going back (*implying to go back to God*). **We should be doing this EVERY day!**



# Repentance

- In these scriptures, we also see reference to the Book of Life, which is why Jews believe these books are sealed on this day. *“Yet now, if You will forgive their sin—but if not, I pray, blot me out of Your book which You have written.” And the LORD said to Moses, “Whoever has sinned against Me, I will blot him out of My book. (Exodus 32: 32-33)*
- Moses’ willingness to be blotted out of this book on behalf of his people is also an amazing **pointer to the substitutionary death of Jesus** for us. God would not allow Moses to make this trade. Each person is responsible for his or her own sins and whether or not they will receive the substitution of Jesus for them.

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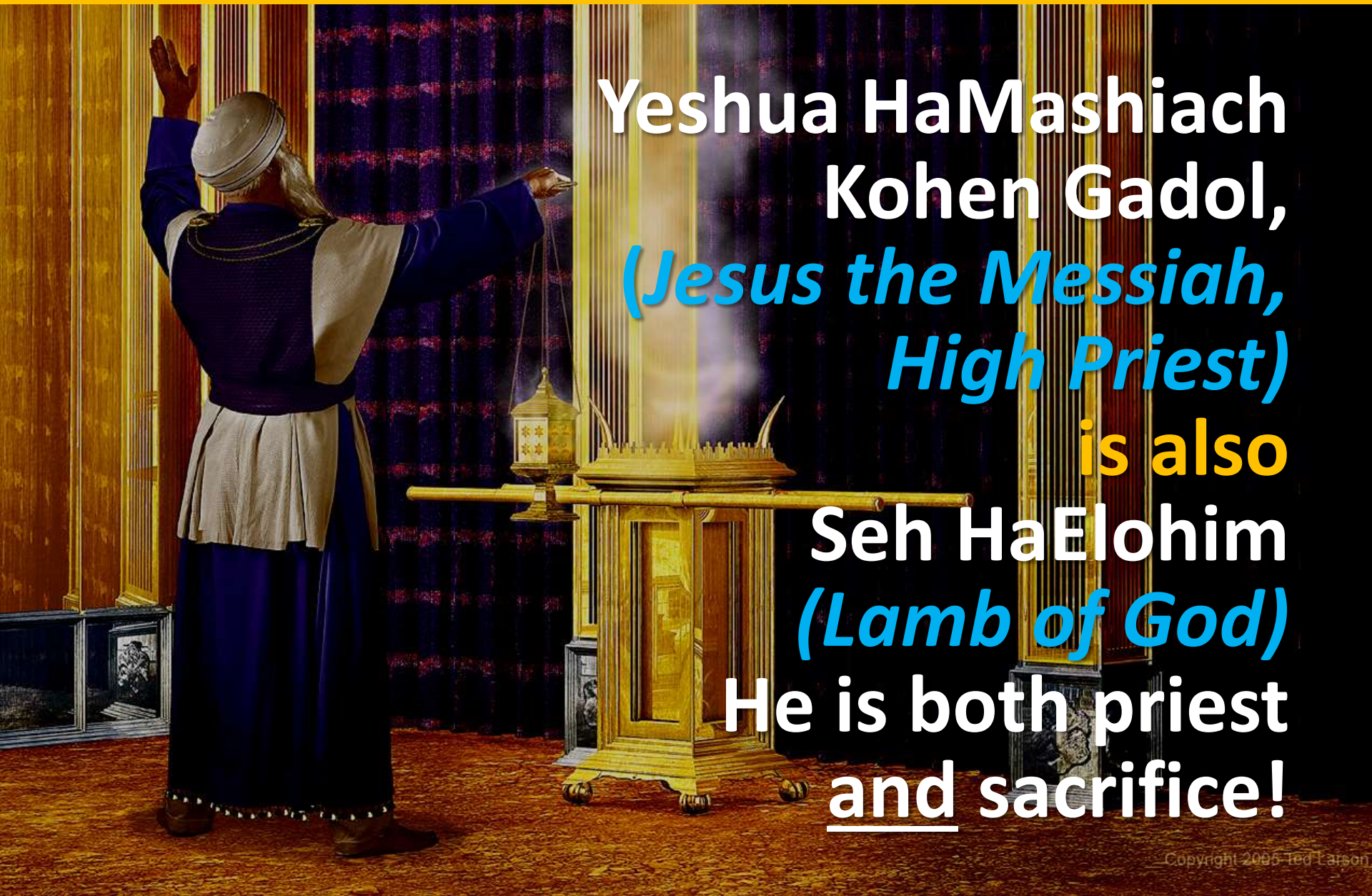
- **Sabbath day**, no one works. Jews also fast.
- Rabbis added other restrictions (called “**The 5 afflictions**”), including no eating/drinking, no washing/bathing, no putting on “anointing” (cosmetics, deodorant, etc.), no wearing of leather shoes, and no sexual relations. (*Whether or not they thought abstaining from these things would satisfy God’s requirement to “afflict” their souls, we don’t know.*)
- Definitely not the “affliction” God spoke of. Our souls are to be afflicted by the heaviness of our sins, causing us to think seriously of our unworthiness before God, being humbled before Him and seeking His forgiveness.

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- Yom Kippur services **end with a final blast on the shofar** (called the “tekiah gedolah” – the *last trump*).
- People usually **relieved they have made it** through these 10 days and final services. There is a celebratory mood.
- As soon as this service is over, the Jews begin their preparations for the next holiday (*a joyful one looked forward to!*), coming up quickly, the **Feast of Tabernacles (Sukkot)** on Tishri 15.



# Fullfilment



Yeshua HaMashiach  
Kohen Gadol,  
*(Jesus the Messiah,  
High Priest)*

**is also**

Seh HaElohim  
*(Lamb of God)*

He is both priest  
and sacrifice!



# Fullfilment

- Messianic Jews understand Yom Kippur as prophetic regarding **the Second Coming of Jesus** (*Mashiach Yeshua, or Yeshua HaMashiach*), **the salvation and restoration of the nation of Israel, and the judgment of the world at the end of the Tribulation.**
- They also believe this Day, as God commanded it to be observed, *not as it is celebrated today*, **reflects the High Priest's (Kohen Gadol) work of Jesus**, in the order of Melchizedek (Malki-Tzedek) (See Hebrews 5:10, 6:20)

# Fullfilment

- Many believe Yom Kippur prophetically points to the **day of the Second Coming of Jesus** when He will return to earth. This will be a day when those who are not “afflicted” in their souls, not sorry for their sins, not looking for atonement, will be destroyed.
- Will also be the “Day of Atonement” for **Jewish remnant** when they *“look upon Him whom they have pierced,”* (Aleph Tav!) repent of their sins, and receive Him as Messiah (Zechariah 12:10 and Romans 11:1-6, 25-36)

# Fullfilment

- Passover represents *personal* salvation, Day of Atonement represented *national* salvation for Israel. Only one sacrifice offered for whole nation. Zechariah indicates when Messiah returns, surviving Jews will look upon Him and be saved in a “day.”
- Day of Atonement thought to represent **terrible “Day of the Lord”** referenced in OT. Day when God judges those alive on earth at end of “*time of Jacob’s Trouble*” (*Tribulation*).



# Fullfilment

- While we do not know exactly when this will happen, the return of Jesus will be at the end of the Tribulation, when He comes with His saints. This will be the end of Armageddon, and all those who have refused Him and His atonement will die.
- All nations will be judged at this time, and He will deliver Israel. **Most believe this feast will be literally fulfilled when Jesus returns to earth as Judge, and Savior for the nation of Israel.**

# Revelation 16

The background image depicts a catastrophic scene. On the left, a bright, intense fire erupts from a dark, rocky surface, sending a plume of sparks and light into the air. The ground is dark and jagged, with a path of molten lava or fire leading towards the right. In the upper right portion of the sky, a large, glowing, reddish-orange orb, resembling a full moon or a planet, hangs over the landscape. The overall color palette is dominated by deep reds, oranges, and blacks, creating a sense of fire and destruction.

**Bowl Judgments Poured Out  
Armageddon  
Babylon Destroyed  
Earth Leveled**

**Glory, glory halleluYah!**



**Mine eyes have seen the glory  
of the coming of the Lord...**

# Glory, glory! HalleluYah!



Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord;  
He is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored;  
He hath loosed the fateful lightning of His terrible swift sword;  
His truth is marching on.

*(Chorus)* **Glory, glory! HalleluYah! (3X) His truth is marching on.**

I have seen Him in the watchfires of a hundred circling camps;  
They have builded Him an altar in the evening dews and damps;  
I can read His righteous sentence in the dim and flaring lamps;  
His day is marching on.

In the beauty of the lilies, Christ was born across the sea,  
With a glory in His bosom that transfigures you and me;  
As He died to make men holy, let us die to make men free,  
While God is marching on.

# Glory, glory! HalleluYah!

*And the verse no one sings any more...*

He has sounded forth the trumpet  
that shall never call retreat;  
He is sifting out the hearts of men  
before His judgement seat;  
Oh, be swift, my soul, to answer Him!  
Be jubilant, my feet!  
Our God is marching on!

Glory, glory! HalleluYah!





# Revelation 16: Introductory Notes

- Interlude between 2nd set of judgments (Trumpets) and 3rd set (Bowls) now over. (*Trumpets ended, end of chapter 9. Chapters 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 all considered “interlude”*)
- Will be a very rapid pouring out of final set of judgments – the 7 last plagues.
- Bowl plagues an **introduction to Armageddon**, where armies of the world begin to converge on plains of Megiddo for final world war.
- Judgments have gotten progressively harder and more severe.

# Revelation 16: Introductory Notes

- The Trumpet and Bowl judgments can be compared and contrasted as follows:
  - ❑ Both are divided into groups of 4, then 3, for a total of 7 each
  - ❑ The **trumpets** are 1/3 destructive, **bowls** consume ALL (seals were  $\frac{1}{4}$  )
  - ❑ First four of both are on the natural world (*similar locales*)
  - ❑ Last 3 are supernatural

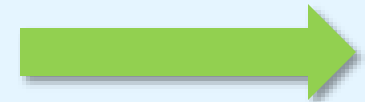
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- Background in Old Testament critical for understanding book of Revelation.
- Have said before there is little in Revelation not already been prophesied somewhere else in OT.
- Revelation merely brings all these things together in one place to mark fulfillment of these ancient prophecies, with the added element of the revelation (unveiling) of glorified Jesus.

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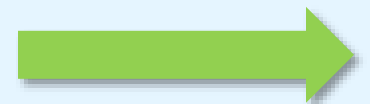
- Example, Isaiah 24, excellent to understand what is happening during Tribulation, and especially during last “great” part of Tribulation.
- *Worthwhile to hear whole text here:*

*<sup>1</sup> Behold, the LORD makes the earth empty and makes it waste, Distorts its surface and scatters abroad its inhabitants. <sup>2</sup> And it shall be: As with the people, so with the priest; As with the servant, so with his master; As with the maid, so with her mistress; As with the buyer, so with the seller; As with the lender, so with the borrower; As with the creditor, so with the debtor. <sup>3</sup> The land shall be entirely emptied and utterly plundered, For the LORD has spoken this word.*



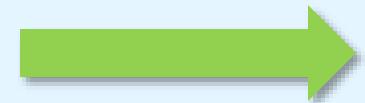
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*<sup>4</sup> The earth mourns and fades away, The world languishes and fades away; The haughty people of the earth languish. <sup>5</sup> The earth is also defiled under its inhabitants, Because they have transgressed the laws, Changed the ordinance, Broken the everlasting covenant. <sup>6</sup> Therefore the curse has devoured the earth, And those who dwell in it are desolate. Therefore the inhabitants of the earth are burned, And few men are left. <sup>7</sup> The new wine fails, the vine languishes, All the merry-hearted sigh. <sup>8</sup> The mirth of the tambourine ceases, The noise of the jubilant ends, The joy of the harp ceases. <sup>9</sup> They shall not drink wine with a song; Strong drink is bitter to those who drink it. <sup>10</sup> The city of confusion is broken down; Every house is shut up, so that none may go in. <sup>11</sup> There is a cry for wine in the streets, All joy is darkened, The mirth of the land is gone.*



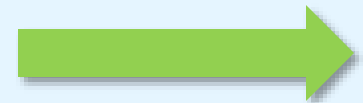
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*<sup>12</sup> In the city desolation is left, And the gate is stricken with destruction. <sup>13</sup> When it shall be thus in the midst of the land among the people, It shall be like the shaking of an olive tree, Like the gleaning of grapes when the vintage is done. <sup>14</sup> They shall lift up their voice, they shall sing; For the majesty of the LORD They shall cry aloud from the sea. <sup>15</sup> Therefore glorify the LORD in the dawning light, The name of the LORD God of Israel in the coastlands of the sea. <sup>16</sup> From the ends of the earth we have heard songs: "Glory to the righteous!" But I said, "I am ruined, ruined! Woe to me! The treacherous dealers have dealt treacherously, Indeed, the treacherous dealers have dealt very treacherously."*



# Revelation 16: Introductory Notes

*<sup>17</sup> Fear and the pit and the snare Are upon you, O inhabitant of the earth. <sup>18</sup> And it shall be That he who flees from the noise of the fear Shall fall into the pit, And he who comes up from the midst of the pit Shall be caught in the snare; For the windows from on high are open, And the foundations of the earth are shaken. <sup>19</sup> The earth is violently broken, The earth is split open, The earth is shaken exceedingly. <sup>20</sup> The earth shall reel to and fro like a drunkard, And shall totter like a hut; Its transgression shall be heavy upon it, And it will fall, and not rise again. <sup>21</sup> It shall come to pass in that day That the LORD will punish on high the host of exalted ones, And on the earth the kings of the earth.*



# Revelation 16: Introductory Notes

*22 They will be gathered together, As prisoners are gathered in the pit, And will be shut up in the prison; After many days they will be punished. 23 Then the moon will be disgraced And the sun ashamed; For the LORD of hosts will reign On Mount Zion and in Jerusalem And before His elders, gloriously.*

- Isaiah 24 obviously describing the end of time, most likely time when these last plagues are poured out.
- This amazing passage is an **excellent summary** of what will happen in chapters 16 through 18 of the book of Revelation.



# Revelation 16

<sup>1</sup>Then I heard a loud voice from the temple saying to the seven angels, “Go and pour out the bowls of the wrath of God on the earth.”

<sup>2</sup> So the first went and poured out his bowl upon the earth, and a foul and loathsome sore came upon the men who had the mark of the beast and those who worshiped his image.

<sup>3</sup> Then the second angel poured out his bowl on the sea, and it became blood as of a dead man; and every living creature in the sea died.

<sup>4</sup> Then the third angel poured out his bowl on the rivers and springs of water, and they became blood. <sup>5</sup> And I heard the angel of the waters saying: “You are righteous, O Lord, The One who is and who was and who is to be, Because You have judged these things.



# Revelation 16

<sup>6</sup> For they have shed the blood of saints and prophets, And You have given them blood to drink. For it is their just due.” <sup>7</sup> And I heard another from the altar saying, “Even so, Lord God Almighty, true and righteous are Your judgments.”

<sup>8</sup> Then the fourth angel poured out his bowl on the sun, and power was given to him to scorch men with fire. <sup>9</sup> And men were scorched with great heat, and they blasphemed the name of God who has power over these plagues; and they did not repent and give Him glory.

<sup>10</sup> Then the fifth angel poured out his bowl on the throne of the beast, and his kingdom became full of darkness; and they gnawed their tongues because of the pain. <sup>11</sup> They blasphemed the God of heaven because of their pains and their sores, and did not repent of their deeds.



# Revelation 16

<sup>12</sup> Then the sixth angel poured out his bowl on the great river Euphrates, and its water was dried up, so that the way of the kings from the east might be prepared. <sup>13</sup> And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs coming 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> For they are spirits of demons, performing signs, which go out to the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty.

<sup>15</sup> “Behold, I am coming as a thief. Blessed is he who watches, and keeps his garments, lest he walk naked and they see his shame.”



# Revelation 16

<sup>16</sup> And they gathered them together to the place called in Hebrew, Armageddon. <sup>17</sup> Then the seventh angel poured out his bowl into the air, and a loud voice came out of the temple of heaven, from the throne, saying, “It is done!” <sup>18</sup> And there were noises and thunderings and lightnings; and there was a great earthquake, such a mighty and great earthquake as had not occurred since men were on the earth. <sup>19</sup> Now the great city was divided into three parts, and the cities of the nations fell. And great Babylon was remembered before God, to give her the cup of the wine of the fierceness of His wrath. <sup>20</sup> Then every island fled away, and the mountains were not found. <sup>21</sup> And great hail from heaven fell upon men, each hailstone about the weight of a talent. Men blasphemed God because of the plague of the hail, since that plague was exceedingly great.

# Revelation 16

## Seven Bowl Judgments

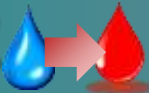


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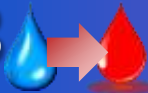
Sores on those who take the mark

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Seas turn to blood

3



Rivers turn to blood

4



Sun scorches men

5



Darkness on beast's throne, pain

6



Euphrates dried up

7



Earthquake,  
killer hail

*“For in them the wrath of God is complete.”*

(Revelation 15:1)

**IT IS DONE!**

# The Aaronic Blessing: Birkat Kohanim

May the LORD bless you and keep you

יְבָרֶכְךָ יְהוָה, וַיִּשְׁמְרֶךָ

*Yevarekh-kha Adonai veyishmerekha*

May the LORD make His face shine  
upon you and be gracious unto you

יָאֵר יְהוָה פָּנָיו אֵלֶיךָ, וַיַּחַנְךָ

*Ya'er Adonai panav elekha vihunneka*

May the LORD lift up His countenance upon you and  
give you peace.

יְשֵׂא יְהוָה פָּנָיו אֵלֶיךָ, וַיַּשֵּׂם לְךָ שְׁלוֹם

*Yissa Adonai panav elekha viyasem lekha shalom.*

