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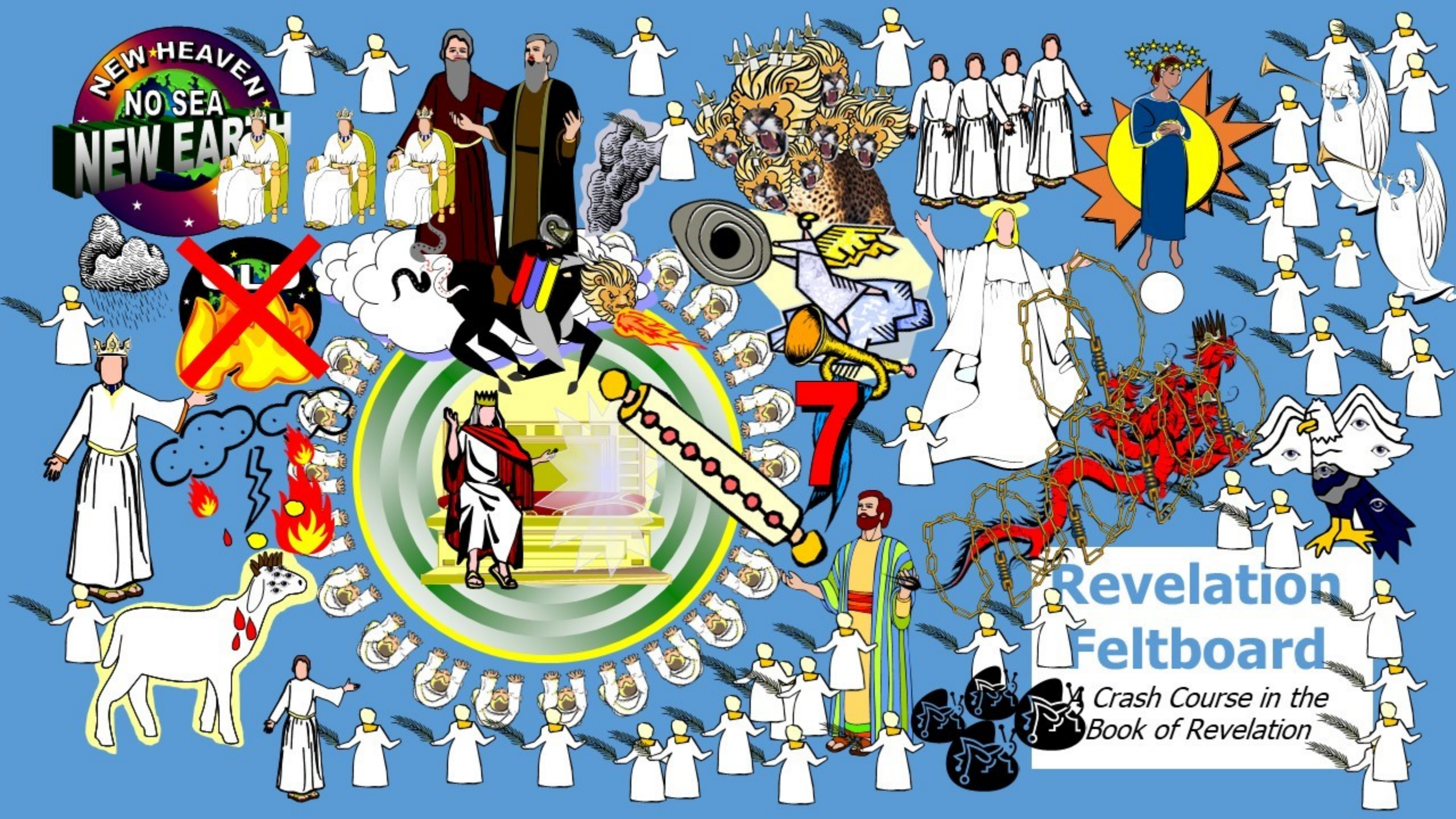
Revelation 16:1

**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.**



NEW HEAVEN
NO SEA
NEW EARTH



Revelation Feltboard

*Crash Course in the
Book of Revelation*

Revelation 16

The background of the image is a dark, fiery landscape. On the left side, there is a bright, intense fire or eruption that appears to be pouring out. On the right side, there is a large, glowing, crescent-shaped orb, possibly representing the moon or a celestial body, set against a dark, reddish-orange sky. The foreground is dark and rocky, with some glowing embers or lava flows.

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

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- OT background critical for understanding Revelation.
- Little in Revelation not already been prophesied somewhere else.
- Revelation brings it all together, fulfillment of ancient prophecies, added element of revelation (unveiling) of glorified Jesus.
- **Example, Isaiah 24**, excellent to understand what is happening during Tribulation, especially last “great” part of Tribulation here in Chapters 16-18.
- *Worthwhile to hear whole text here:...*

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¹ Behold, the LORD makes the earth empty and makes it waste, Distorts its surface and scatters abroad its inhabitants. ² 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. ³ The land shall be entirely emptied and utterly plundered, For the LORD has spoken this word. ⁴ The earth mourns and fades away, The world languishes and fades away; The haughty people of the earth languish. ⁵ The earth is also defiled under its inhabitants, Because they have transgressed the laws, Changed the ordinance, Broken the everlasting covenant.

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⁶ 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. ⁷ The new wine fails, the vine languishes, All the merry-hearted sigh. ⁸ The mirth of the tambourine ceases, The noise of the jubilant ends, The joy of the harp ceases. ⁹ They shall not drink wine with a song; Strong drink is bitter to those who drink it. ¹⁰ The city of confusion is broken down; Every house is shut up, so that none may go in. ¹¹ There is a cry for wine in the streets, All joy is darkened, The mirth of the land is gone. ¹² In the city desolation is left, And the gate is stricken with destruction. ¹³ 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.

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¹⁴ They shall lift up their voice, they shall sing; For the majesty of the LORD They shall cry aloud from the sea. ¹⁵ Therefore glorify the LORD in the dawning light, The name of the LORD God of Israel in the coastlands of the sea. ¹⁶ 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.” ¹⁷ Fear and the pit and the snare Are upon you, O inhabitant of the earth. ¹⁸ 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.

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*¹⁹ The earth is violently broken, The earth is split open,
The earth is shaken exceedingly. ²⁰ 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. ²¹ 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. 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.*

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- Isaiah 24 obviously describing end of time. **Excellent summary** of what will happen here in Chapters 16-18.
- **BIG QUESTIONS** as we get to final set of judgments.
- **ANY BELIEVERS LEFT ON EARTH AT THIS TIME?**
- **DO BOWL JUDGMENTS ONLY AFFECT UNBELIEVERS?**
- **WHO WILL POPULATE MILLENNIAL KINGDOM?**
- Only believers (saved) enter Millennium. Must be some remaining on earth (believers) after final set of judgments.
- Means they must be present during this final set of judgments. *God will deliver them through it.*

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- Otherwise, all would have been resurrected with new bodies. **No procreation after this.**
- *Seems logical those who enter are saved but not resurrected. Became believers after removal of church, survived Tribulation, enter Millennium.*
- **Post-Trib removal position leaves NO believers to populate Millennial Kingdom in UNresurrected form. “Catching Away” clearly involves resurrection bodies.**

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- Removal of Church earlier (*before end of Trib, either before beginning or midpoint*) accomplishes 2 things:
 - 1) enables Church (“Bride of Messiah”) to **receive resurrection bodies and go home with Jesus**; and
 - 2) provides believing group who will survive Tribulation and **go into Millennium to populate kingdom**.
- Will be unbelievers and rebellion again end of Millennium. (*more later, Chapters 20-22*)

- Interlude between 2nd set of judgments (Trumpets) and 3rd set (Bowls) **now over**. (*Trumpets ended, end of chapter 9. Chapters 10-15 all considered “interlude”*)
- Rapid pouring out of final judgments –7 “last plagues.”
- Bowl plagues **introduction to Armageddon**, armies of world converge on plains of Megiddo for final world war.
- Judgments progressively harder and more severe.

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

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¹² 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. ¹³ 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.

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¹⁴ 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.

¹⁵ “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.”

¹⁶ And they gathered them together to the place called in Hebrew, Armageddon. ¹⁷ 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!”

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¹⁸ 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. ¹⁹ 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. ²⁰ Then every island fled away, and the mountains were not found. ²¹ 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.



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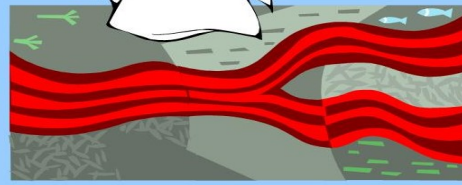
1st Plague



2nd Plague



3rd Plague



"You are righteous, O Lord, The One who is and who was and who is to be..."

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"Even so, Lord God Almighty, true and righteous are Your judgments."



4th Plague

Blasphemed God Did Not Repent



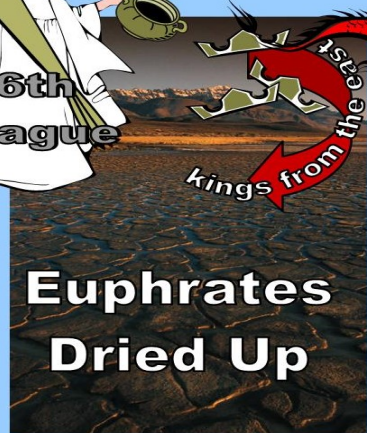
5th Plague

PAIN Blasphemed God Did Not Repent



6th Plague

Euphrates Dried Up



Performing Signs

Armageddon

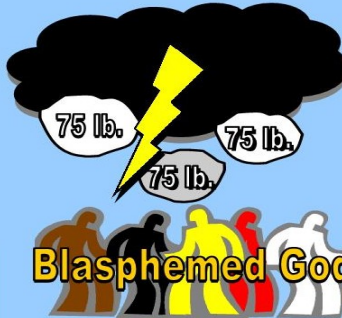
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7th Plague



"It is done!"



Blasphemed God

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Seven Bowl Judgments

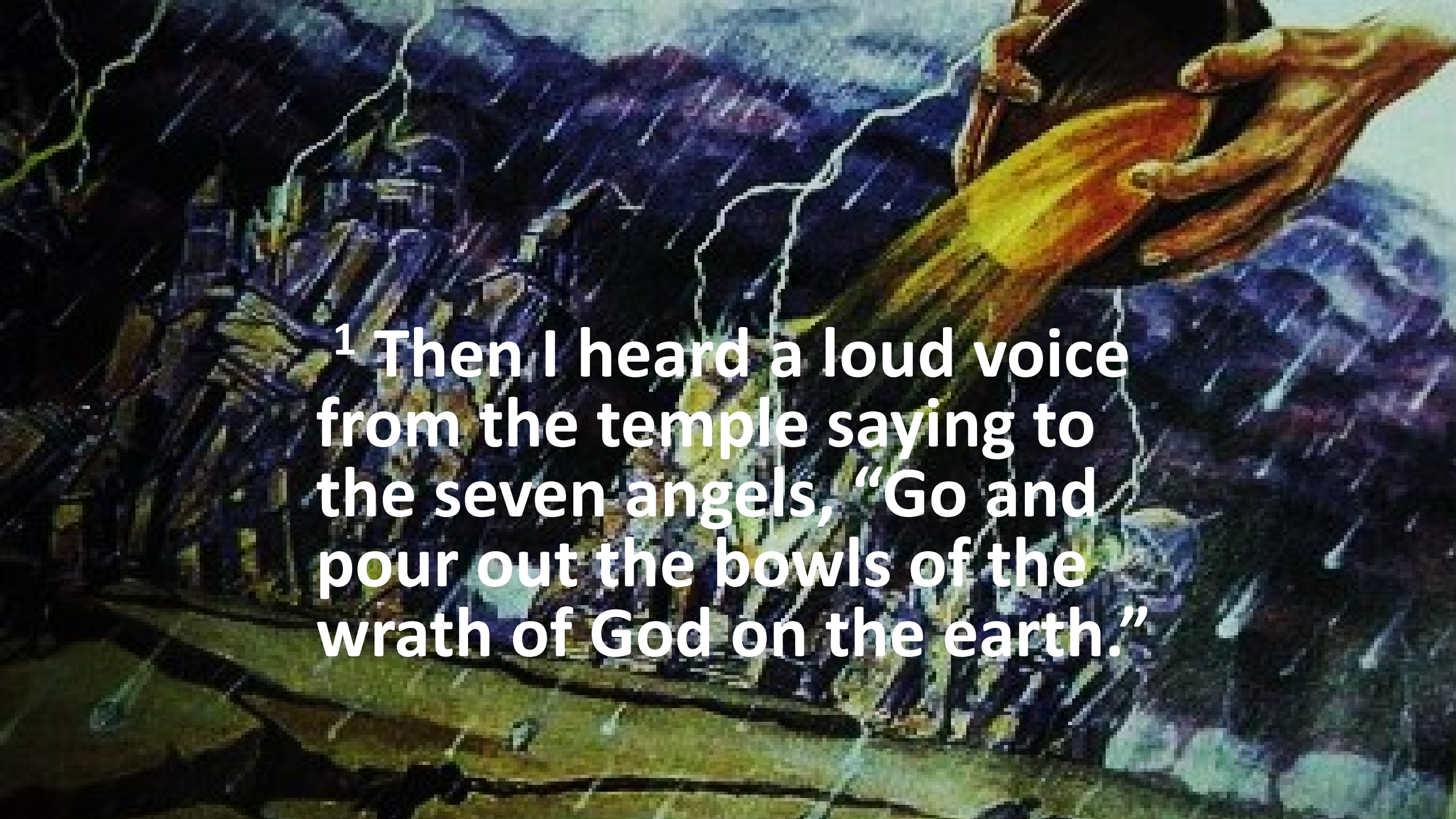


Seven Bowl Judgments



"For in them the wrath of God is complete."

(Revelation 15:1)

A dramatic, dark painting of a stormy sea. The sky is filled with dark, swirling clouds and bright, jagged lightning bolts. In the upper right corner, a large, glowing hand with a rainbow-like gradient (yellow, orange, red, purple) reaches down towards the water. The sea is turbulent, with dark, churning waves and white foam from the breaking surf. The overall mood is one of divine power and wrath.

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- ***“From the temple...”*** judgments directly from God’s Presence.
- Voice indicates no more delay. Last judgments “queued up” for awhile. Final outpouring of God’s wrath **is now**.
- ***“Bowls of wrath of God...”*** have discussed what “wrath” of God is, what *believers are not subject to*. **This** wrath – last bowl judgments – *or* ultimate wrath of God separating unbelievers from Him for eternity. ***Affects ideas about timing of “catching away.”***
- *Some say trumpet and bowl judgments are same thing, described differently.* Continued controversy.

“The question has been raised as to whether the bowls of the wrath of God are chronologically subsequent to or identical with the seven trumpets of the angels. There is clearly much similarity between the trumpet judgments and the bowl judgments. They both deal with the:

- earth (8:7) or the land (16:2),
- sea (8:8; 16:3),
- rivers and springs of water (8:10; 16:4),
- sun, moon, and stars (8:12) sun only mentioned in the bowl judgments (16:8-9)



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The fifth trumpet dealt with demon possession with the sun and sky darkened (9:1-3), which is similar to the fifth bowl in which darkness will cover the earth and sores will cause agony among men (16:10-11).

The sixth trumpet deals with the river Euphrates (9:13-14), and the sixth bowl will dry up the Euphrates (16:12). The seventh trumpet implies that the Great Tribulation is coming to its end (11:15-19), and the seventh bowl of the wrath of God records a loud voice from heaven, saying, "It is done!" (16:17) with resulting destruction of the earth by earthquake and hail, which is also included in the seventh trumpet (11:18-19).



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Similarities, however, do not prove identity, and a comparison of the trumpets with the bowls of God's wrath reveals striking differences even though the order of the judgments is the same.

In the trumpet judgments, generally speaking, a third of the earth or heaven is afflicted, whereas in the bowl judgments the effects of the judgments are on the entire earth and are much more severe and final in character. Accordingly it seems best to follow the interpretation which has long been held in the church that the **seven bowls are an expansion of the seventh trumpet**, just as the seven trumpets are an expansion of the breaking of the seventh seal.



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Seals

1 2 3 4 5 6 7

Trumpets

1 2 3 4 5 6 7

Bowls

1 2 3 4 5 6 7



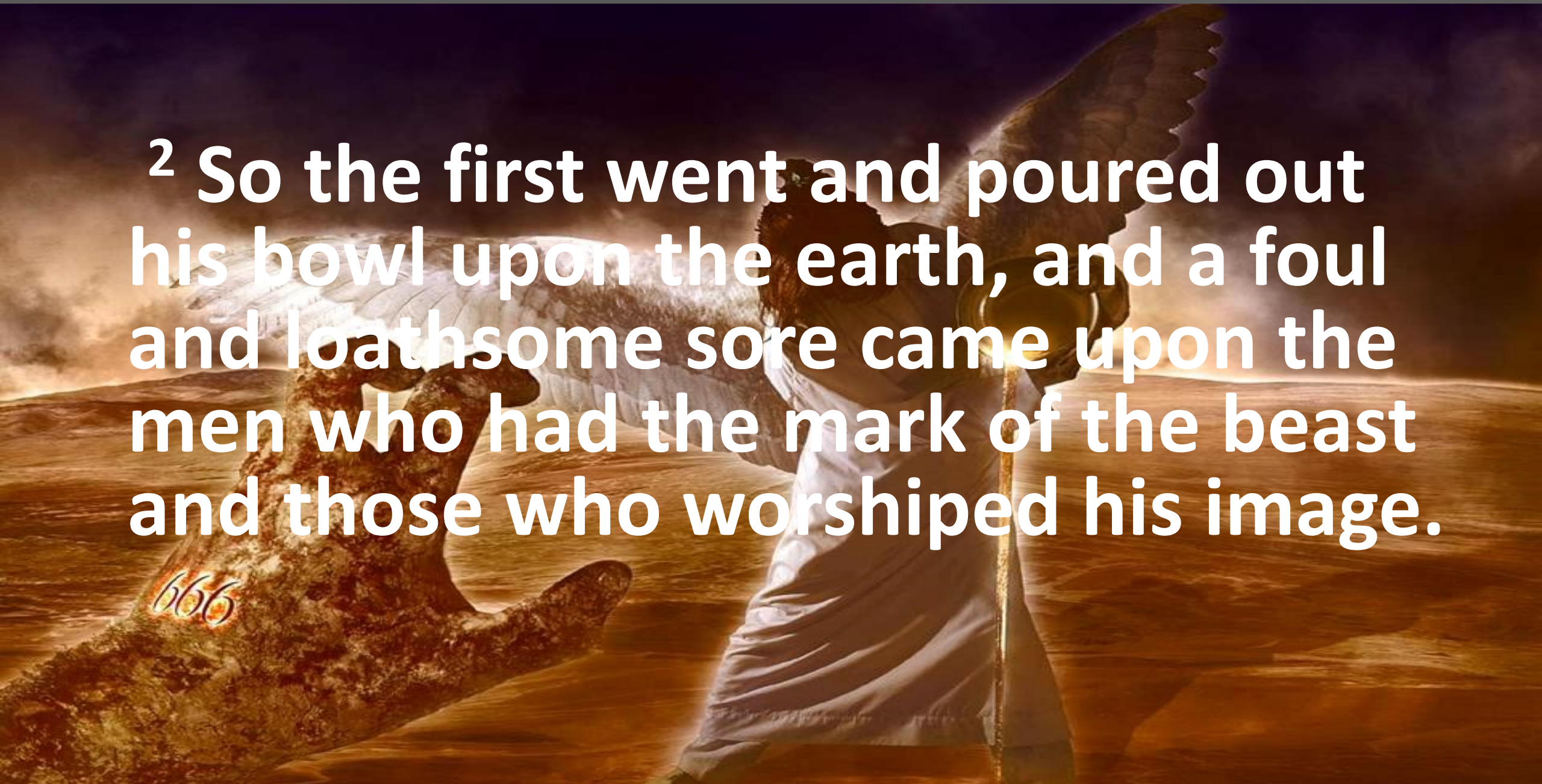
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The order is climactic and the judgments become more intensive and extensive as the time of the second coming of Christ approaches. All indications are that the bowl judgments fall with trip-hammer rapidity on a world that is reeling under previous judgments and a gigantic world war. Some bowl judgments are selective and extend only to the wicked (16:2, 16:8-11), and several affect parts of nature (sea, rivers, sun, etc.).

In the first bowl judgment people who followed the Antichrist received painful sores. Sores also come with the fifth bowl (16:10-11).

(Walvoord and Zuck, "The Bible Knowledge Commentary")

² 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.



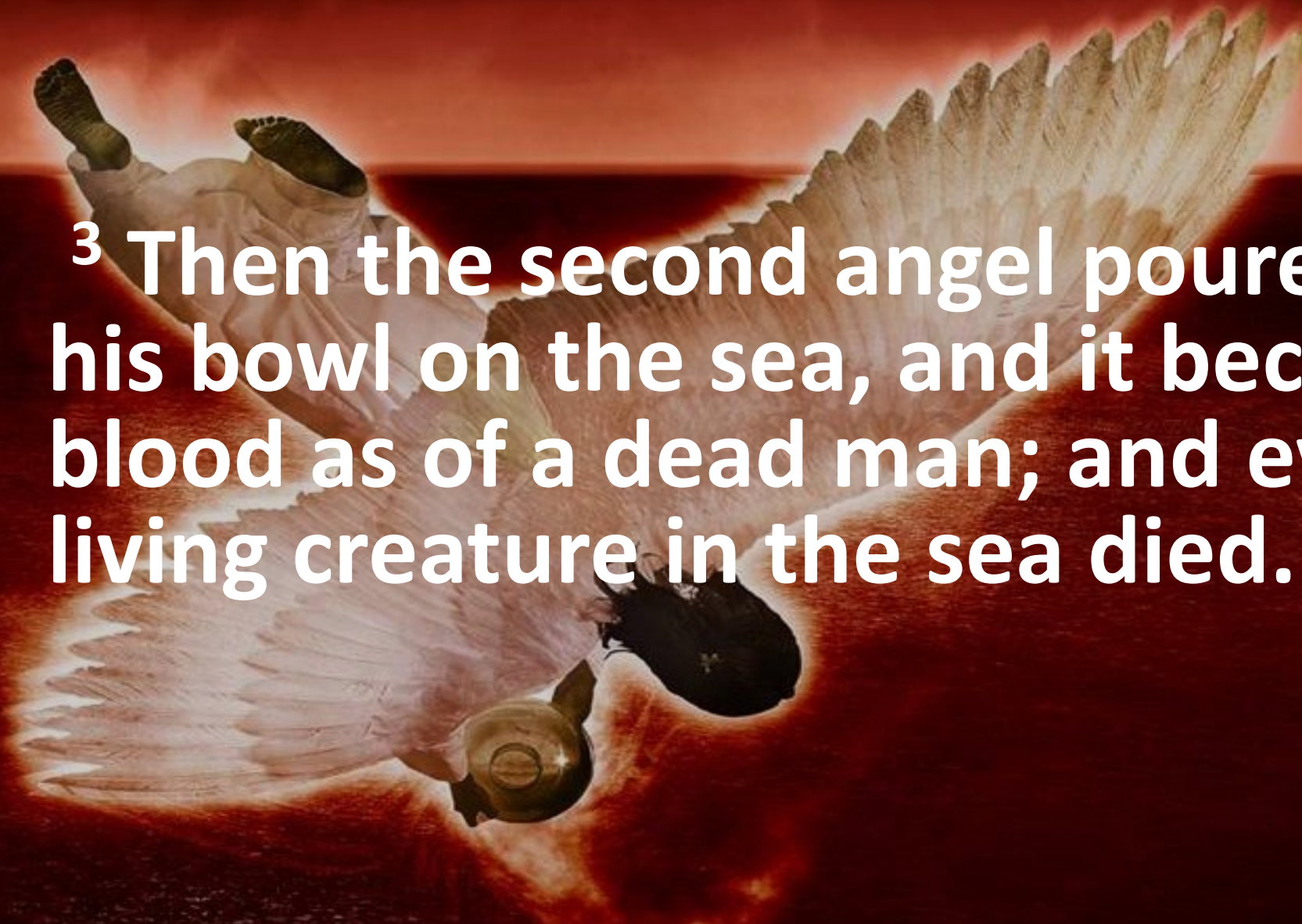
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- “*noisome and grievous*” KJV = “foul and loathsome.”
- Greek important. “noisome” = *kakos* = “**depraved, evil, wicked.**” “grievous” = *poneros* = evil and calamitous; also diseased, derelict, implying evil mischief, malice, wicked.
- *Interesting words to describe physical sores? Seems more than mere physical.*
- Sores only on those who took mark and worshipped beast’s image. *Seems sores direct result of wicked heart.*
- **Take mark in body, suffer in body.** Outward sign of inward corruption. Analogous to leprosy representing sin.
- Physical sores **6th plague in Egypt.**

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- Some speculate judgments, “clear up” after temporarily given. **No scriptural evidence of ANY judgments going away, making way for next one** (*with exception of locust/scorpion stings, 5th trumpet judgment. Apparently these last only 5 months*).
- Possible/likely, compounded, added to one another.
- Moses prophesied similar judgment on Israel. (Deuteronomy 28) Fulfilled initially during destruction of both northern and southern kingdoms of Israel. *May also be “telescoping” prophecy of end times.*


A white angel with large, feathered white wings is shown in flight over a dark, turbulent sea. The angel is wearing a white robe and has a golden bowl in its right hand. The background is a dramatic, reddish-orange sky. The text is overlaid on the image in a large, white, sans-serif font.

³ 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.



- Waters into blood **first plague of Egypt**. On seas, all of them.
- **“...blood as of a dead man...”** disgusting description.
- Environmental disaster, end of viable life/economy on planet. No food from sea, no global trade.
- **“...every living creature in the sea died.”** ALL sea life dead, not just edible food. Without oceans for cleansing, planet will die. Hard to believe yet MORE judgments.
- Commentator: **“horrible rotting witness to the wickedness of men.”**

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

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- Similar to 3rd trumpet judgment (*1/3 of rivers and streams undrinkable*), but now **ALL** drinking water sources become blood.
- Do **not** know if 2nd/3rd plagues only affect unbelievers (*not touching believers*). Possible somehow believers may be immune. Nothing said.
- Some plagues say only affecting unbelievers (*“inhabitants of the earth”*). May indicate presence of believers also.
- All drinking water now blood, **completely undrinkable.** (*Notice, no “like” here. Literal blood.*) **End very near.** Unless God intervenes, no one would survive.

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⁵ 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. ⁶ For they have shed the blood of saints and prophets, And You have given them blood to drink. For it is their just due.” ⁷ And I heard another from the altar saying, “Even so, Lord God Almighty, true and righteous are Your judgments.”

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- “*...angel of the waters...*” speculate angels given authority over various aspects of creation.
- Angel reminds world even in wrath, authorized by **righteous God** who does right. His *judgment* is righteous.
- Interesting, in original “*and who is to be...*” omitted. “*Then I heard the angel of the waters say, "O HaKadosh, the One who is and was, you are just in these judgments of yours."* (CJB)
- English translators added, since it appears together with rest of phrase elsewhere. But we know God’s Word never makes mistakes. **Omitted because He has already come.**
- No point in saying “who is to come” or “who is to be.” **He is. Period. The “*is to come*” already IS!**

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- ***“it is their just due.”*** sobering statement. Unbelievers directly or indirectly spilled blood of saints through ages. Now given blood to drink.
- Reason for plague given. Righteous payback. **Shedding of blood leads to shedding of blood.**
- ***“...another from the altar...”*** “another” here = *allos*, means another of a different kind. Voice not same as angel. Do not know identity.
- ***“From the altar”*** may imply souls under altar in 5th seal. Confirms God’s judgments righteous and deserved. Probably partial answer their prayers of *“How long...?”*

Your dead shall live;
Together with my dead body they shall arise.
Awake and sing, you who dwell in dust;
For your dew *is like* the dew of herbs,
And the earth shall cast out the dead.

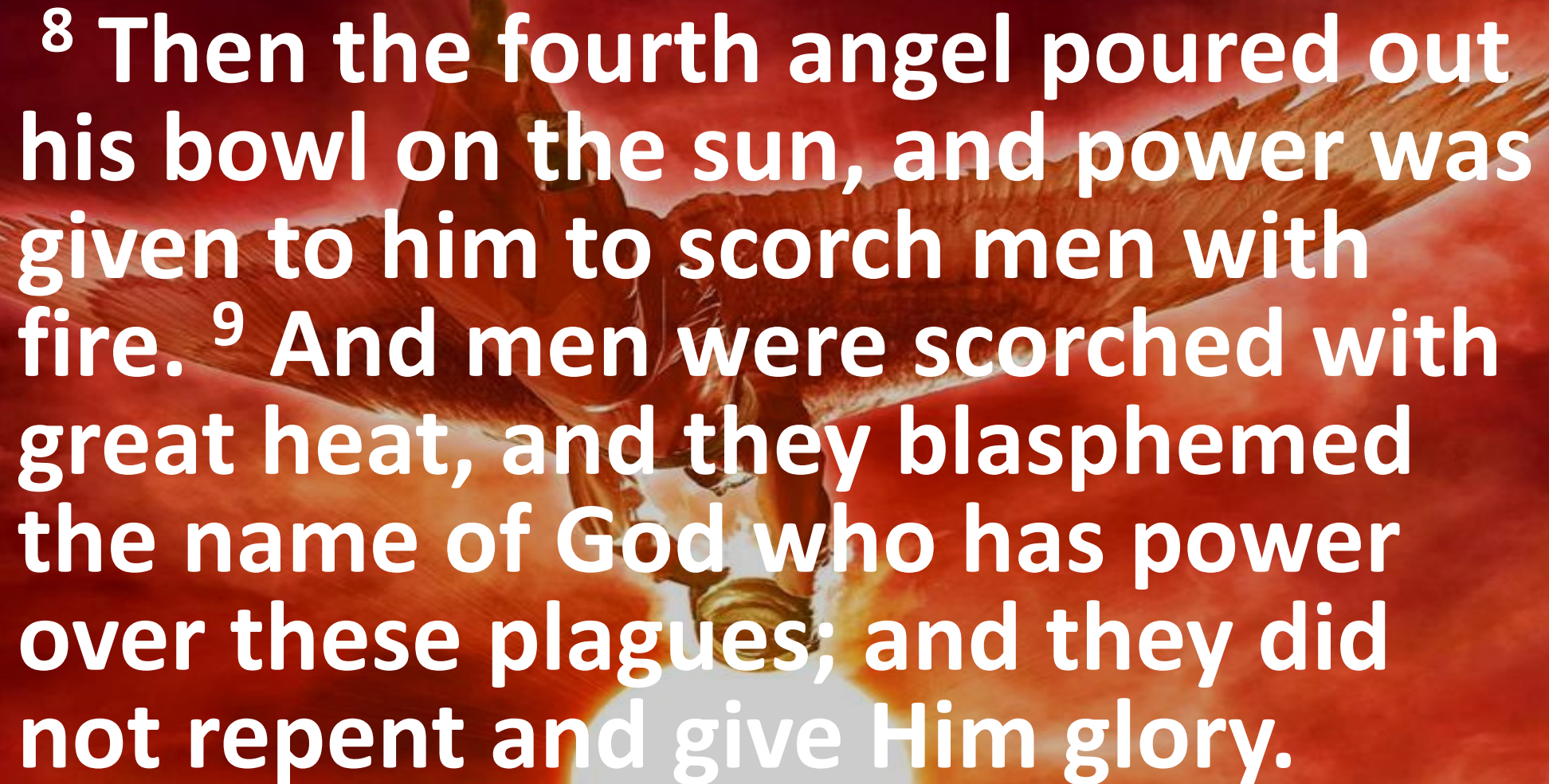
²⁰ Come, my people, enter your chambers,
And shut your doors behind you;
Hide yourself, as it were, for a little moment,
Until the indignation is past.

²¹ For behold, the LORD comes out of His place
To punish the inhabitants of the earth for their iniquity;

The earth will also disclose her blood,
And will no more cover her slain. (*Isaiah 26:19-21*)



Reminds
immediately
of verse that
may also
speak of our
removal prior
to this time:

An angel with large, feathered wings is shown in profile, pouring a glowing golden bowl of fire onto a bright sun. The background is a fiery, orange-red sky with a large, bright sun in the lower center. The text is overlaid on the scene in white, bold font.

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- Don't know exact nature of this, but apparently sun so hot people actually scorched.
- Today ozone layer depleted, increased solar flares. Perhaps beginning of fulfillment, will be much worse than we can imagine.
- **Sun worship earliest form of paganism, (*rebellion from God*)** originated at Bab-el. (Genesis 10:8-10, ch 11). *Mazzeroth* corrupted (now zodiac). Paganism began here.
- Fitting God would use sun to bring a plague on humankind. Plagues of Egypt also mocked pagan gods.

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- Amazing, people KNOW God behind these judgments, and yet they did *“not repent and give Him glory.”*
- 9:21 – *“And they did not repent of their murders or their sorceries or their sexual immorality or their thefts.”*
- Would rather **blaspheme, suffer and die** than bow to God’s authority, or accept His free gift.
- People fully aware of God’s truth and penalty for rebellion. Refuse to give up pride and unrighteousness.
- Albert Einstein: **“It is easier to denature plutonium than to denature the evil spirit of men.”**

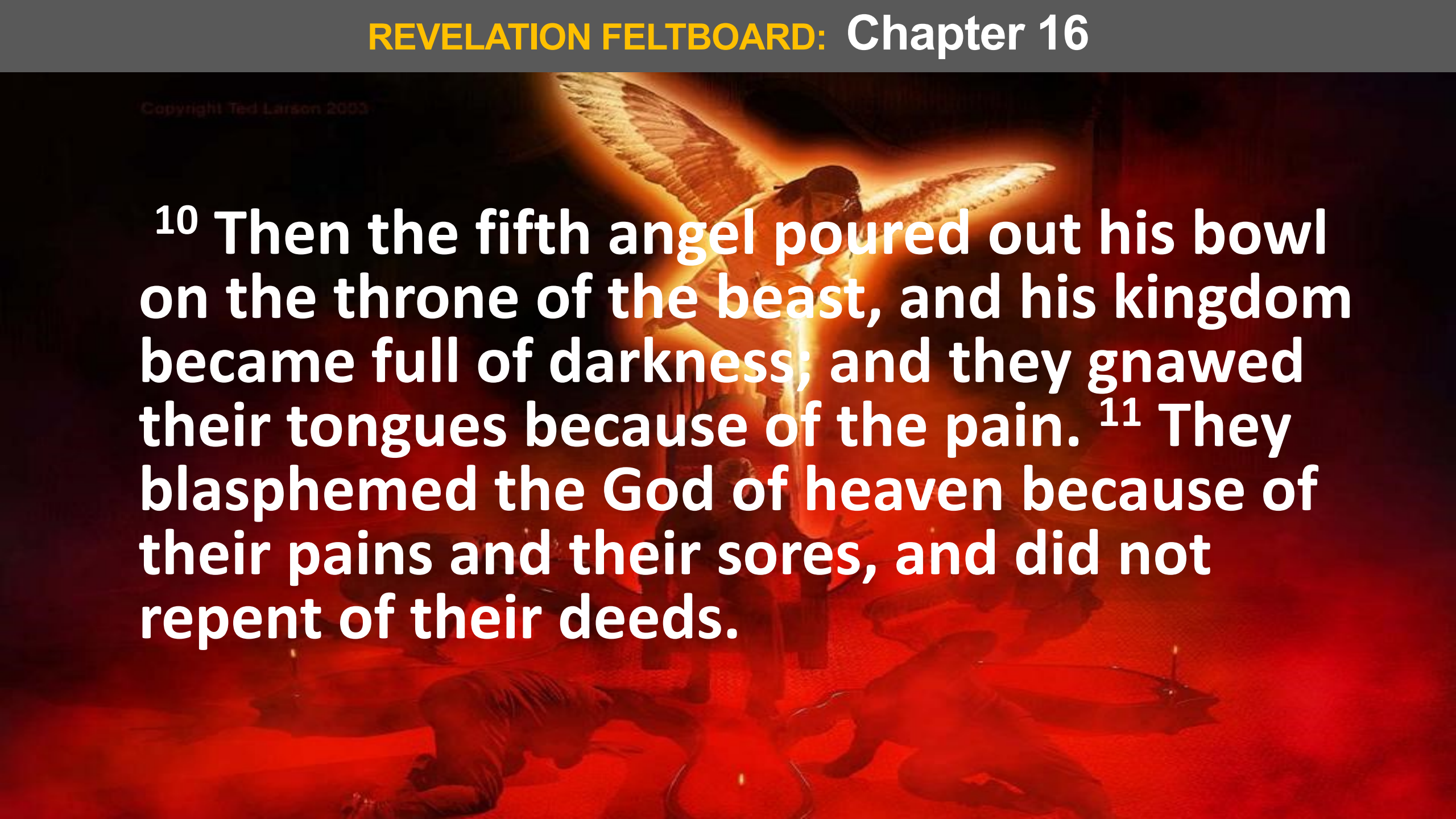
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- May be part of 2 Thessalonians 2:10-12... *“...and with all unrighteous deception among those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved. And for this reason God will send them strong delusion, that they should believe the lie, that they all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness.”*
- Could be **“unpardonable sin,”** when man turns away from power of Holy Spirit in spite of plain truth.
- Commentator: ***“This illustrates the most severe rebellion and hostility to the will of God found anywhere in the annals of human history.”***

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- “*...throne of the beast...*” likely earthly headquarters of antichrist. Judgment seems limited to his kingdom. But his kingdom really global at this point.
- Don’t know if darkness extends across planet, or limited to specific region. Only affects “citizens” of his kingdom?
- Knowing how God works, *He may even blind everyone but saints!* Don’t know for sure.
- Whatever and wherever, apparently electrical power or other attempts to generate light don’t work.

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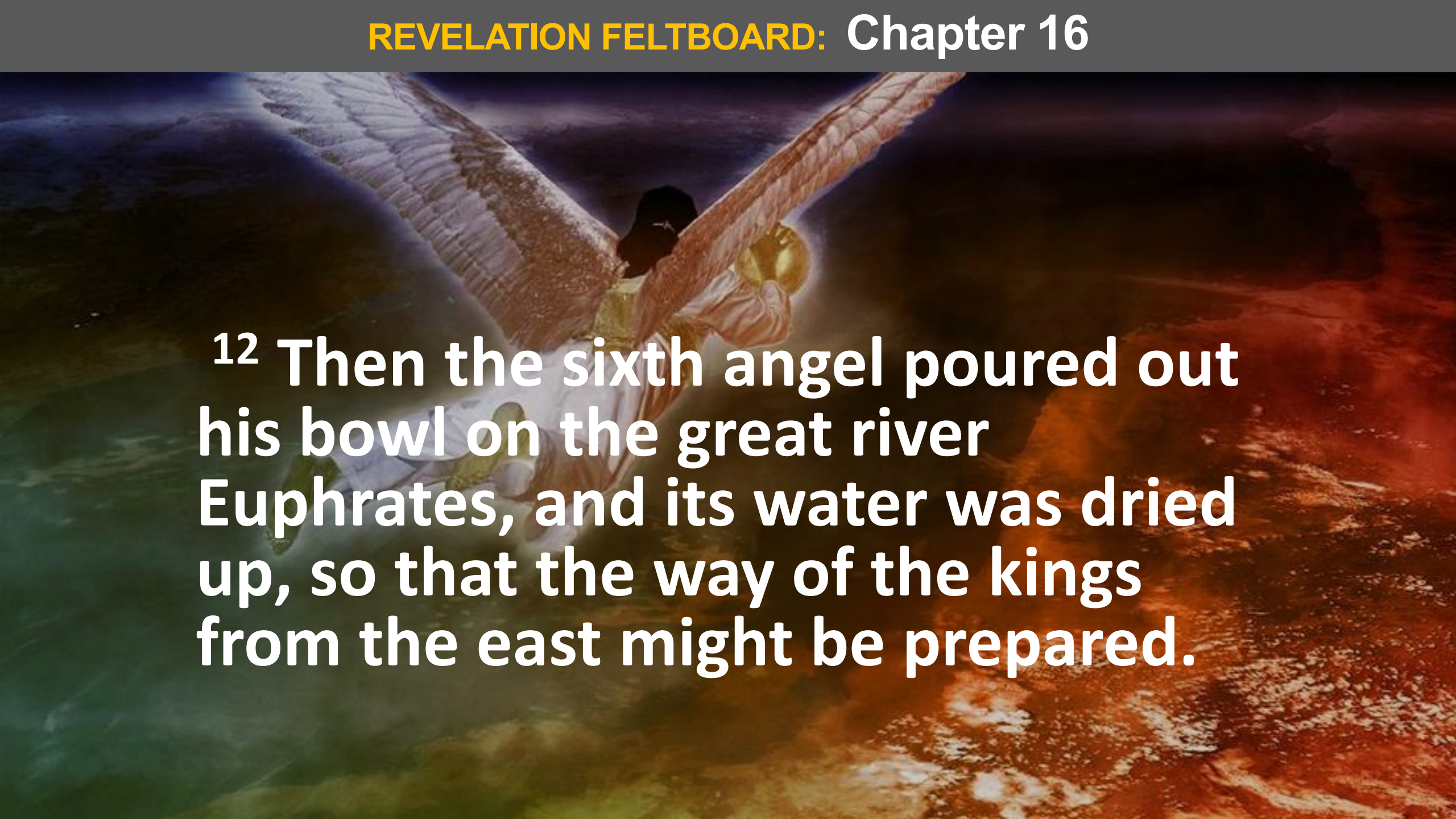
- Complete and total darkness, absolute absence of any light whatsoever.
- Darkness, blackness unlike anything we know, except for perhaps what can be found in deepest darkest recesses of places like underground caverns.
- A **tangible** darkness, can be felt, actually painful.
- **Literally a taste of hell.**
- If God is Light, separation from Him = **total absence of light of any kind.**

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- **Darkness 9th plague of Egypt**, immediately preceded final plague of death of firstborn.
- Chapter 13 *“inhabitants of the earth”* boasted about antichrist, asked rhetorical question, *“who is able to make war with the beast?”* **We now have the answer: God!**
- Notice people also gnawing tongues because of *“**their pains and their sores...**”* May indicate previous plagues not removed as each consecutive judgment poured out.
- Sores, scorching heat and blood still with them, and now darkness combines with them to cause incredible pain.

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- **But do these people go to God? Absolutely not.** Deluded, hang on to pride, even go so far as to **blaspheme God**, knowing He is doing these things.
- ***“they did not repent”*** used 5 times in NT. Matthew 11:20, when Yeshua rebuked cities in which His “mighty works” had been done, but people did not repent.
- Other 4 times during both trumpet and bowl judgments. Twice in ch 9 during bowl judgments, twice here in ch 16, last plagues.
- Last time this phrase is used. **May be last time anyone has opportunity to repent.**

An angel with large, feathered white wings is shown in profile, pouring a golden liquid from a golden bowl into a river. The river is depicted with a reddish-brown, dried-up appearance, contrasting with the dark blue and green water on the left. The background is a dark, stormy sky.

12 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.



- **6th bowl preparation for Armageddon, striking parallel to 6th Trumpet:**

“Then the sixth angel sounded: And I heard a voice from the four horns of the golden altar which is before God, saying to the sixth angel who had the trumpet, “Release the four angels who are bound at the great river Euphrates.” So the four angels, who had been prepared for the hour and day and month and year, were released to kill a third of mankind. Now the number of the army of the horsemen was two hundred million; I heard the number of them. And thus I saw the horses in the vision: those who sat on them had breastplates of fiery red, hyacinth blue, and sulfur yellow; and the heads of the horses were like the heads of lions;

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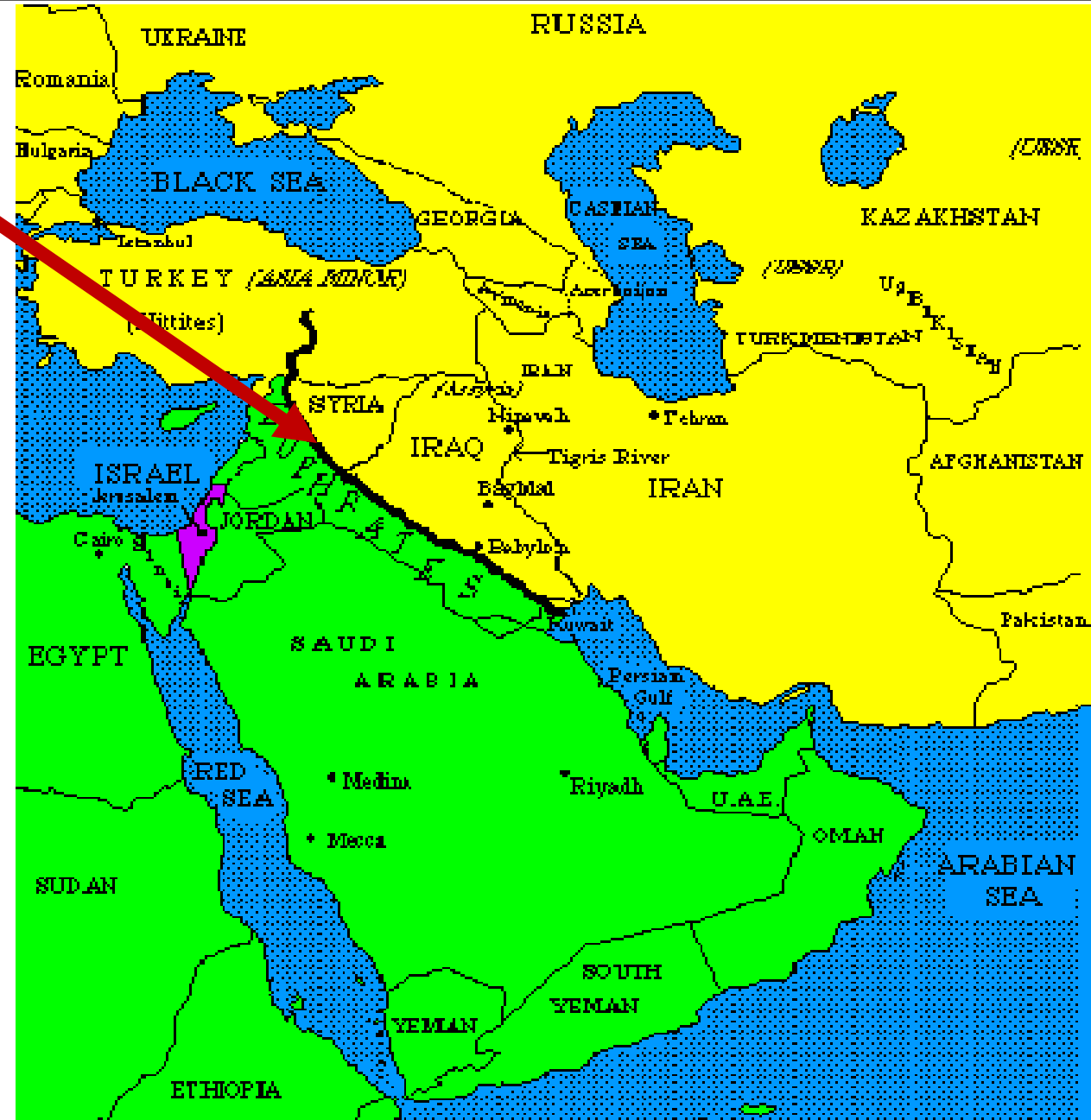
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*...and out of their mouths came fire, smoke, and brimstone. By these three plagues a third of mankind was killed—by the fire and the smoke and the brimstone which came out of their mouths. For their power is in their mouth and in their tails; for their tails are like serpents, having heads; and with them they do harm.”
(9:13-21)*

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- Euphrates River relatively unknown to most except for presence in news due to wars in Iraq.
- Large river, nearly 2,000 miles long, anywhere from 900 feet to more than a ½ mile wide in places
- In this passage, **it dries up completely.**





A few facts about Euphrates river:

- Mentioned 25 X in scripture. Both **cradle and grave of all civilization.**
- Flows through Babylon.
- Is ***eastern most border*** of land God promised to Abraham.
- **Cyrus the Great of Persia** rerouted Euphrates to walk under huge city walls of Babylon, and take city without a fight. That night ended Babylonian empire and began Persian empire.

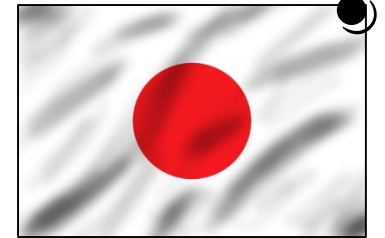
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- **Eastern border of Roman Empire.** Romans were fearful of Parthians who lived north of Euphrates.
- Ancient days **Euphrates provided protection** for Israel from invasion. If it dried up, protection gone.
- Greatest part of mankind north of Euphrates (*Europe, China, India, Japan, Russia, all of Asia, Persia, etc.*).
- **Israel's enemies said to be from north.** As this plague unfolds, mankind will be marching south into Israel.

- **Drying up waters** frequent in scripture:
 - **Red Sea** (Exodus 14:21, the exodus from Egypt);
 - **Jordan River** (Joshua 3:17, entrance into the Promised Land);
 - will dry up **the Sea** (Jeremiah 51:36, future prophecy regarding destruction of Babylon);
 - All the **depths of the Nile** (Zechariah 10:11, regarding future downfall of Egypt)
 - **Euphrates River**, 6th Bowl Judgment (Revelation 16)

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- “*kings from the east...*” **CAUTION! Many assume China, but** “east” = 2 words *anatole helios*. *Anatole* = rising of light (dawn) only east by implication. *Helios* = the sun.
- Literally means **kings of the “rising sun” or “sunrising.”** Today Japan known as land of the rising sun.
- Does not mean “kings” are from Japan, or even from the orient, *although they could be*.
- **Means direction from which these armies flood into Israel. A LOT of lands are east of Israel.**
- May be force of several peoples and nations.



Drying up
Euphrates River



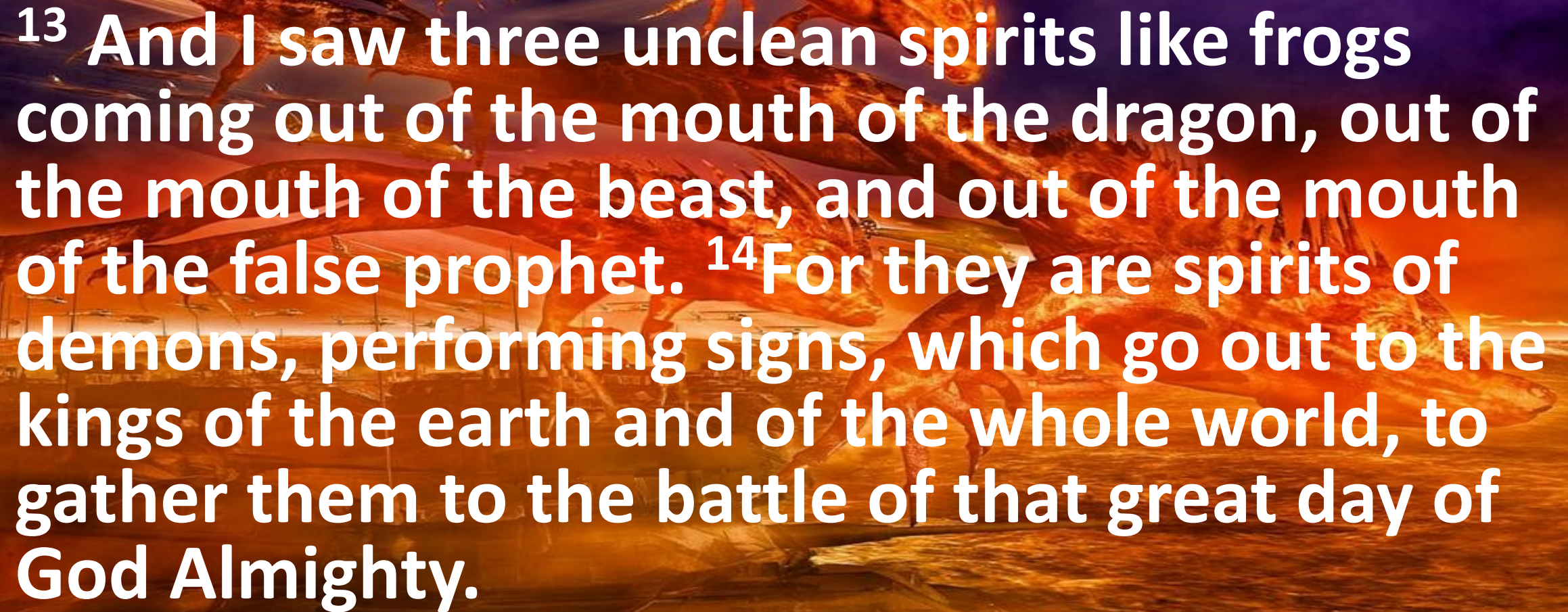
6th plague has
two parts.

Demonic
activity to
prepare world
for war



all preparation
for Armageddon.

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13 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. 14 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.

- “*...unclean spirits...*” = demonic spirits.
- coming out of mouths of each of unholy, counterfeit trinity: dragon, beast, false prophet.
- Apparently human antichrist and false prophet inhabited/used by demonic forces, dragon. **May indicate they speak lies, deceit to deceive nations.**
- You’d have to be **totally deceived (and delusional)** to think you could war with God and win... (*“vain thing” of Psalm 2*)

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- “...*like frogs...*” Frogs symbols of demonic activity.
- Persian lore = **god of evil**, agent of plagues
- Egypt, frog goddess of resurrection and fertility (*one of many gods El Shaddai used against Egypt, and here*)
- Jews = are **unclean** (an abomination) demonic by tradition.

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- “*frogs*” = *batrachoi*. Not used elsewhere. Properly translated *frogs*. A symbol, certain qualities of "spirits" same as frogs. Bochart (1600's commentator) ***frog symbol***:
 - (1) rough, harsh, coarse voice
 - (2) complaining or reproaching
 - (3) empty loquacity (*talking too much*)
 - (4) heretics and philosophers
 - (5) origin in mud, lives in mud, symbol of those born in sin, live in pollution
 - (6) lives in water, drinks often, symbol of drunkards
 - (7) impudence
 - (8) because frog swells size, distends cheeks, symbol of pride.



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- Goal of “frog spirits” to **speak lies** to leaders (deceive) of nations, talk them into gathering to make war against God.
- Leaders not just kings of east, **“the whole world.”** World’s armies will gather to for greatest battle. This is it.
- This attempt at “war” with God is a joke. Psalm 2:1-3:
*“Why do the nations rage, And the people plot a vain thing?
The kings of the earth set themselves, And the rulers take
counsel together, Against the LORD and against His Anointed,
saying, “Let us break Their bonds in pieces And cast away
Their cords from us.”*
- God’s response? **“He who sits in the heavens shall laugh;
The Lord shall hold them in derision.”** (2:4)

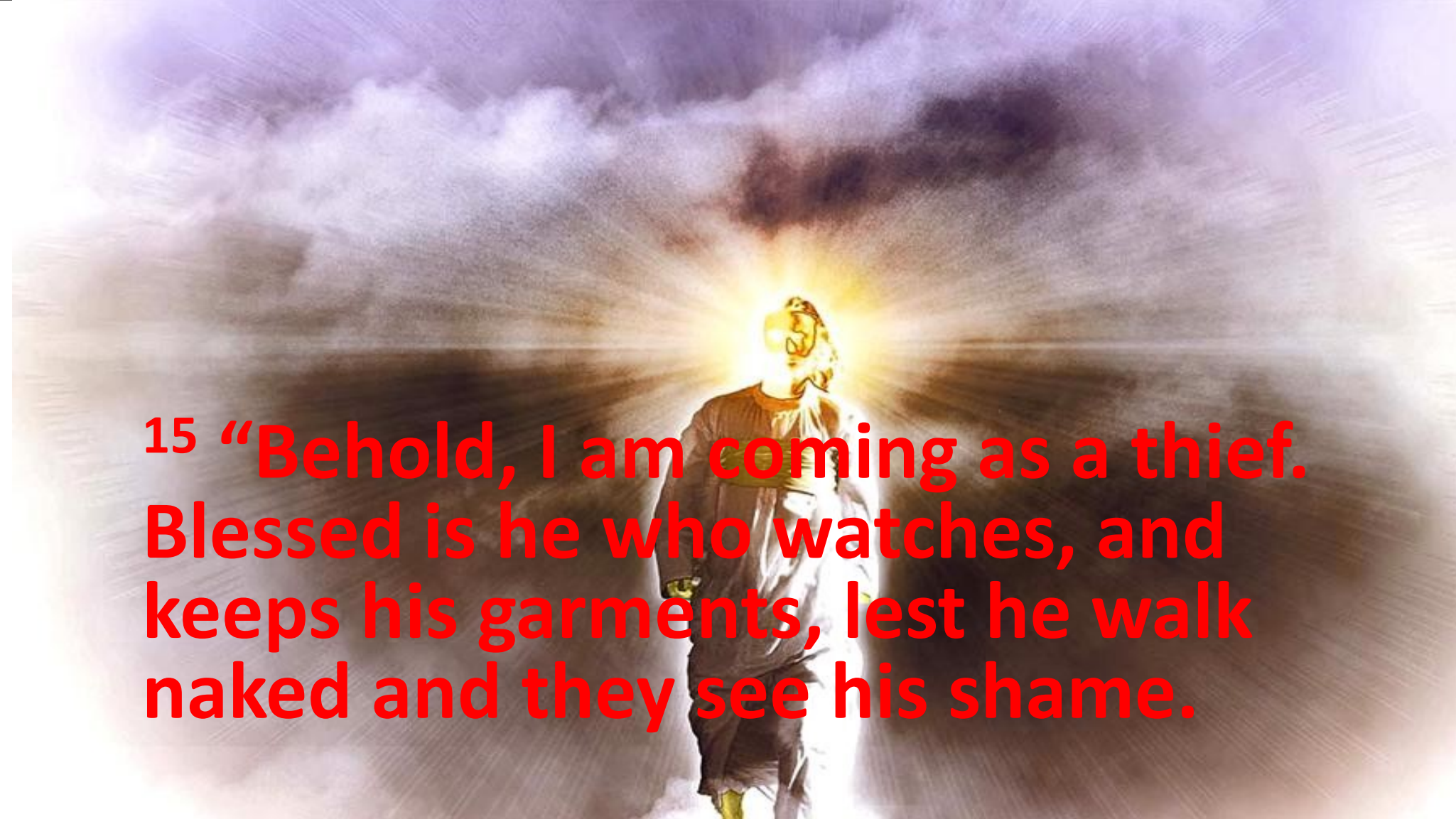
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- “Great day” = final culmination of Day of the Lord.
- Some say = only Armageddon.
- Varying ideas how much time “day” covers. Some say literal, 24 hours. Others say period of time that includes final judgment (tribulation) through Armageddon.
- OT review of use of term says this “day” is ***near, full of darkness, full of anguish and distress, full of plagues, sudden, and the earth shakes and nations gather together against God. (just the beginning!)***
- Not a good day! Day of God’s wrath poured out on all unbelieving, and final battle. *(Have addressed this day earlier.)*

THE
DREADFUL
DAY OF THE LORD



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¹⁵ “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.

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- ***“Behold...”*** pay attention, now He comes! Words of Jesus.
- **Coming as a thief** means He is coming suddenly, without warning. The one who watches, keeps alert and is waiting for His return is blessed.
- ***“...keeps his garments, lest he walk naked and they see his shame...”*** Phrase still debated.
- ***What garments referenced here??*** Not identified. The **“garment of righteousness”** that must “cover” us – the garment that makes us pure before God, by the blood of the Lamb? ***Does it imply our salvation?***

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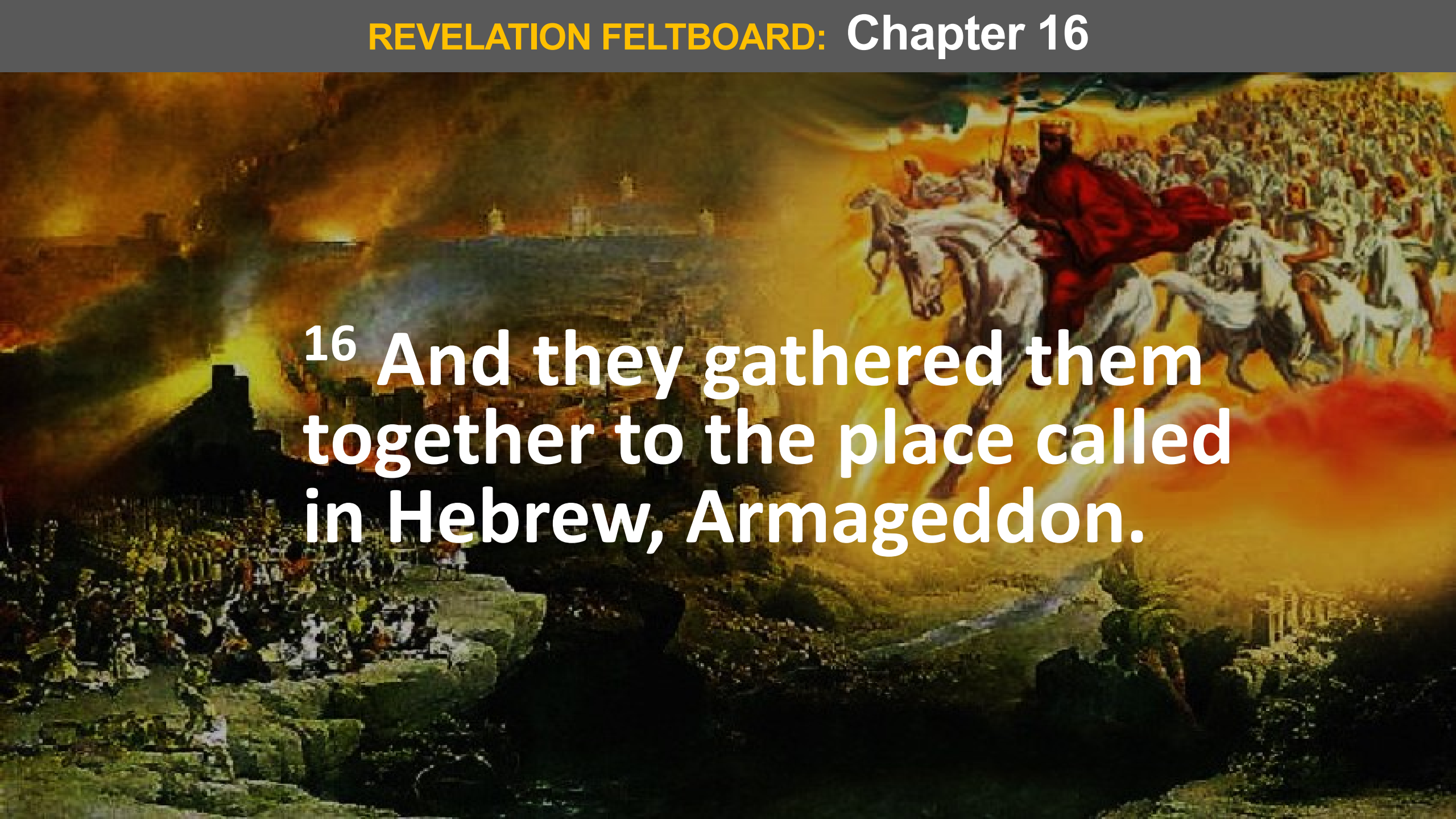
- **We don't know.** If salvation, then “keeps” *might imply that one could lose salvation*, but does not necessarily say this.
- Likely means those caught *not watching* seen as naked, shamed, greatly embarrassed.
- Some believe does reference salvation, and by this time of Trib very few “believers” left, perhaps those who came late, or haven't come totally to Yeshua.
- Perhaps faith is wavering or haven't made total commitment. *We just don't know.*

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- Some say doesn't reference believers at all. Ones watching for Him most likely believers and already wear garment of righteousness. They are blessed.
- **It is, then, ones NOT watching who lose garments, which had never been "cleansed" to begin with.**
- At any rate, **most commentators do not believe this references possibility of losing salvation.**
- More likely **warning to be vigilant**, or all these things coming, especially arrival of the Messiah Himself, will take them by great surprise.

Sample Commentary: “I think this verse is a general word of encouragement addressed to believers in the Great Tribulation, in view of the context, but applicable to believers in the church age. If believers do not understand that Jesus Christ will return very soon, they may behave in ways that will be embarrassing when He does return, at the Rapture and the Second Coming.”
(Constable)

COMMENTARY: This may be an allusion to what that Jewish officer, called the man of the mountain, (that is, of the Lord's house) used to do, when taking his round in the temple to examine the watch: if he met with any asleep, they were beaten by the provost, and had their garments taken away, and burnt; or, according to others, this officer had the liberty to set fire to their garments. Perhaps, in this case, the person might be obliged to appear in the fragments of his burnt garments the next day, which would be a great disgrace. (Coke)



1⁶ And they gathered them together to the place called in Hebrew, Armageddon.

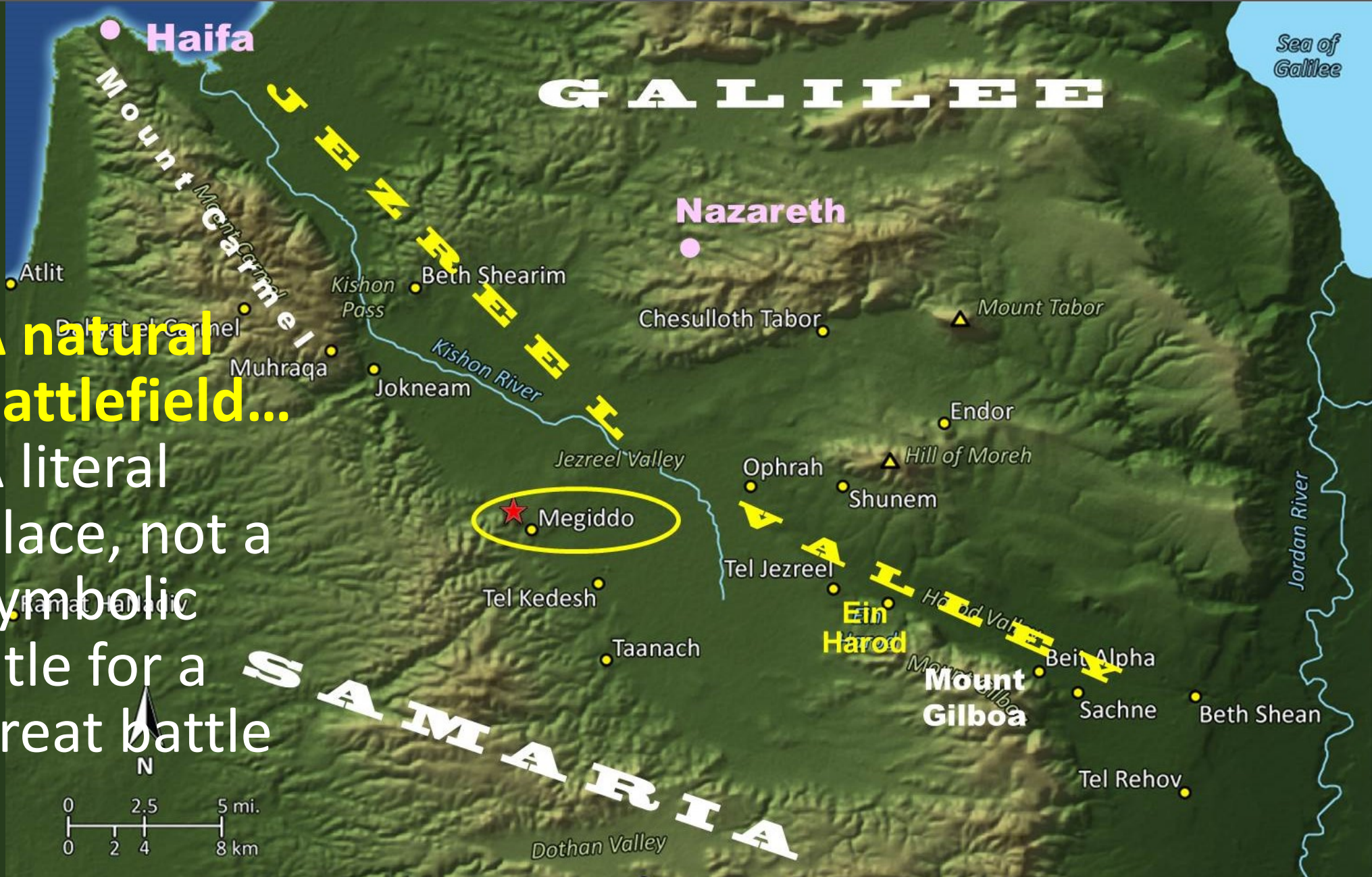
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- ***“They”*** = demonic forces of the unholy trinity.
- ***“Armageddon...”*** major study all to itself!
- **“Armageddon”** = Greek rendition of **“Har Megiddo”** name of actual place, mountain, or hill, of Megiddo.

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A natural battlefield...

A literal place, not a symbolic title for a great battle



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- “Megiddo” = literally “*place of troops, or crowding of troops.*” **Many scriptural battles here:**
- **Barak/Deborah** defeated Sisera, Canaanites here (Judges 5:19)
- **Gideon** met Midianites at Megiddo (Judges 7:1-25)
- **Samson** won over Philistines (Judges 15)
- **Saul** died here in battle (1 Samuel 31:1-13)
- Pharaoh Necco killed **Josiah** here (2 Kings 23:39) and several others.

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- Megiddo most famous battleground in Jewish history.
- Titus, Roman army used this natural corridor, also Crusaders in Middle Ages, as well as British General Allenby when he defeated Turkish armies in 1917.
- Even Napoleon called this place an **“ideal battleground for all the armies of the world.”**
- Megiddo well known, and well used, throughout history. Greek translation is **Armageddon**, come to be known as world’s last spectacular battle, subject of many fanciful, fictional movies, books etc.

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- Megiddo located south rim of Esdraelon, also known as **Plain or Valley of Esdraelon**, and **Valley of Jezreel**.
- Most think also Valley of Jehoshaphat referenced in Joel 3:12, seems likely (literally *“the valley of God judges”*).
- Area also referred to as **“valley of decision”** in Joel 3.
- Helpful to **read 3rd chapter of Joel**, ... *(read/listen carefully, can learn a great deal about “Armageddon” from this passage...[Joel 3:9-16])*

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⁹ Proclaim this among the nations: "Prepare for war! Wake up the mighty men, Let all the men of war draw near, Let them come up. ¹⁰ Beat your plowshares into swords And your pruning hooks into spears; Let the weak say, 'I am strong.'" ¹¹ Assemble and come, all you nations, And gather together all around. Cause Your mighty ones to go down there, O Lord. ¹² "Let the nations be wakened, and come up to the Valley of Jehoshaphat; For there I will sit to judge all the surrounding nations. ¹³ Put in the sickle, for the harvest is ripe. Come, go down; For the winepress is full, The vats overflow—For their wickedness is great." ¹⁴ Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision! For the day of the Lord is near in the valley of decision. ¹⁵ The sun and moon will grow dark, And the stars will diminish their brightness. ¹⁶ The Lord also will roar from Zion, And utter His voice from Jerusalem; The heavens and earth will shake; But the Lord will be a shelter for His people, And the strength of the children of Israel.

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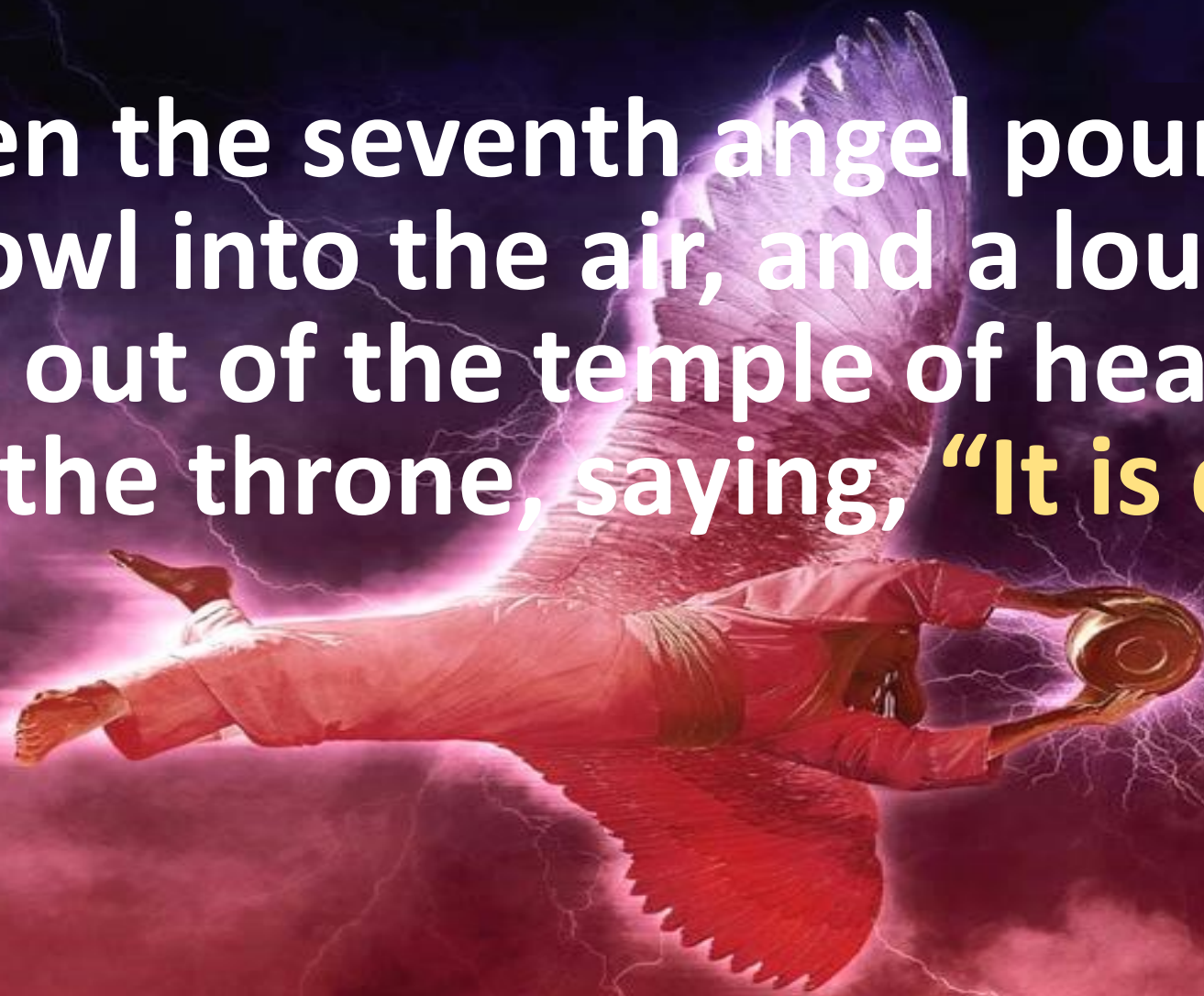
- Lots of speculation about this place and name. Some say means *Jerusalem*, unlikely all armies of world could gather here.
- Other scriptures, [reference to 1600 furlongs earlier], seems to indicate not symbolic, but **real place where real battle takes place**. 1600 furlongs about length of entire corridor (*about 200 miles*).
- In John's time Megiddo relatively unknown, forgotten in history, but well known in OT scriptures. Signified place of great slaughter, terrible retribution for wicked, place of mourning. ***Megiddo had very bad reputation.***

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- **Man's imagination has run wild with Armageddon. Everyone seems to think it is last big battle of good and evil, or final world war.**
- **No end to disaster movies, books, video games about so-called Armageddon.**
- **Ends with dead becoming supper for birds of earth.**
- **Actual event most likely not here at this moment, but chapter 19. Here, world's armies are merely gathering for war.**
- **Not over yet. One last plague even now.**

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17 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!”**





- ***“Poured out his bowl into the air...”***
Ephesians 2:1-2 says something interesting about the Enemy: *“And you He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins, in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience...”*
- Satan called “the prince of the air, or “prince of the power of the air...”
- Pouring out of **final bowl of wrath is upon satan’s realm of power.** This is fitting.

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- Another voice from temple (*last time mentioned*) **“it is done.”**
- Reminds of first verse previous chapter: *“Then I saw another sign in heaven, great and marvelous: seven angels having the seven last plagues, for in them the wrath of God is complete.”* (15:1)
- **God’s wrath complete.** Only thing left = final details of Armageddon, *seen later.*
- “Done” = *ginomai*, literally **“accomplished.”** **God has accomplished His prophetic plan perfectly.**

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- Should remind of English phrase **“it is finished”** - Greek *tetelestai* = **“paid in full.”**
- Jesus said this from Cross. ***Payment for our sins was complete at that time.***
- One phrase (*tetelestai*) provided payment for our eternal salvation. Other (*ginomai*) accomplished final piece of God’s pre-ordained wrath on disobedient mankind.
- **Salvation and wrath are both accomplished, and both announced when they are “done.”**
- Would rather hear *“tetelestai”* than *“ginomai!”*

18 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.

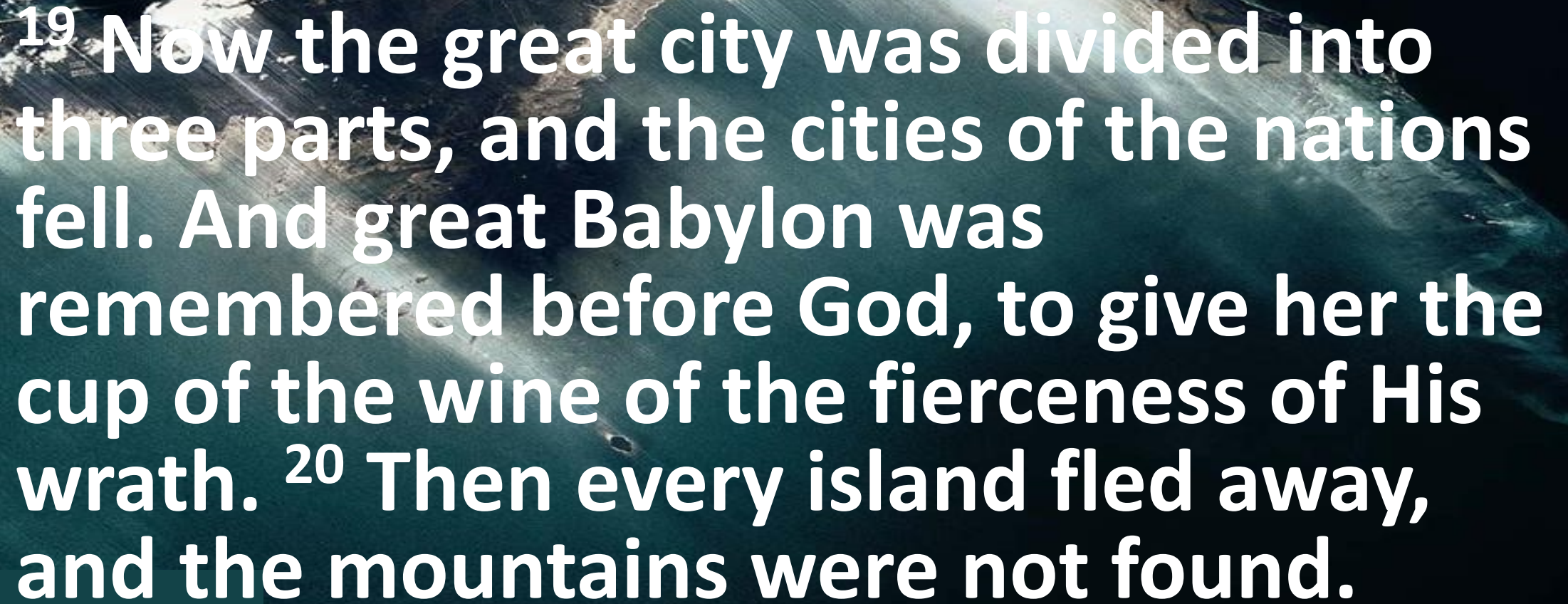


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- Noises, thunderings, lightnings **common in Revelation**, usually occur around God's throne or presence.
- Also seen at **Mt Sinai** when God appeared to give the Law. **Reminder of God's awesome nature, great sovereignty.**
- Here appear **to signal final blows, judgments**, to earth before second coming of Jesus – the imminent presence of God on earth.

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- Another great earthquake. Third one in Revelation.
- Bigger than all others, ***“as had not occurred since men were on the earth.”***
- Likely shake entire earth, will be like no other.

An aerial photograph of a city at night, with a bright light source illuminating the landscape from the right. The city is divided into three parts, and the cities of the nations have fallen. The text is overlaid on the image.

19 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. **20** Then every island fled away, and the mountains were not found.

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- Question, “**what city?**” Many think Jerusalem, as Zechariah prophesied a huge earthquake that would change entire topography of Jerusalem: *“And in that day His feet will stand on the Mount of Olives, Which faces Jerusalem on the east. And the Mount of Olives shall be split in two, From east to west, Making a very large valley; Half of the mountain shall move toward the north And half of it toward the south.”* (14:4)
- But earthquake in Zechariah clearly associated with coming of Jesus to Jerusalem ***on his return to earth.***

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- City in same context is Babylon, and idea we are to get is **Babylon will be destroyed**, under judgment of God.
- *More info about destruction of Babylon chapters 17/18.*
- Complete picture, however, shows **massive destruction everywhere**, which might indeed indicate what happens at the return of the Messiah.
- *This could be Jerusalem, and it could be Babylon. It could be EVERY city on the planet (“all cities...”).* Not limited.
- **Earthquake worldwide. When feet of El Shaddai touch earth, the whole earth will shudder violently!**

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- Not typical earthquake. ***“Every island fled away and the mountains were not found.”***
- God redesigning earth, destroying what man has corrupted. Mountains leveled, islands disappear. *To occupy this planet, God has some re-creating to do!*
- Recall chapter 6, **first 6 seal judgments** possible “overview.”
- **6th seal** = huge earthquake, called **“wrath of the Lamb.”** Skies roll up, every mountain/island affected: *“Then the sky receded as a scroll when it is rolled up, and every mountain and island was moved out of its place.”* (6:14)
- *Very possible/likely these earthquakes one and the same.*

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- No reason NOT to take these things literally. However, some believe reference to islands and mountains really **symbolic for “republics and nations,”** meaning all human government falls here.
- Both likely true. Earth will be devastated, will be no more human government past this time.
- Daniel 2:44 - *“And in the days of these kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom which shall never be destroyed; and the kingdom shall not be left to other people; it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand forever.”*

21 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.



- **One final blow.** Huge hailstones, big enough to kill, upon earth and upon “men.”
- Does not say upon only “inhabitants of the earth” (unbelievers). *May be on entire earth, affecting all.*
- **“Each hailstone about the weight of a talent”**
Depending on measurement system (Greek = 86 lbs; Hebrew = 110 lbs; Babylonian = 125 lbs.)
- VERY large hailstone, able to smash buildings, kill instantly. Only safety would be underground bunker.
Like something from a horror movie.

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- OT penalty for **blaspheming**, what earth “dwellers” do repeatedly, was stoning. How appropriate.
- God using OT Law as punishment against blasphemers of earth. He is doing the stoning.
- Hail used throughout scripture as a plague, and as judgment on Israel’s enemies.
- *“Have you entered the treasury of snow, or have you seen the **treasury of hail**, which I have reserved for the time of trouble, for the day of battle and war?” (Job 38:22-23; God to Job reminding of His power and sovereignty.)*

- If literal, catastrophic, totally devastating topographical changes. **Earth a mess here.**
- To be expected, per **Zechariah 14**. Culmination, end/completion, of God's plan *immediately prior* to Millennial Kingdom. **Jerusalem will be raised up and all other places "turned into a plain," or flattened.**
- Precisely what is happening in Revelation 16.



Sample of Zechariah 14...

¹⁰ All the land shall be turned into a plain from Geba to Rimmon south of Jerusalem. Jerusalem shall be raised up and inhabited in her place from Benjamin's Gate to the place of the First Gate and the Corner Gate, and from the Tower of Hananel to the king's winepresses....

*¹² And this shall be the plague with which the Lord will strike all the people who fought against Jerusalem: **Their flesh shall dissolve while they stand on their feet, Their eyes shall dissolve in their sockets, And their tongues shall dissolve in their mouths.***

(neutron bomb??)

“And in that day His feet will stand on the Mount of Olives, Which faces Jerusalem on the east. And the Mount of Olives shall be split in two, From east to west, Making a very large valley; Half of the mountain shall move toward the north And half of it toward the south.” (Zechariah 14:4)

- Helpful to **read entire 14th chapter of Zechariah** (*in fact, entire book, one of the “Apocalyptic Triangle,” along with Daniel and Revelation*) **Make part of your personal study.**
- Lots happening. Last plagues, Armageddon, wrap up before Millennial Kingdom. ***Don’t know if all happens at once or spaces of time.***

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COMMENTARY "...The cleaving in two of the Mount of Olives in Zechariah 14:4 is regarded by most commentators as being quite beyond a literal interpretation: and yet, a few years ago, The Illustrated London News gave some interesting drawings of the scene of the great volcanic eruption in the North Island, New Zealand. It will be remembered that the outburst of volcanic energy began by the explosion of Mount Tarawera, a mountain, which had no crater upon it, and showed no signs of recent activity. Tarawera was split in two by the sudden opening of a great chasm or line of craters four miles long, about 500 feet wide, and, in many places, 400 feet deep."

(Bullinger, E.W., The Apocalypse, © 1909) (written over 100 years ago!)



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- All 7 plagues poured out in rapid succession, perhaps all at once.
- With 7th plague, **IT IS DONE.**
- Still some **“loose ends”** -
 - **final judgment and destruction of Babylon** (ch 17 + 18)
 - **actual return of Messiah** (ch 19)

Yevarekh-kha Adonai veyishmerekha

May the LORD bless you and keep you

Ya'er Adonai panav elekha vihunneka

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

***Yissa Adonai panav elekha viyase
lekha shalom.***

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