

# The Bowl Judgements – Part III

Revelation 16:12-21

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## I. Introduction

- A. Bowl 1: Malignant sores on all beast followers – v. 16:2
- B. Bowl 2: Sea to blood; death of all marine life – v. 16:3
- C. Bowl 3: Fresh water to blood – vs. 16:4-7
- D. Bowl 4: Fierce heat from the sun – vs. 16:8, 9
- E. Bowl 5: Darkness upon the throne of the beast – vs. 16:10, 11
- F. Bowl 6: Drying up of the Euphrates – Armageddon = vs. 16:12-16
  - 1. Deceiving spirits (I Timothy 4:1)
- G. Bowl 7: A world record earthquake; hundred-pound hailstones 16:17-21
  - 1. Our God is saying, “I am the Lord of the universe” – Psalm 115:3

## II. The Sixth Bowl – vs. 12-16

- A. The drying up of the Euphrates (Isaiah 11:15; Revelation 9:14)
  - 1. Its location: longest and most important river of Western Asia.
  - 2. Its size: 1780 miles; 3 to 1200 yards wide; 10-30 feet deep.
  - 3. Its importance: it is the ancient boundary between the Empires of the East and West. It is also the Eastern boundary of the Promised Land (Genesis 15:18). It also was the Eastern boundary of the Ancient Roman Empire.
  - 4. The method
    - a. Natural: Russia has constructed a dam near the headwater of the Euphrates.
    - b. Divine: God could speak the word as He did at the Red Sea.
- B. The Kings of the East
  - 1. This sixth bowl is a further extension of the sixth trumpet - Revelation 9:13-21
  - 2. “There will likely be a coalition of powers from Eastern countries led by Red China.” Hal Lindsey
  - 3. “The way for this great Oriental invasion has literally been paved by a road recently constructed from China

through the Himalayas of Kashmir to Pakistan. India lodged a protest in the UN, calling this ‘a threat to peace in Asia.’” Hal Lindsey

- 4. Joel 3:12-14
- C. The Three Unclean Spirits – vs. 13, 14
  - 1. They come out of the mouths of the dragon, the beast (13:1), and the false prophet (13:11).
  - 2. Their appearance is like a frog. They were considered unclean – Leviticus 11:10, 41
  - 3. They are spirits of demons - I Timothy 4:1; I Kings 22:20-38
  - 4. Their purpose is to gather the armies of the world together. They will perform signs to do this.
- D. The Coming of Jesus – v. 15
  - 1. He compares His coming to that of a thief (unexpected) – Matthew 24:43
  - 2. Alertness is encouraged and rewarded – I Thessalonians 5:2, 4
  - 3. Proper apparel is encouraged and rewarded – Ephesians 4:17-32; Revelation 19:8
- E. The Place of “the war of the great day of God, the Almighty” – v. 16

At the signing of the Peace Treaty between Japan and the U.S. on 9-2-1945, General Douglas MacArthur said, “We have had our last chance. If we will not devise something greater and more equitable [than war], Armageddon will be at the door.”

  - 1. Various names
    - a. Greek: Armageddon – Revelation 16:16
    - b. Hebrew: Mount Megiddo – II Kings 23:29
    - c. New American Standard: Har-Magedon – Revelation 16:16
    - d. Valley of Jezreel – Judges 6:33
    - e. Plain of Esdraelon (Greek for Jezreel)
  - 2. The Northern Boundaries
    - a. Megiddo is located 10 miles south of Nazareth and 15 miles from the coast

- b. The valley itself is only 14 miles long and 20 miles wide.
- 3. The Eastern Boundaries
  - a. Joel 3:2 : Valley of Jehoshaphat
  - b. This valley is said to be in the area of Kidron Valley, which is east of Jerusalem.
- 4. The Southern Boundaries
  - a. Isaiah 34 and 63 view the Lord coming from Edom.
  - b. Isaiah 63:1 mentions “Bozrah”, which was southwest of the Dead Sea.
- 5. The above area covers the Land of Palestine as mentioned in Revelation 14:20
  - a. “. . . to check this out I measured from the point where the Valley of Armageddon slopes down to the Jordan Valley. From that point southward down the Valley through the Dead Sea to the Port of Elath on the Gulf of Agabah measures approximately two hundred miles!” Hal Lindsey
  - b. Napoleon called this valley the “ideal battlefield.”
- 6. The Participants
  - a. Armies of the North: Russia and her allies – Daniel 11:40-45; Ezekiel 38:14-17; Joel 2:1-10, 20
  - b. Armies of the East: Oriental (Japan, China, India)
  - c. Armies of the South: Arab-African confederacy – Daniel:40
- 7. Final Conflict: Armies of the World versus Jesus and the Heavenly Hosts – Zechariah-3
- 8. See also: Ezekiel 9; Zechariah 14; Joel 3:9-21

### III. **The Seventh Bowl – vs. 17-21**

- A. The Seventh Angel and the Seventh Bowl – v. 17
  - 1. Bowls 1-3 into the earth, sea and rivers
  - 2. Bowls 4-7 upon the sun, throne of the beast, the Euphrates and the air.
  - 3. The very air we breathe is a gift from God and controlled by Him.
  - 4. “It is done.” This is the final act of God preceding the Second Coming of Christ.
- B. The Details of the Seventh Bowl – v. 18, 21a
  - 1. Lightning and thunder accompanied this judgment.
  - 2. A world record earthquake – Zechariah 14:4, 5

- 3. 100 pound hailstones
- C. The Results of the Seventh Bowl – vs. 19, 20, 21b
  - 1. The Great City (Jerusalem or Babylon?) was split into three parts
  - 2. All the great cities of the earth fell.
  - 3. Babylon experienced the wrath of God. (More details in 17 and 18.)
  - 4. Islands separated from land masses and mountains leveled.
  - 5. Man continued to blaspheme God and got his just reward – Leviticus 24:16