

I. THE PREVIOUS SIX

- A. From the beginning of Chapter 16, we see seven Vials of Judgement
 - 1. The vials (or bowls) are FULL of the wrath of God REV. 15:7
 - 2. Consider again for a moment – Praise God it is CONTAINED!
 - a. If the wrath of a Holy God broke forth unconstrained!
 - b. There would be nothing left!
 - c. God is NEVER “out of control”
 - d. This is not “unchecked anger” (as a man would have)
 - e. This is GOD’s righteously and indignant but controlled wrath
- B. A quick summary of the first five:
 - 1. The First Vial - Beast worshippers receive “noisome” and “grievous” sores
 - 2. The Second Vial - Sea water becomes blood – LITERALLY of a DEAD MAN
 - 3. The Third Vial - All fresh water becomes blood
 - 4. The Fourth Vial - Scorching heat upon earth but they refuse to repent!
 - a. Something else: Remember that the ice caps will likely melt
 - b. Al Gore said the major cities would be flooded – 200’ sea level rise
 - c. But remember – now it’s all BLOOD!
 - 5. The Fifth Vial - Darkness fills the earth – truly becoming Hell on Earth
- C. The Sixth Vial (vs. 12)
 - 1. The Euphrates River dries up
 - a. It is called “the great river” five times in Scripture
 - b. It flows from Mt. Ararat 1800 miles to the Persian Gulf
 - c. A natural dividing line between the East and the West
 - i. Very deep and very wide
 - ii. It forms the eastern boundary on the promised land
 - iii. ISA. 11:15 – “And the LORD shall utterly destroy the tongue of the Egyptian sea; and with his mighty wind shall he shake his hand over the river, and shall smite it in the seven streams, and make men go over dryshod.”
 - 2. But it will dry up to provide a path for the “Kings of East”
 - a. This allows these eastern armies to march over into Megiddo
 - i. Older commentaries estimated armies of 3 to 5 million
 - ii. That was back when China had only 600 million people
 - iii. These armies will join those of the west to attack God
 - b. Napoleon said of Megiddo, “[It is] the most ideal, natural battlefield in the world. All the armies of the world could maneuver their forces on this vast plain.”
 - c. This is valley upon which Jesus will fight the forces of Satan
 - d. The valley will flow with blood to the horse bridles REV. 14:20
 - i. 1.5 gallons in an adult human

- ii. 1600 stadia x 5 ft deep x 10 ft wide = 48,557,520 cu ft
- iii. That's only 350,000 people not even a million

D. Before the Seventh Vial,

- 1. There will be sent a Powerful Drawing
- 2. All will be given Prior Warning
- 3. Before the world will experience the seventh Poured Judgement
- 4. And it will all point back to this world's very Present Need

II. **THE POWERFUL DRAWING**

A. Three unclean spirits – Demon Spirits (vs.14)

- 1. The term is used throughout the New Testament for demonic influence
- 2. LUKE 11:24 – “When the unclean spirit is gone out of a man, he walketh through dry places, seeking rest; and finding none, he saith, I will return unto my house whence I came out.”
 - a. This is why you MUST replace addictions with godly actions
 - b. When you REMOVE something from a life, it leaves a gap
 - c. A gap in a wall is a VULNERABILITY – FILL THE GAPS!
- 3. “Like frogs” recall the great plagues sent against Egypt in Exodus
 - a. Remember – John was viewing things with a spiritual lens
 - i. Not sure if these will be visible on Earth or not
 - ii. Even if they are visible, the beast-worshippers won't mind
 - iii. They probably will think it was awesome!
 - b. Frogs are slimy and foul – truly reptilian and alien to us
 - i. Ever looked at a dog and wondered what it was thinking?
 - ii. Ever looked at a frog and wondered? No?
 - c. Frogs on the farm growing up on the pond bank
 - i. They'd hear you coming and jump in with a peep
 - ii. And then just stay below the surface, only their eyes above
 - iii. Watching and hiding and waiting

B. These came from all three of the wicked unholy anti-trinity

- 1. Out of Satan's mouth – the Dragon
 - a. He has been cast out of Heaven and down to the Earth
 - b. Once, he had been allowed into Heaven's throneroom
 - c. JOB 1:6 – “Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan came also among them.”
 - d. But no more!
 - e. REV. 12:9 – “And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.”
- 2. Out of the beast's mouth, that anti-Christ
 - a. Who is he? We may already know him, but probably not

- b. He shall be revealed - 2 THESS. 2:1-12
- c. He works the works and wonders of Satan
- 3. Out of the False Prophet's mouth – the anti-Holy Spirit
 - a. All three of the anti-trinity working together as one (vs.14)
 - b. They are bringing their armies from the corners of the globe
 - c. To fight against God. To destroy Jerusalem (where God has put His name). To destroy all things godly.

III. THE PRIOR WARNING

- A. How can Satan think he can defeat God?
 - 1. He knows the Scriptures
 - 2. MATT. 4:5-7 – “Then the devil taketh him up into the holy city, and setteth him on a pinnacle of the temple, (6) And saith unto him, If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down: for it is written, He shall give his angels charge concerning thee: and in their hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone. (7) Jesus said unto him, It is written again, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God.”
 - 3. Satan must know the Word of God says that he cannot possibly win!
- B. Ah, but don't you know that liars begin to believe their own lies?
 - 1. We know that he is a liar – Jesus tells us so!
 - 2. JOHN 8:44 – “Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.”
 - 3. And the first lie he told? Casting doubt upon God's Word
 - 4. GEN. 3:4 – “And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die:”
- C. Consider too, that Jesus Christ IS the very Word of God
 - 1. JOHN 1:1 – “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.”
 - 2. So, Satan is jealous of Jesus and is directly casting doubt about Him
 - 3. Satan is SPECIFICALLY and CONTINUALLY lying about our Savior
 - a. Why are there so many English Bible versions? So Satan can lie.
 - b. Why are there so many “denominations”? So Satan can lie.
 - c. Why teach evolution with such VEHEMENCE? So Satan can lie.
 - 4. He HATES Jesus Christ and the Gospel
- D. And into all these preparations Satan is making, Jesus speaks (vs. 15)
 - 1. Thieves come unexpectedly...they usually don't make an appointment
 - 2. Jesus is issuing prior warning
 - 3. Since you won't know what hit you, I'm telling you now. It was me.

IV. THE Poured JUDGEMENT

- A. When the angel poured it out – he said it was “done.” (Unstoppable)
- B. Many catastrophes to make all the former look small by comparison
 - 1. Thunders, lightings and a great earthquake (vs. 18)
 - a. Such as was not since men were upon the earth
 - b. No former tsunami, no way to measure it on the Richter scale
 - c. Even the FLOOD did not produce an earthquake like this!
 - 2. Jerusalem split into 3 pieces and the cities of the nations fell (vs. 19)
 - a. Not SOME of the cities, I’ll point out. ALL of them.
 - b. What does divided mean? Probably not religiously from a quake.
 - c. Physically divided probably does not mean a small crack...
 - 3. EVERY island fled away and the mountains were not found (vs. 20)
 - a. Every island sunk below blood – even after ice caps melted
 - b. Haiti, Cuba, Hawaii, the English isles
 - c. The mountains FLATTENED
 - 4. Great hail the weight of a talent (vs. 21)
 - a. Talents weigh ~75 pounds – almost double an average cannonball
 - b. Hailstorm we experienced in Clayton, NC
 - c. Consider the destruction caused WORLDWIDE
 - d. This is God’ final judgement on the earth (but not the people)
- C. And yet they will not repent! They continue to the battle (vs. 16)

V. THE PRESENT NEED

- A. People need the Lord today more than ever
 - 1. Satan is lying to our culture more than ever today (media/Internet/etc.)
 - 2. He is casting doubt upon the Word of God
 - 3. He is casting doubt upon Salvation through Jesus Christ ALONE!
 - 4. It’s all a lie!
 - 5. JOHN 17:17 – “Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.”
- B. I am here to testify that Salvation CANNOT be found in any other!
 - 1. ACTS 4:12 – “Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.”
 - 2. Your works cannot save you, your baptism cannot save you
 - 3. ONLY Jesus Christ can save you through the blood He shed on the Cross
 - 4. Don’t believe Satan’s lies. He hates you, but God loves you!
 - 5. JOHN 3:16 – “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.”
- C. Be Saved Today!