



## REVELATION CHAPTER 16 part 2

The 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> vials of the Wrath of God  
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In part 2 of this chapter, the 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> angels of wrath pour out their vials.

**REV.16:12** And the sixth angel poured out his vial upon the great river Euphrates; and the water thereof was dried up, that the way of the kings of the east might be prepared.

Somehow the River Euphrates figures prominently in the events to come at the End of the Age. During the era of the Great Tribulation, one of the Trumpets loosed *“four angels which are bound in the great river Euphrates”*, which resulted in a rampage of 200 million *“horsemen”* to slay a huge number of Earth’s people. Perhaps this 6<sup>th</sup> vial is in some way connected to what took place under the 6<sup>th</sup> Trumpet in *Revelation chapter 9 verses 14-16:*

*“Saying to the **sixth angel which had the trumpet, loose the four angels which are bound in the great river Euphrates. And the four angels were loosed, which were prepared for an hour, and a day, and a month, and a year, for to slay the third part of men. And the number of the army of the horsemen were two hundred thousand thousand: and I heard the number of them.**”*



**REV.16:13** And I saw **three unclean spirits like frogs** come out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the **beast**, and out of the mouth of the **false prophet**.

**REV.16:14** For they are the **spirits of devils, working miracles, which go forth unto the kings of**



**the earth** and of the whole world, **to gather them to the battle** of that great day of God Almighty. (see *2Thes.2:9-10; Rev.13:13-14*)

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

**The world's military forces will be assembled by the evil spirits of Satan himself, the Antichrist and his False Prophet!**

So, at the very End, the sixth angel dries up the great river Euphrates to prepare the way for the kings of the east, the armies of the east. The Euphrates River is the eastern border of the land God gave to Abraham (*Genesis 15:18*). It is about 1800 kilometers long and acts as a natural barrier against invading armies.

Most people are not aware of the fact that it served as the eastern border of the Roman Empire. Whether there is any connection between the 6<sup>th</sup> Trumpet and the 6<sup>th</sup> Vial is difficult to say at this point. But it is unusual that both feature the river Euphrates, and both are listed as the 6<sup>th</sup> in the series of Trumpets and Vials. Now in this 6<sup>th</sup> Vial the armies from the East are going to come marching across the dried-up Euphrates riverbed, summoned together by the Devil himself for a last great battle on Earth.





It's called the Battle of the Great Day of God Almighty in the **14th verse**, and then in the **16th verse**, the location is named: "**a place called Armageddon.**" This literally means the height of Megiddo. Now there is a valley South of Haifa, Israel--called the Valley of Megiddo or the Valley of Esdralon, various names, Valley of the Kishon River.

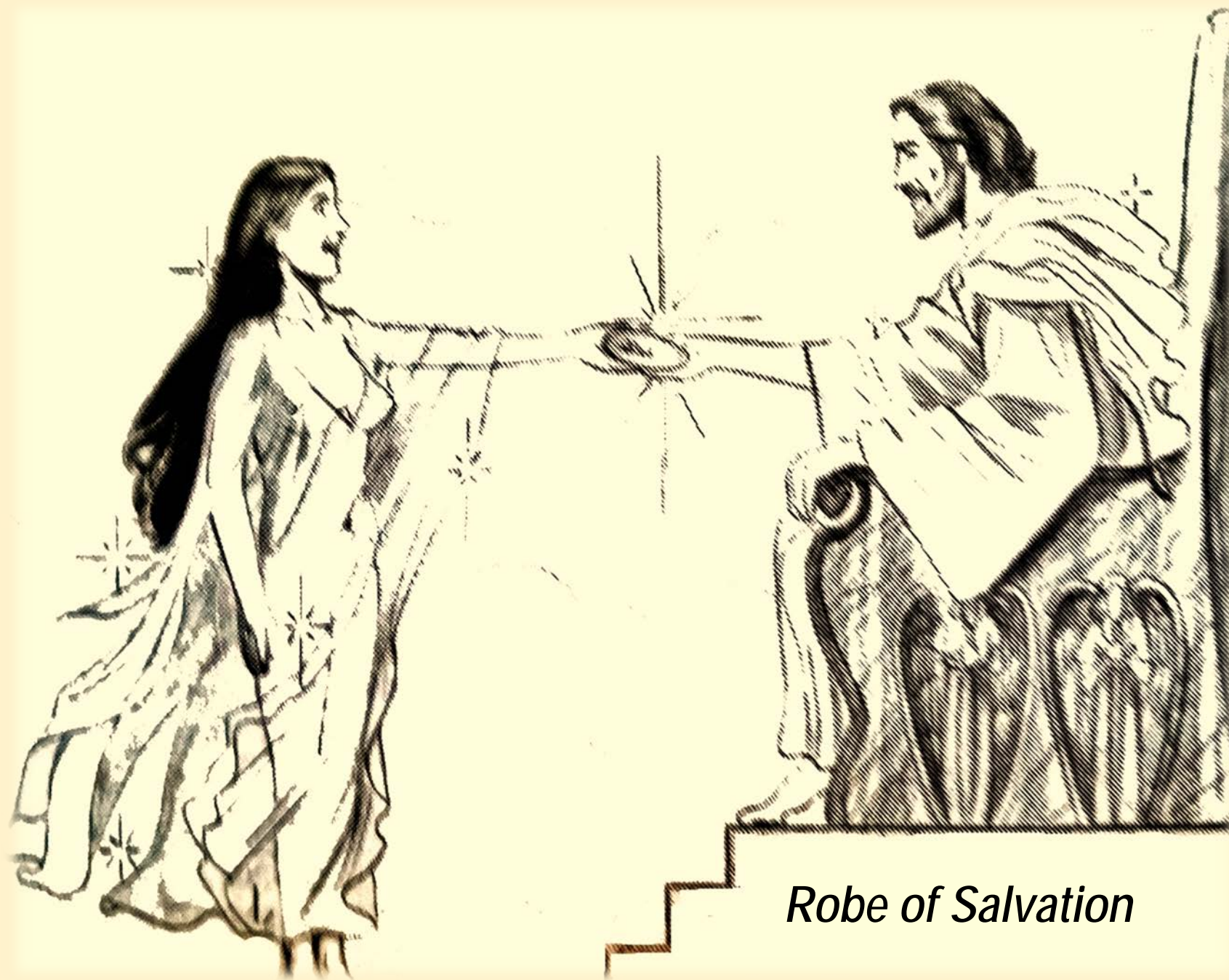
When Napoleon first saw it he said, "***What a place for a battle!***" When one of the great generals of World War 2 saw it, he said, "***What a strategic place for a battle!***" Many generals have commented over this spectacular spot! So strategic! The valley leading from Haifa down almost to Jerusalem.





# ARMAGEDDON

You've heard of this Battle of Armageddon all your life, haven't you? And every new World War, or great war that has come, gets the label of "*Armageddon*". But those were hardly more than little previews, little samples of the final devastation of this final great worst-of-all wars at the end of the present Age! So then when God has enabled them to be gathered together from all over the earth into this Valley surrounding the height of Megiddo, Armageddon, the Seventh angel will pour out his vial into the air!



*Robe of Salvation*

**REV.16:15** Behold, I come as a thief. **Blessed is he that watcheth, and keepeth his garments,** lest he walk naked, and they see his shame.

**\*\* ISA.61:10** *I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my soul shall be joyful in my God; for he hath clothed me with the **garments of salvation,** he hath covered me with the **robe of righteousness.***

**And whoever's left on Earth is to watch and keep their garments--what garments are these? That suit, coat and tie you're wearing? That lovely dress you're wearing, ladies? Of course not! He's talking about the robes of righteousness!**

He's talking about the clothing of Salvation, not natural clothing. He says, ***"lest ye be found naked."*** That means lest you be found without His Salvation, without His robes of righteousness.

Not everyone is going to be like those in verses 9 and 11 who ***"blasphemed the name of God...and repented not of their deeds"***.

There are some, many perhaps, who realize what's going on; they're watching, keeping their garments, their integrity, and not rebelling against God. Another reference is made, it seems, to these folks who make it through this last catastrophic era... with their integrity intact.

***"Blessed is he that waiteth, and cometh to the thousand three hundred and five and thirty days."*** (Daniel 12:12)





**REV.16:17** And the **seventh angel** poured out his vial into the air; and there came a great voice out of the temple of heaven, from the throne, saying, **it is done.**



**\*\* REV.11:15** ...and there were great voices in heaven, saying, **the kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever**

**\*\* REV.21:6** And he said unto me, **it is done.** I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely.

**Meaning, this is the End, the last scene in this horrible drama of all the damage that human society has done on Earth! Warfare is mankind's greatest sport! And this is the last scene, this last horrific Battle of Armageddon! This time the world's armies gathers together under the Devil himself to try to fight the forces of God! How foolish! How ridiculous! How presumptuous! You wonder how the Devil could be so dumb as to think he can fight God! Well, he's been trying for thousands of years, and will keep trying**

**unto the very End! He's made himself king of the World, the god of humankind, and now he plans to fight the very forces of Heaven that will be invading the Earth! (See Rev.19:19-20)**



**REV.16:18** And there were voices, and thunders, and lightnings; and there was a great earthquake, such as was not since men were upon the earth, so mighty an earthquake, and so great.

**\*\* REV.6:12** *And I beheld when he had opened the sixth seal, and, lo, there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became as blood.*

**REV.16:19** And the great city was divided into three parts, and the cities of the nations fell: and great Babylon came in remembrance before God, to give unto her the cup of the wine of the fierceness of his wrath.

**REV.16:20** And every island fled away, and the mountains were not found.

**“And the great city was divided into three parts”**. Scholars are divided about the identity of that **“great city”**. Some say it is Jerusalem, others say Babylon or even Rome. That great city probably refers to Jerusalem, as it is contrasted in this verse with **“the cities of the nations”**.

The division into three parts would more naturally speak of Jerusalem, for we know that the



**Mount of Olives will divide in two when Messiah returns. (Zec.14:3-4)** Then shall the LORD go forth, **and fight against those nations**, as when he fought in the day of battle. And his feet shall stand in that day **upon the mount of Olives, which is before Jerusalem on the east**, and the mount of Olives shall cleave in the midst thereof toward the east and toward the west, and there shall be a very great valley; **and half of the mountain shall remove toward the north, and half of it toward the south.**

Perhaps this causes a three-way division within Jerusalem itself. **Verse 19** doesn't mention this city by name and we will have to wait until those events start to happen before we can know for sure about some of these details.

One great final earthquake is going to destroy the *“cities of the nations.”* Whether this means all the cities of the world is not made clear, but nevertheless this earthquake is very destructive. And God causes the fierceness of His wrath to fall on *“great Babylon”*. The term *“Babylon”* seems to have a specific and a general application in the *Book of Revelation*.

Here in *chapter 16*, we read of God’s judgment on the *“Babylon”* of the whole world-- the world commercial system, its money and banking systems, its cities, its buildings, all tied together in the worship of Mammon, the worship of wealth, the worship of Materialism, the greatest religion of the World to which nearly everyone belongs, except the followers of Jesus Christ!



**\*\* ISA.30:25** And there shall be upon every high mountain, and upon every high hill, rivers and streams of waters in **the day of the great slaughter, when the towers fall.**



**\*\* ISA.2:14-29** And upon all the high mountains, and upon all the hills that are lifted up, and upon every **high tower, and upon every fenced wall...** And the loftiness of man shall be bowed down, and the **haughtiness of men shall be made low:** and the LORD alone shall be exalted in that day... **when he arises to shake terribly the earth.**

**\*\* Eze.38:19-20** For in My jealousy and in the fire of My wrath I have spoken: **“Surely in that day there shall be a great earthquake in the land of Israel.**

So that the fish of the sea, the birds of the heavens, the beasts of the field, all creeping things that creep on the earth, and all men who are on the face of the earth **shall shake at My presence.** The mountains shall be thrown down, the steep places shall fall, and **every wall shall fall to the ground.”**

**REV.16:21** And there fell upon men a great hail out of heaven, every stone about the weight of a talent: and men blasphemed God because of the plague of the hail; for the plague thereof was exceeding great.

And then a horrible hailstorm coming down from Heaven! The Lord said the hailstones in the Last Days would be as big as a talent! How much does a talent weigh? --The standard of measurement and weight of a talent that they used then in the Bible weighed 75 pounds, somewhere around 35 kilos. (*EX.9:23*)

So ends this devastating wrath of God upon the world during its final rebellion after the Great Tribulation has ended. At this time the Saints will have risen to be with the Lord in Heaven! You don't want to be left here on Earth then, do you?



You'll notice how we come to the End once more with Armageddon and the Wrath of God, events that were mentioned before. Time and again it speaks of the very End as featuring a very great earthquake, great hail from Heaven, a great shaking of the Earth etc. So, the book of Revelation is very consistent. (*Rev.6:14-17, 11:18-19, 14:17-20, 15:6-8*)

Next time we're going to study the *17th chapter*: this is one of the most fascinating, interesting chapters and it uses the flashback technique, something that nowadays is often used in movie productions. The vision goes back then to explain why terrible judgements are to befall upon "*Babylon the Whore*", who and what she represents and so on, her worship of idols, especially material things, wealth and riches! We'll get into all this in the next chapter.



You don't have to go through the wrath of God. ***"For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ." 1 Thes.5:9. You can receive salvation at this very moment. It is a free gift of God. Please pray this simple prayer:***

***"Jesus, please forgive all my faults and sins. I accept that You are the Son of God and that You died for me. I invite You into my heart and life. Thank you for your gift of eternal life and please fill me with Your Holy Spirit. Help me to read and understand Your Word. Amen"***

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# THE SEVEN ANGELS OF THE SEVEN VIALS OF GOD'S WRATH!

