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ALPHA AND OMEGA

We now turn our focus to the last bowls of judgment being poured out on the world. Revelation 16:12 opens up with the sixth angel pouring out his bowl on the great Euphrates River. This is a river that is referred to in Genesis 2:14. This is one of the four rivers that irrigated the Garden of Eden. After the other five bowls of judgment have been poured, we now see this bowl drying up the water in the river for the purpose of making way for the kings (or leaders) from the East. Whatever remains of an already weakened global population, this last army of the entire military global community gather in a place called “Har-Magedon”. Verse 13 speaks of the three impure spirits that come out of the “unholy trinity”. Out of the mouths of the dragon, the beast and the false prophet come these demonic spirits that look like frogs. Let’s pause for a minute to talk about the demonic. We notice that the manifestation of the impure spirits was likened to frogs. 2 Corinthians 11:14 tells of Satan disguising himself as an angel of light. Demons don’t always have horns and a tail, but can manifest themselves in different ways both seen and unseen. Thus our battle is rarely against what we see (or flesh), but against the spiritual realm. (Ephesians 6:12). The next verse in Revelation speaks to their power. Vs. 14 says that these “frog-like” creatures performed signs and they went out specifically to target heads of state around the world to deceive them to gather in battle for the great day of the God Almighty. What may have seemed like a plausible chance to increase global power, was ordained by God to lead them to their ultimate doom and death. Thus, once again, all things work together for good even things that God legislates to demonic activity. Then the reference of Jesus in the red, states in verse 15, Look, I come like a thief! Blessed is the individual who is ready! (paraphrased). Verse 16 speaks of the place where they gathered, Armageddon. Verse 17 then states that the seventh angel pours out his bowl on into the air, and once again a loud voice out of the temple of God says, “It is done!”. This reminds me when Jesus stated it is finished on the cross. The act of man’s redemption was complete. The lamb had become the sacrifice and sins’ debt had been paid by his death on the cross. Although the penalty of sin was paid for the results still remained in the earth. Sin had lost its power, but its presence still remained. Now, the true end of days has arrived. It is done! Somber words for the unbeliever, but joyous and comforting words for the saints! Just as when Jesus died, there was darkness, the sun stopped shining, and the veil was torn in two (Luke 23:44-46), heaven and nature respond here in Revelation.



Vs. 18 states that there were flashes of lightening and loud peals of thunder and a sever earthquake. We have had some horrific earthquakes which threw some entire countries back into what looked like the stone age. Remember the violent earthquake which hit Haiti? Well, the Bible says that there has never been an earthquake like this one since there has been a planet. Verse 19 states that the great city which the antichrist had set up his throne, was split into three parts and all the cities of the nations collapsed. ImagineAll CITIES COLLAPSED. God remembered this arrogant kingdom of Babylon and gave her the cup with the wine of the fury of His wrath. Mankind's achievements fell at the mighty hand of God. Vs. 20 states that every island sank and no mountains remained. Then from the sky huge hailstones, each weighing about 100 pounds fell on people. But notice the last words of chapter 16 which reminds us of the hearts of mankind: And they cursed God on account of the plague of hail, because the plague was so terrible. When our love of God is conditional we miss what it means to be in relationship with Him! Judgment is deserved!