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## BIBLE STUDY.

**COURSE OUTLINE:** REVELATION 16: 13- 21.

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**NEXT WEEK:** REVELATION 17: 1 – 18.

**COURSE TITLE:** THE BOTTLE OF THE WRATH OF GOD

**16:13-14** From previous studies (Revelation 16: 1 -12, Rev. 16:12), we learnt that God in His holy anger commanded the sixth angel of the Lord to pour out his vial (bottle) upon the **great river Euphrates and the water therefore dried up ( Rev. 16:12).**

The Euphrates River was **a natural protective boundary** against the empires of the east (Babylon, Assyria, & Persia). With the dryness of this great river, nothing could hold back the invading armies.

This study began with the coming out of three (3) unclean spirits like frogs that came out of the mouth of the dragon, the beast and the mouth of the false prophets. **These three unclean spirits are demons that support the activities of Satan, the beast, and the false prophet (Rev. 16:13)** These spirits of demons performing miraculous signs will **unite the rulers of the world for battle against God.** By means of miracles, they will convince the kings and all the armies to gather in Palestine to fight against the **second coming of Christ (Rev. 19:19).** The imagery of the demons coming out of the **mouth of the three evil rulers signify the verbal enticement and propaganda that will draw many people to their evil cause.** This is Satan's failed final attempt to prevent Christ's return. The battle of that great day **takes place in Armageddon. (Rev. 16:16, 19:17-21).**

**16:15:** In verse 15, the Lord exhorts the surviving believers to be **watchful and alert as He will return suddenly, unexpectedly, like a thief (1 Tess. 5: 1-6, Matthew24: 42-44 & Matt. 25:13).** As believers, Christ advised us to remain faithful and loyal to Him during a time of intense persecution. The Lord also advised believers to **have garments rather than be naked, which relates to spiritual preparedness.**

**16:16.** The place of the battle spoken of in Revelation 16:14 is **Armageddon (Rev. 16:14)**. In Hebrew, Armageddon refers to “Mount of Megiddo” or “Hill of Megiddo” This battlefield called Armageddon is near **the city of Megiddo (southeast of the modern port of Haifa); which guarded a large plain in northern Israel**. Whether armageddon is a place or a symbol, the truth remains that armageddon will be a symbol of the **final battle between good and evil**.

The lesson derived is that the sinful people will unite to fight God in **a final display of rebellion**. Already, many people are already united against Christ and His people – **those who stand for truth, peace, justice, and morality**. God is encouraging us all to be strong and courageous as we battle against sin and evil. **He confirmed unto us that we are fighting on the winning side!**

**16: 17-21:** The seventh vial (bottle) is the climax of all the Revelation’s judgments. It is the last of the seven plagues (Rev. 15: 6-8) and also completes both the seven trumpet (Rev. 11:15) and the seventh seal (Rev. 8:1).

This vial (seventh) produces the destruction of the city of Babylon. The city’s division into three sections is a **symbol of its complete and total destruction**. The statement: “It is done” shows that with this vial (bottle) and the return of Christ Himself, the judgments are now finished.

A tremendous **earthquake destroys this great city and the cities of the nations**. The “cup” symbolizes the wrath of God (Rev. 14:10). The large hail **may also help in the destruction of the cities. (Joshua 10:11, Ezekiel 38: 18-22)**.

This study comes to a close with an interesting revelation that: **The unbelieving mankind continues to blaspheme the Lord of host and has no opportunity for repentance.**

This is a very touchy lesson or study to us all and serves **as a final warning to all Believers to repent because the day of judgment is at hand.**

**A WORD IS ENOUGH FOR THE WISE!**

