

Message Notes:

Message: The Stirring of the Serpent

Passage Rev 16

Intro: The theme of the following chapters is the 7 bowls of God's final judgments poured out onto unrepentant humanity. These judgments are poured out on those who take the mark of the beast and worship him.

The first four bowls deal with the n_____ earth.

The following two bowls deal with the p_____ world.

The 7th bowl brings j_____ to an end.

16:2 - Plague of b_____: there is no cure for these afflictions. They cause enormous pain and disfigure people's bodies. It is an ugly, putrefying painful blotch on their body.

16:3 – Sea turns to b_____

Again, similar to the previous third trumpet where 1/3 of the freshwater is affected now the total water supply is cut off.

Those Tribulation saints who lost their lives during the Tribulation and who have been beseeching God to judge sin, now see the results of their prayers.

16:8-9 – S_____ h_____

16:10-11 – Complete d_____. This is a repetition of the 9th plague Moses released upon Pharaoh.

Christ predicted this in Mark 13:24.

Romans 1:18, 21, 24-26

Rev. 16:12-16

The 6th bowl judgment comes in two parts:

1. The d_____ up of the great river Euphrates will enable the battle of Armageddon to be launched.
2. The r_____ of demons to stir up the armies of the east to come to the valley of Megiddo for this final battle.

The Euphrates River is one of the most prominent rivers in the Bible and has stood as a natural barrier between East and West for thousands of years.

It was one of the four rivers that irrigated the Garden of Eden before the fall.

Its name means, "s_____ water."

Armageddon:

This is the decisive final battle between those in rebellion against God and Christ. It takes place in the Valley of Megiddo – a great valley of Napoleon Bonaparte once called, "the ideal battleground for all the armies of the world."

16:5 – Christ now speaks a warning to those saints still on earth during these closing days of the Tribulation.

"I am coming like a thief."

Other verses on this imagery: 1 Thess. 5:2-3; 2 Peter 3:10

16: 17 – 21 – This earthquake destroys the city of Babylon – the center of commerce and religion at this time.

It is important that you understand that all these severe judgments come only upon those who have taken the mark of the beast, continue to sin without any repentance, who are violating their reason for their creation – to glorify God, be His image bearer, love Him with all their heart and because of their turning to the worship of the antichrist.

Small Group Lesson:

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LOOK BACK:

What stirs in you when you hear about the judgment of God on evil?

What rises up in your spirit?

LOOK UP:

One: Describe the delusion the devil places on people today regarding the things of God.

Two: How can we protect people close to us from the lies of the enemy?

Three: Google, word search or look up every scripture you can find on how our minds are influenced by the enemy and what we can do to guard our hearts from his untruths.

LOOK FORWARD:

Does the coming judgments of God on sin motivate you to share your Christ story and God's story Jesus with someone this week:
