

THE BOOK OF REVELATION

A REVELATION OF JESUS CHRIST

REVELATION CHAPTER 16:1-21

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A TIME TO BE WATCHING – PART 1

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INTRODUCTION

to the text

Revelation 16:1-21

The Book of Revelation is God's Final Announcement to Mankind.
And that final Announcement can be summed up in just a few short words,
The Unveiling of Jesus Christ!

Revelation 1:1

The **apokalupsis** Revelation of Jesus Christ,

apokalupsis, *ap-ok-al'-oop-sis*;
the appearing, the coming, the unveiling, the manifestation

1 Timothy 3:16

And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was **manifested** (in the flesh,

And The Unveiling Was Two-Fold

First: The Unveiling of Jesus Christ

- Was To His World That He Had Created
 - Was To His Nation Israel
- And To His Church That He Purchased

The Revelation of Jesus Christ Is A Blessing for Sure if;

you're believing and trusting in the Almighty God for Salvation through Jesus Christ

For It Is Jesus Alone, That The Bible Says -

"Is Salvation"

It's Jesus Alone, That The Bible Says -

"All Those Who Trust in Him will Never Be Lost"

Second: The Unveiling of Jesus Christ

This Final Revelation Will Also be A Curse for Sure;

for any man or woman who neglects or refuses to trust Jesus Christ for Salvation.

- A Curse because Salvation is an Offer that is Time Dependant
- A Curse because there is no other Opportunity for Man to be Saved
- And A Curse because It's God and His Love That is Being Rejected

Hebrews 2:3

how shall we escape if we neglect so great a salvation,

Because by Nature, Mankind is in Need of Forgiveness
Because by Our Own Conduct we can Agree with God we Need Help
 And **Because** by the Very Truth of the Bible, We Conclude That God is Real

Scholars Argue That It Is Chapter 16 That Reveals to Us The Voice of Almighty God That Is Heard Coming
 Out Of The Heavenly Temple

Only This Time -
 His is a Voice of The Offended God

Genesis 6:3

And the LORD said, "My Spirit shall not strive with man forever,

"Let Me Say This , On This Day, At This Time:

This Great Earthquake and Killer Tsunami That Has Taken the Lives of Tens of Thousands of People,
 was it an act of God's judgment? was this the work of God in judgment upon the earth?
 it is clear that that bible teaches no!

NO

**When God Judges He is Always Very Specific in His Revelation(s) whether they be blessings
 or judgments**

there were wonderful Christian missionaries and aid workers serving the people of Asia that were also swept out to sea, they were not
 judged by God...

Matthew 5:45

...He makes His sun rise on the evil and on the good,
 and sends rain on the just and on the unjust.

Revelation 16:1-21

Then I heard a loud voice from the temple saying to the seven angels, "Go and pour out the bowls of the wrath of God on the earth." :2 **So the first** went and poured out his bowl upon the earth, and a foul and loathsome sore came upon the men who had the mark of the beast and those who worshiped his image. :3 Then **the second angel** poured out his bowl on the sea, and it became blood as of a dead *man*; and every living creature in the sea died. :4 Then **the third angel** poured out his bowl on the rivers and springs of water, and they became blood. :5 And I heard the angel of the waters saying: "You are righteous, O Lord, The One who is and who was and who is to be, Because You have judged these things. :6 For they have shed the blood of saints and prophets, And You have given them blood to drink. For it is their just due." :7 And I heard another from the altar saying, "Even so, Lord God Almighty, true and righteous *are* Your judgments." :8 Then **the fourth angel** poured out his bowl on the sun, and power was given to him to scorch men with fire. :9 And men were scorched with great heat, and they blasphemed the name of God who has power over these plagues; and they did not repent and give Him glory. :10 Then **the fifth angel** poured out his bowl on the throne of the beast, and his kingdom became full of darkness; and they gnawed their tongues because of the pain. :11 They blasphemed the God of heaven because of their pains and their sores, and did not repent of their deeds.

A TIME TO BE WATCHING

I.) Because the world is being prepared vs.12-14

1st The Rise of Asia and the Great River Euphrates v.12

Then **the sixth angel** poured out his bowl on **the great river Euphrates**, and its water was dried up, so that the way of **the kings from the east** might be prepared.

Back in Revelation 9:14

Saying to the sixth angel which had the trumpet, Loose the four angels which are bound in the great river Euphrates.

Factually

These Places and This River are Both Biblical and Current for Today
And Your Bible Said to be Watching Out for Such Developments

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Because the world is being prepared

2nd The rise of satanic powers and demonic activity v.13-14

:13 And I saw three unclean spirits *like frogs coming* out of the mouth of... the dragon, (satan) out of the mouth of the beast, (the antichrist) and out of the mouth of the false prophet (the global religious leader).

Verse 14

Is A Haunting Verse

"For they are spirits of demons, performing signs (miracles), *which* go out to the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty.

Jesus Warned in His Day;

Matthew 16:12

beware of the doctrine of the Pharisees and Sadducees.

The Apostle Paul Warned in His Day;

1Timothy 4:1-2

Now the Holy Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to **deceiving** spirits and doctrines of demons, :2 speaking lies in hypocrisy,

And The Bible Warns Us Today;

Matthew 7:15

"Beware of false prophets,

Verse 14b

Here Is Their Motive:

"to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty."

But Look Closely
They're Coming - - God is Waiting

Isaiah 46:9-10

Remember the former things of old, For I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like Me,
:10 Declaring the end from the beginning, And from ancient times things that are not yet done, Saying, "My counsel shall stand, And I will do all My pleasure,"

But What About Me?

Romans 8:28

And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose.

A TIME TO BE WATCHING

II.) Because It's what God's people do vs. 15

:15 "Behold, I am coming as a thief. Blessed is he who watches, and keeps his garments, lest he walk naked and they see his shame."

Because It's what God's people do

1st We watch with joyful expectation

Verse 15

"Behold, I am coming as a thief. Blessed is he who watches,

If Someone is Watching, A Thief Has no Chance

The World Out There; is Seen as Those Who are Not Urgent
About Christ's Return
they are pre-occupied, burdened, distracted, and self-righteous

The Christian On the Other hand,

is Seen as One Who is Very Excited About Christ's Return
and so by nature he is watching, waiting, and looking

There are Two Very Key Words Here
That I Want You to Connect With.

Blessed & Watching

Blessed is he who watches,

Blessed

makariōs **makarios**, *mak-ar'-ee-os*; to be supremely blest;
happy, well off or very well situated

Watching

grhgoreu/w **gregoreuo**, *gray-gor-yoo'-o*; from 1453; to keep awake, i.e. watch (literally or figuratively): — be vigilant,
wake, (be) watch(-ful).

End