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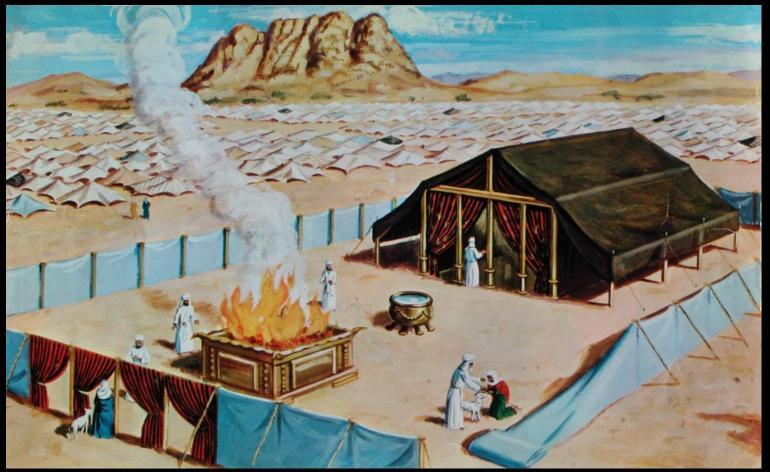
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And let them make me a sanctuary; that I may dwell among them.

Exodus 25:8

Psalms 77:13



Health Snippet - Turmeric

Health Benefits of Turmeric (Seek Medical Advise)
Arthritis is a common problem in Western countries.
There are several different types of arthritis, most of which involve inflammation in the joints.

8. Arthritis patients respond well to curcumin supplements:

Given that curcumin is a potent anti-inflammatory compound, it makes sense that it may help with arthritis. In fact, several studies show that there is an association.

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- * In a study in people with rheumatoid arthritis, curcumin was even more effective than an anti-inflammatory drug.
- Many other studies have looked at the effects of curcumin on arthritis and noted improvements in various symptoms.

The Arthritis Foundation suggests taking turmeric capsules (400 to 600 mg) 3 times per day. Another option is to take a half to three grams of the root powder every day. Further studies revealed one gram of curcumin per day helped arthritis patients.

• Take curcumin supplements with a meal since curcumin absorption increases when paired with healthy fats.



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Yes we Can!



Waters Turn to Blood Exodus 7:14-25



Amphibians (Frogs) Exodus 7:26-8:11



Gnats (Lice) Exodus 8:12-15



Flies Exodus 8:16-28



Disease on Livestock Exactus 9:1-7

The Ten Plagues of Egypt



Unhealable Boils Exodus 9:8-12



Hail and Fire Exadus 9:13-35



Locusts Exodus 10:1-20



Darkness Exodus 10:21-29



Death of First-Born Exodus 11:1-12:36



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Introduction

Revelation chapter 15 opens with a quick glance at seven angels carrying the seven last plagues.

But then it quickly shows us again a picture of the joyful ones around the throne who have won the victory over evil through the power of Jesus.



Then we see the temple opened and out of it comes seven angels. They are dressed in white linen, which shows they are pure and holy, like Jesus. One of the four beasts gives each angel a golden vial, which is 'full of the wrath of God'.

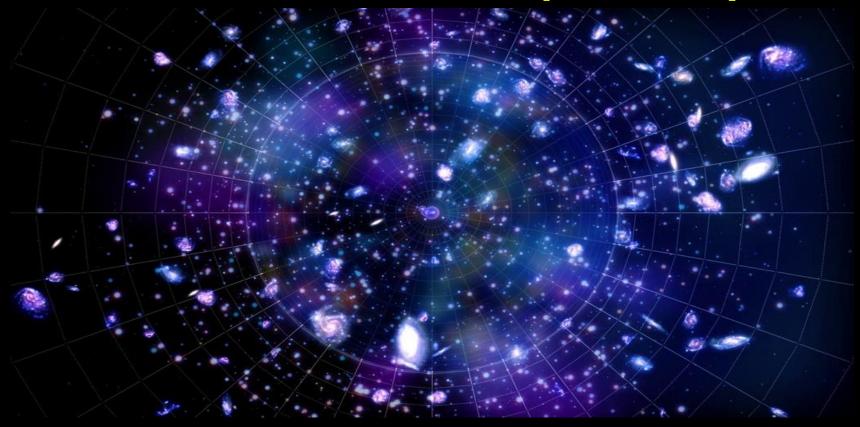


What a very sad thing that our loving God, who has patience, unselfishness and kindness beyond anything we can even imagine; our wonderful God who tells us His mercy is new every morning; has to finally pour out wrath on those He has done everything to save, but who have despised all His goodness and are determined to kill His faithful children.



How cruel and wicked it is to wear out the patience of One so good. But still it isn't a case of God finally loosing His temper! Oh, no indeed! It is necessary for the good of others that these terrible plagues have to fall on the wicked world. There are several reasons for them. One is that these wicked ones are determined to murder all of God's faithful children. He will not allow this to happen.





Another reason is to show to the universe that nothing God could do would ever get these rebels to change. No matter what, they will curse God and still go on being wicked and cruel.



The last verse of chapter 15 tells us that no body is in the heavenly sanctuary at this time. Probation has closed forever on the earth. The mercy and love, which for all the years of earth's history has been poured out for people through Jesus, has finally ended. The world is left to its chosen ways, while the faithful ones are surrounded by heavenly angels and protected.



Jesus, our Great High Priest is still pleading at present in the Most Holy Place of the heavenly Sanctuary. The Day of Atonement judgment is going on. How soon All of our names will come up, we don't know but signs are all around us that the mercy of God will soon cease and our probation will close forever.



We have to want that sinless life - we have to choose to have it - if we want to give Jesus lip service while we still cling to our darling sins - we will be lost! Those who are saved at last will hate sin just as God hates it - they will have rejected all of its so called pleasures and see it for the hideous, cruel thing that it is.



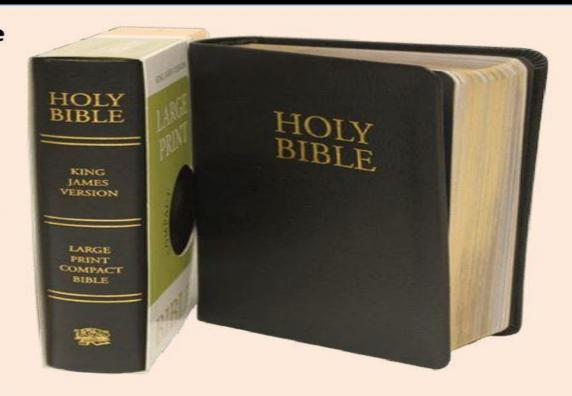
Jesus, as our High Priest has ALL power in Heaven and Earth! Anything we need to be able to overcome sin and have a character like His and be saved is available to us NOW! Do not wait or put it off! Do not listen to those who say all you need is to believe! REMEMBER the Bible says in the Letters to the churches, (Rev. 2-3) They that OVERCOME will receive the promises - not just they who BELIEVE! And we CAN overcome--we MUST! Jesus is there to give us the victory He has already won for us. This victory enables us to live a life like Jesus lived--in the POWER that He gives us!



But God will have a people upon the earth to maintain the Bible, and the Bible only, as the standard of all doctrines and the basis of all reforms.

The opinions of learned men, the deductions of science, the creeds or decisions of ecclesiastical councils, as numerous and discordant as are the churches which they represent, the voice of the majority--not one nor all of these should be regarded as evidence for or against any point of religious faith.

Before accepting any doctrine or precept, we should demand a plain "Thus saith the Lord" in its support. Great Controversy p595





Todays Study - Daniel 12:1c

Daniel 12:1 And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book.

And there shall be a time of trouble - This time of trouble is greater than any that has come before it. Notice how the Bible says 'since there was a nation', so this time of trouble comes upon the nations of the world. When Christ stands and ceases His intercession in the heavenly sanctuary, He takes off His priestly garments and puts on the garments of vengeance, and then the seven last plagues spoken of in Revelation 16 will be poured out upon the nations of the earth.

• This is God's wrath of Revelation 14:9-11.



What two punishments are given to the wicked?

- "...the wrath of God." -Revelation 15:1
- Is for those who receive the mark of the beast (Revelation 16:2)
- "...tormented with fire and brimstone..." -Revelation 14:10
- The fire and brimstone is for all lost sinners including those who receive the Mark of the Beast at 2nd Resurrection.







1st Plague

"And the first angel went, and poured out his vial upon the, earth; and there fell a noisome and grievous sore upon the men which had the mark of the beast, and upon them which worshipped his image." Revelation 16:2



Can you imagine sores all over your body! Notice, these gnawing, painful sores will afflict only those who have the mark of the beast and worship his image. What will it be like when this happens.

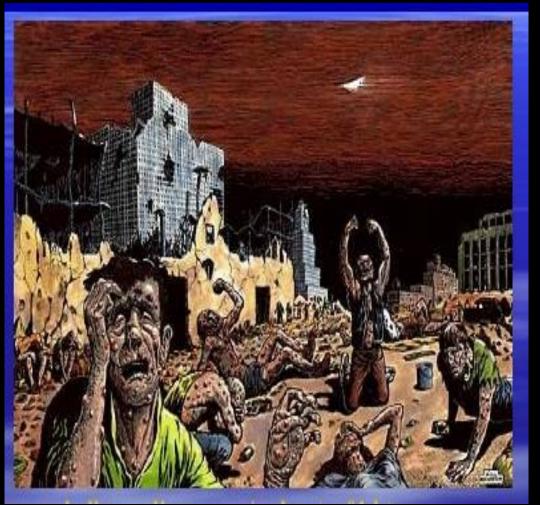






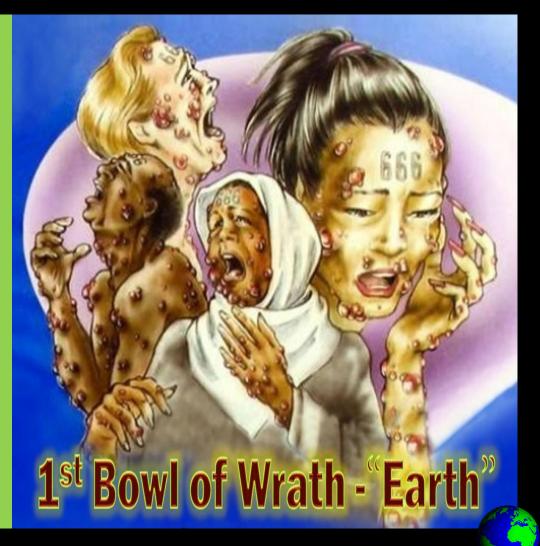








The first vial plague is poured out on the earth and a "grievous sore" (draining boils) come upon those who "have the mark of the beast and worship his image." The Greek word here means "draining boils", the same word used in Exodus 9:10, 11 to describe the boils that came upon the Egyptians where Moses threw ashes in the air in front of Pharaoh and sores broke out on man and beast. Look at Deuteronomy 28:35 where the Lord would smite them with sores from the head to the foot because of their apostasy. Job experienced these same "boils," as did Lazarus in Luke 16:19-31.



Can you picture the evening news telling the shocking story of this gross epidemic? People by the thousands who have received the "mark" for the purpose of saving their jobs and comforts of life now find that their comfort is gone.



Instead of causing them to repent, and pray to God for forgiveness, these terrible sores only cause them to "blaspheme God" and "gnaw their tongues for pain." God knows that if He gave them a 100's of years more, they wouldn't, change. When the plagues begin to fall, you'll know that every case is decided for eternity. Medical science will be helpless then. Can you picture doctors' offices and drug stores packed with shouting, angry, crying victims? What medicine will relieve the throbbing, biting, pain?



Not everyone will get these awful sores. Those who so lately have been persecuted and mocked, are now safe. Angels of God protect them. They have loved and been obedient to their Lord even unto death, and now Jesus is very close to them. Though they'll be sentenced to death, God's people will not die. Jesus will interpose to save them. While the wicked are perishing with pestilence and famine, God's people are sheltered in the shadow of His hand.





REVELATION 16:3) K J V "And the second angel poured out his vial upon the sea; and it became as the blood of a dead man: and every living soul died in the sea."



All of a sudden the news breaks - the ocean waters have turned to blood! Under the third plague the rivers also turn to blood. The word "soul" here means' "living creature." Have you ever seen the blood of a dead man? It putrefies and coagulates into a jelly mass. Those who have hated God's people have tried to shed their blood and now they are given blood to drink.

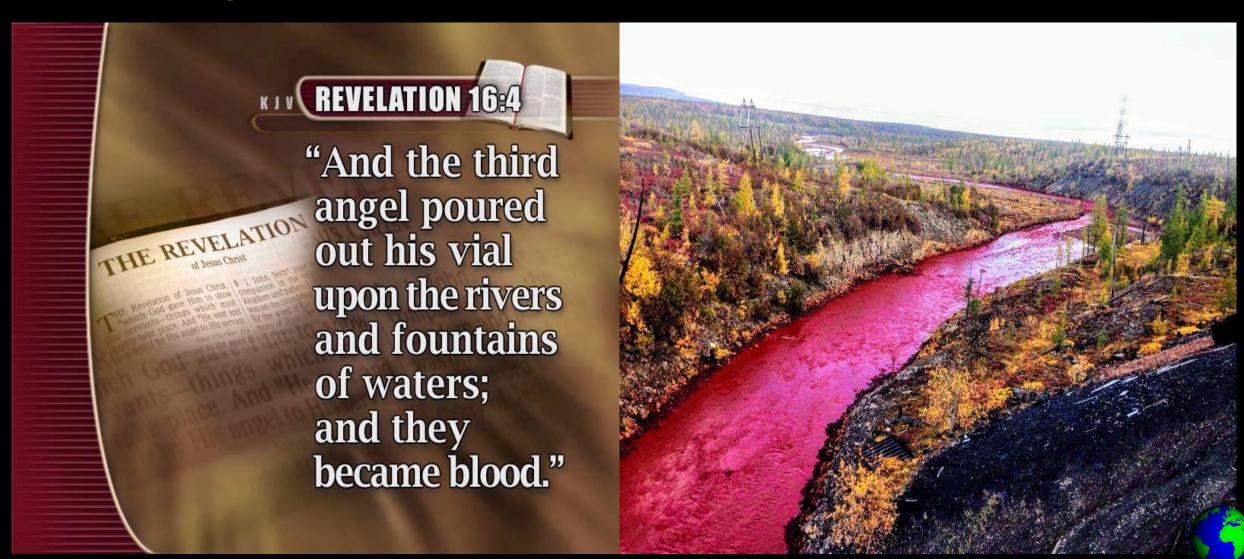




The second vial plague is poured out on the sea and it turns to blood. Without oxygen in the water, everything in the sea died; a stinking, putrefying mess. The sea is no longer useful for commercial travel and no longer useful for food. The loss of the oceans in their natural cycle of watering the earth creates havoc with the ecosystem.



3rd Plague – Fresh waters turn to blood



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Notice what the angel says here, who has seen the entire history of the world and the misery and killing and persecutions Satan, his former colleague, has caused: "And I heard the angel of the waters say, Thou art righteous, O Lord, which art, and wast, and shalt be, because thou hast judged thus. For they have shed the blood of saints and prophets, and thou hast given them blood to drink; for they are worthy." - Revelation 16:5-6

The third vial plague is poured out on the rivers and fountains of waters and they become blood. People will hike to the mountains and streams looking for fresh water. They can dig where they will, go where they will, they will find nothing but blood to drink.

3rd Plague – Fresh waters turn to blood

All the beings of the universe as well as the angels declare that they deserve just what they are getting. One voice is the angel from heaven and the other voice comes from the altar which represents the saved on earth. As terrible as these judgments are, they are righteous! You see, God is not an arbitrary tyrant. He moves ahead with His judgments only as fast as his created children are able to understand them and approve of them.





4th Plague – Scorching Sun

REVELATION 16:8

"And the fourth angel poured out his vial upon the sun; and power was given unto him to scorch men with fire."

REVELATION 16:9

"And men were scorched with great heat, and blasphemed the name of God, which hath power over these plagues:

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and they repented not to give him glory."

4th Plague – Scorching Sun



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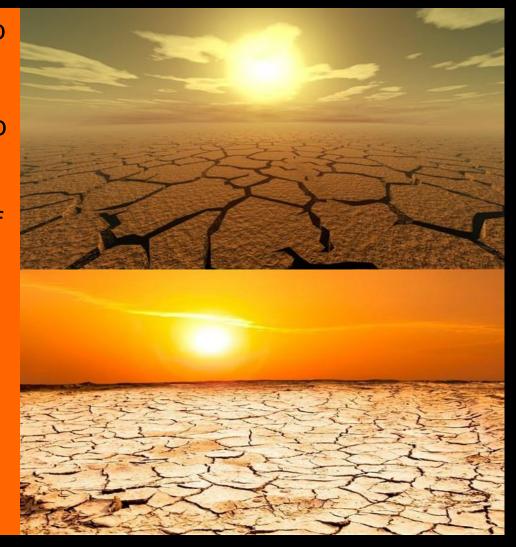
The fourth vial plague is poured out on the sun. This life-sustaining sun, necessary for all plant and animal life, becomes hotter than it ever has before. Is this global warming? No. God gives power to the sun to scorch men with fire.





4th Plague - Scorching Sun

The fourth plague causes the sun to become so hot that it scorches people! This is also a very fair judgment because these people are exalting sun-worship and seeking to force all to worship the Sunday— so God gives them what they want—lots of sun! Horrible pain is now experienced by the wicked. The combination of scorching heat and raw sores is excruciating. Miracles will abound, like in Moses day; some from God, some from Satan. The wicked will not realize that the devil has counterfeited the gifts of the Spirit. Many who have worked miracles and done wonderful works, have trampled on God's Sabbath and persecuted those who honored it. They've felt secure in God's favor. But now their rage is great.





4th Plague - Scorching Sun

Air-conditioners will not be able to cope with the intense heat. The buildings will be like ovens. For the wicked, there'll be no relief anywhere. This plague is perfectly suited to the sin of the people. They have honored the "day of the sun" according to the traditions of men - and now God gives them sun! The New English Bible says that men were "fearfully burned" during the fourth plague.

In that day, many will long for the shelter of God's mercy which they have so long despised.





4th Plague - Scorching Sun

God's people will still be hiding in desolate places, but He who provided food for Elijah in the wilderness will care for them. While the wicked are dying from the pestilence, angels will shield God's faithful people and supply their wants. God's promise is:

"When the poor and needy seek water, and there is none, and their tongue faileth for thirst, I the lord will hear them, I the God of Israel will not forsake them." Isaiah 33:15,16; 41:17.

While the disobedient are shrieking in pain, reeking with sweat, and their parched throats are raw for thirst, God's promise to His people is: 'The Lord is thy keeper: the Lord is thy shade upon thy right hand. The sun shall not smite thee by day, nor the moon by night." Psalms 121:5-7.







The fifth brings dense darkness to the seat of the Beast—his kingdom is full of darkness. For centuries Rome has poured out spiritual darkness onto the world, now they find themselves in actual darkness.

Can you imagine that! In choosing to honor the beast and receive his "mark" instead of honoring God and His "seal," the people have chosen darkness. Now again, God gives them what they've chosen.

I think the human mind is inadequate to conceive of the horror that will engulf all society. People of high society, the rich, men of science, and the ignorant masses will be paralyzed with pain, hate, and panic. Society will be utter chaos! Of these scourges the Bible says: - Revelation 18:17-19





"The land mourneth; ... because the harvest of the field is perished ... All the trees of the field are withered: because joy is withered away from the sons of men." "How do the beasts groan! The herds of cattle are perplexed, because they have no pasture." Joel 1:10-12; 17-20.





Oh, if they had only responded to God's great kindness. His arms have been stretched out in love. Now it's too late, The disobedient have decreed that those who have received God's seal cannot buy or sell. Now they themselves are starving with famine and groping in utter darkness. This supernatural darkness is a fit symbol of the gross darkness that has come upon the minds of those who have turned away from the light of truth.



God's people are still hiding out. They've weeks ago lost their jobs, homes, and fled for their lives before insane men urged on by the religious leaders and evil angels. They've given up all for- Christ. They've seen the wicked perishing while angels of God provided food for them. To the obedient God's promise is given: "Bread shall be given him; his waters shall be sure.





5th Plague - Darkness

By the fifth plague, the whole wicked world is really angry. They've decided that those who honor God's Sabbath of the Bible are the cause of the horrible convulsions of nature and they determine to blot them from the earth!

When the protection of human laws shall be withdrawn from those who honour the law of God, there will be, in different lands, a simultaneous movement for their destruction. As the time appointed in the decree draws near, the people will conspire to root out the hated sect. It will be determined to strike in one night a decisive blow, which shall utterly silence the voice of dissent and reproof." {GC 635.1}

The date has been set to strike one stunning blow that will wipe the hated sect from the face of the earth. At midnight the death decree goes into effect. At midnight, - the Mighty God of heaven will interpose to save His people. Watch what happens.



5th Plague - Darkness

"The people of God-some in prison cells, some hidden in solitary retreats in the forests and the mountains-still plead for divine protection, while in every quarter companies of armed men, urged on by hosts of evil angels, are preparing for the work of death. It is now, in the hour of utmost extremity that the God of Israel will interpose for the deliverance of His chosen. Saith the Lord; "Ye shall have a song, as in the night when a holy solemnity is kept; and gladness of heart, as when one goeth . . . to come into the mountain of the Lord, to the Mighty One of Israel. And the Lord shall cause His glorious voice to be heard, and shall show the lighting down of His arm, with the indignation of His anger, and with the flame of a devouring fire, with scattering, and tempest, and hailstones." Isaiah 30:29, 30." {GC 635.2}

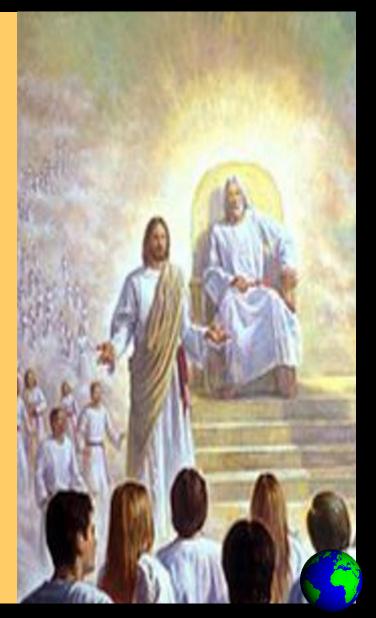


"With shouts of triumph, jeering, and imprecation, throngs of evil men are about to rush upon their prey, when, lo, a dense blackness, deeper than the darkness of the night, falls upon the earth. Then a rainbow, shining with the glory from the throne of God, spans the heavens and seems to encircle each praying company. The angry multitudes are suddenly arrested. Their mocking cries die away. The objects of their murderous rage are forgotten. With fearful forebodings they gaze upon the symbol of God's covenant and long to be shielded from its overpowering brightness." {GC 635.3}



5th Plague - Darkness

"By the people of God a voice, clear and melodious, is heard, saying, "Look up," and lifting their eyes to the heavens, they behold the bow of promise. The black, angry clouds that covered the firmament are parted, and like Stephen they look up steadfastly into heaven and see the glory of God and the Son of man seated upon His throne. In His divine form they discern the marks of His humiliation; and from His lips they hear the request presented before His Father and the holy angels: "I will that they also, whom Thou hast given Me, be with Me where I am." John 17:24. Again a voice, musical and triumphant, is heard, saying: "They come! They come! Holy, harmless, and undefiled. They have kept the word of My patience; they shall walk among the angels;" and the pale, quivering lips of those who have held fast their faith utter a shout of victory." {GC 636.1}



5th Plague - Darkness

"It is at midnight that God manifests His power for the deliverance of His people. The sun appears, shining in its strength. Signs and wonders follow in quick succession. The wicked look with terror and amazement upon the scene, while the righteous behold with solemn joy the tokens of their deliverance. Everything in nature seems turned out of its course. The streams cease to flow. Dark, heavy clouds come up and clash against each other. In the midst of the angry heavens is one clear space of indescribable glory, whence comes the voice of God like the sound of many waters, saying: "It is done." Revelation 16:17." {GC 636.2}



6th Plague – 3 Unclean Sprits like Frogs

In the midst of the chaos, the sixth angel pours out his vial

"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. Revelation 16:12.







6th Plague – 3 Unclean Sprits like Frogs

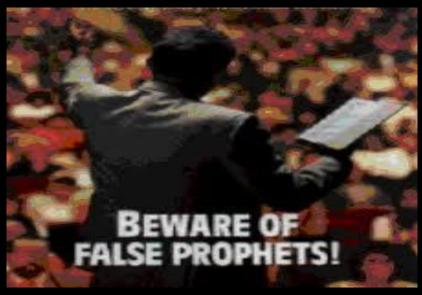


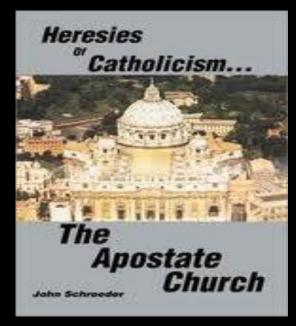


6th Plague – 3 Unclean Sprits like Frogs















"Through the two great errors, the immortality of the soul and Sunday sacredness, Satan will bring the people under his deceptions. While the former lays the foundation of spiritualism, the latter creates a bond of sympathy with Rome. The Protestants of the United States will be foremost in stretching their hands across the gulf to grasp the hand of spiritualism; they will reach over the abyss to clasp hands with the Roman power; and under the influence of this threefold union, this country will follow in the steps of Rome in trampling on the rights of conscience".

— The Great Controversy, p. 588.



The sixth plague talks about the dying up of a river. When real Babylon was conquered, the river that flowed through the city was dried up so the soldiers came into the city in the riverbed. So this shows us that spiritual Babylon is about to fall, as the 'waters', which represent the people of the world who support it, turn away from supporting it, and start to fight against it. This prepares the way for Jesus coming, represented as the 'Kings of the East'.





Always remember when you read the prophecies that they do not follow through in order like a story, the 6th plague of course does follow the fifth but some things referred to here are reaching a climax that began long before. These two verses, although they are mentioned in the time of the 6th plague when they reach their climax, they actually begin happening long before that. They are happening now, as Satan uses his miracles and tricks to fool people into disobey God and seeking to force everyone to also disobey Him.



Notice the 3 symbols; The Dragon—spiritualism; the Beast—Papal Rome; the False Prophet—Apostate Protestantism.

Satan gets them to join together and he gets the kings and mighty men of the earth to join in too—how? By performing miracles and wonders that get people believing the lies he is telling them. Only people who know and believe the Bible will not be tricked.



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



It is most interesting that Jesus inserts this warning thought here right during this period of final events. When this time actually comes it is then too late to get the Garment of Christ's righteousness and put it on. If we are not to be naked in that terrible day, and all the universe see our shame, we must accept the garment now and co-operate with Jesus as He works to perfect our characters to be like His. If we think we are 'good enough' as 'good as the next guy' and our own good works are enough to take us to heaven and we don't feel the need to repent and plead with Jesus now to take all the sin out of our lives and make us pure; then in that day, we will be exposed to all for what we are, hypocrites.

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

It is this gathering of all the powers of earth together for the purpose of fighting against God's law and His people that is called the Battle of Armageddon. There have been many funny things taught about this subject, but what it means is this time when these powers seek to force everybody to break God's law. It is not a particular place or a literal battle between powers of earth.



The word "Armageddon" is made of two Hebrew words "Har" and "Megidon." This is not just some local battle fought in the Valley of Megido as some have said. The word "Har" means "mountain." "Armageddon" is the symbolic word Jesus uses here to denote the great universal battle where the wicked turn against God and His faithful people. This is a world-wide battle. The national Sunday law of the U.S. has spread to all the nations of the world. The Universal law seeks to, in one day, strike a decisive blow that will wipe the hated sect from the face of the earth.



When the great corrupt, Christian coalition of the world comes to the place where it causes (amid miracles and Satanic delusion) the leaders ("kings of the earth") to decree that those who will not go along with the Sunday law should be put to death, it brings the world to the place of sealing it's own doom.

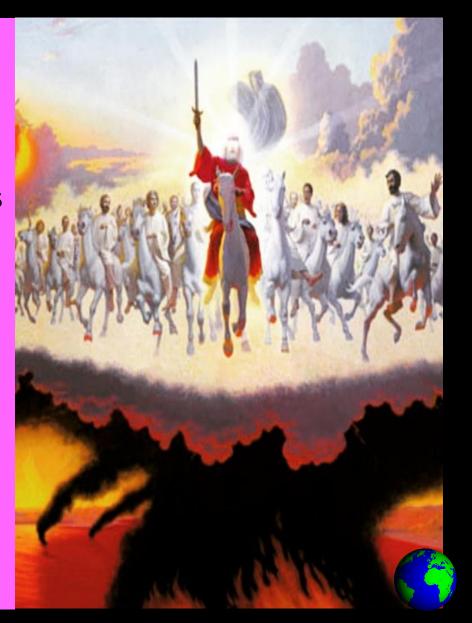


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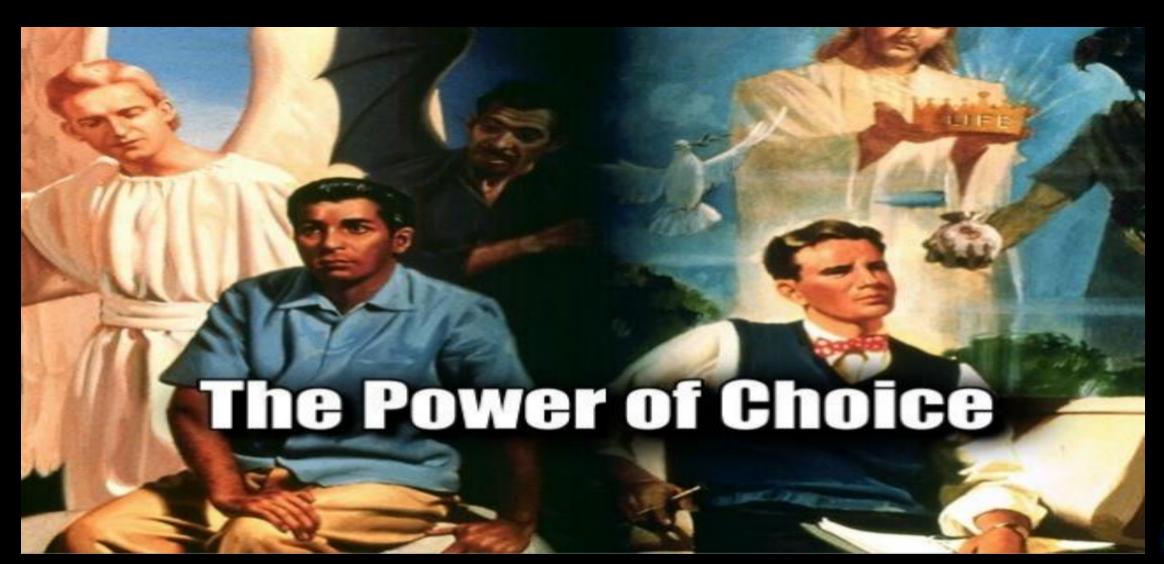


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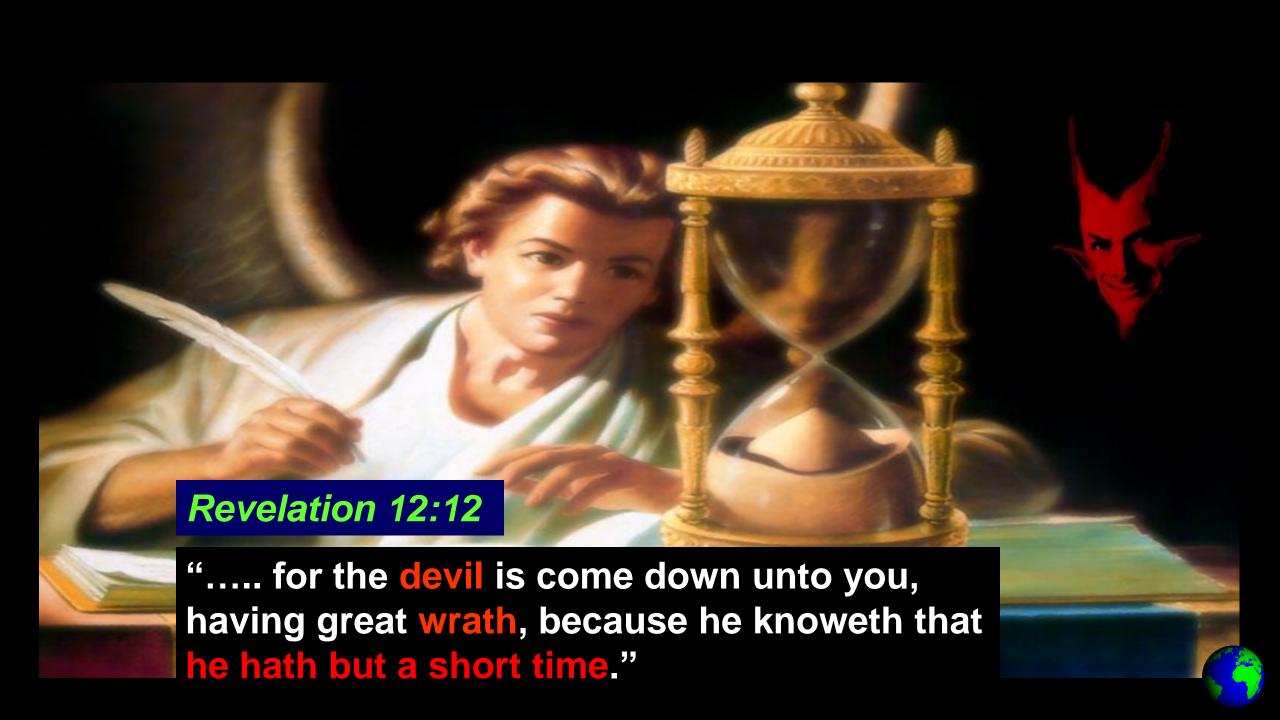
"The people of God will not be free from suffering; but while persecuted and distressed, while they endure privation and suffer for want of food they will not be left to perish. That God who cared for Elijah will not pass by one of His self-sacrificing children. He who numbers the hairs of their head will care for them, and in time of famine they shall be satisfied. While the wicked are dying from hunger and pestilence, angels will shield the righteous and supply their wants. To him that 'walketh righteously' is the promise: 'Bread shall be given him; his waters shall be sure.' 'When the poor and needy seek water, and there is none, and their tongue faileth for thirst, I the Lord will hear them, I the God of Israel will not forsake them.' Isaiah 33:15, 16; 41:17" E.G.W. (The Great Controversy, cp. 39, p. 629)



God has given all:







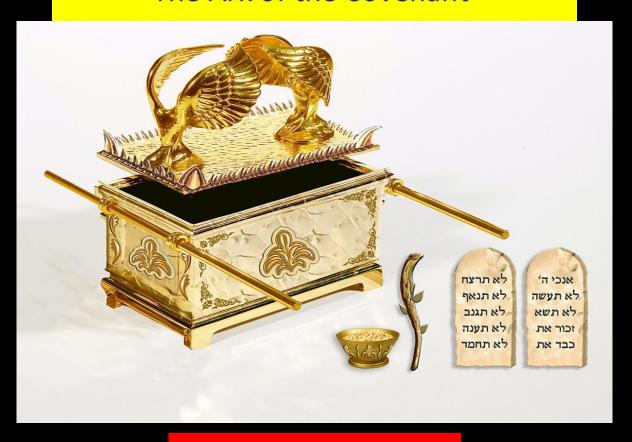
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And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold, and one shepherd.

- John 10:16



The Ark of the Covenant



Psalms 77:13

Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me. -Revelation 3:20





