

## THE THIRD WOE, Part 2

(Revelation 16:12-21)

- I. POURING OUT the LAST Two Bowls (Rev. 16:12-21)
  - A. The plague on the EUPHRATES (16:12-16)
    1. Results in the river RUNNING DRY (16:12a)
    2. Opens the way for INVASION from the EAST (16:12b; cf. 9:15)
      - a. Sixth TRUMPET, the EARLY stages
      - b. Sixth BOWL, a few DAYS or WEEKS later
    3. Releases three UNCLEAN SPIRITS (16:13-14)
      - a. Represent the UNHOLY TRINITY: the DRAGON, the BEAST, and the FALSE PROPHET
      - b. Able to work MIRACLES
      - c. Influence the kings of the EARTH to GATHER for BATTLE (lit. “WAR”) (cf. 14:18-20)
        - 1) Probably motivated by REBELLION against the BEAST
        - 2) Intended by SATAN to confront the LORD
    4. Hears the announcement of CHRIST’S soon COMING (16:15)
      - a. As a THIEF to bring LOSS to the unprepared (cf. Mt. 24:43; Lk. 12:39; 1 Thes. 5:2, 4; 2 Pet. 3:10)
      - b. As GOD ALMIGHTY to BLESS the prepared
    5. Declares the gathering to be GOD’S DOING (16:16; cf. Joel 3:9-12)
      - a. Gathering to be DESTROYED (Acts 4:26, 28)

- b. Gathering at a specific LOCATION
          - 1) Central point of 200-MILE-LONG arena
          - 2) Site of many earlier BATTLES
  - B. The plague on the AIR (16:17-21)
    - 1. Greeted by the announcement, “It is DONE!” (cf. John 19:30)
      - a. The final PLAGUE
      - b. The final act of GOD before Christ’s RETURN
    - 2. First consequence: LIGHTNINGS, SOUNDS, and THUNDERING (cf. ex. 19:16-18; Rev. 4:5)
    - 3. Second consequence: a great EARTHQUAKE (cf. Rev. 8:5)
      - a. Unprecedented SEVERITY
      - b. Unmatched DESTRUCTION
        - 1) BABYLON divided into THREE parts
        - 2) CITIES of the NATIONS fall
        - 3) ISLANDS inundated and MOUNTAINS collapse (cf. Is. 40:4-5)
    - 4. Third consequence: great HAIL (cf. Rev. 11:19)
      - a. Unprecedented SIZE: 100 pounds each (cf. Josh. 10:11; Rev. 14:20)
      - b. Unmatched DESTRUCTION
- II. PREPARING for the LORD’S Return (Rev. 19:11; cf. Ps. 2)
  - A. Everything man thought he CONTROLLED has been DESTROYED
  - B. God has devastated the Earth by dispatching only SEVEN ANGELS
  - C. Mankind is more STUBBORNLY REBELLIOUS than ever
  - D. The REDEEMED are still PROTECTED