

# IT IS DONE

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Introduction:

In Revelation chapter 5 the Lamb of God took a seven sealed book from the hand of His Father. This book represented the title deed to planet earth. Jesus owns this world because He created it out of nothing. He owns this world because He redeemed it when He died on the cross. When Jesus took that seven sealed book, He began to open the seals. When He did, the Tribulation Period began on the earth.

By the time we reach these verses, the world has been smitten under the wrath of God for seven years. Now, the Tribulation is about to come to an end. As the final three seals are opened, God prepares to conclude His judgment of this world and its inhabitants.

When the events of these final three judgments are concluded, Christ, will return to the earth in glory and power. He will take possession of the throne of this

world and He will rule in righteousness. These three last plagues set the stage and prepare the way for the coming of the Lord.

When Jesus returns, He will finally receive the glory and honor that He deserves.

### **Philippians 2:5-11**

<sup>5</sup> Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: <sup>6</sup> Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: <sup>7</sup> But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: <sup>8</sup> And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. <sup>9</sup> Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: <sup>10</sup> That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of *things* in heaven, and *things* in earth, and *things* under the earth; <sup>11</sup> And *that* every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ *is* Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

In these verses the Lord God begins the process of final judgment upon the earth. In our last study we watched as Final Judgment Commenced.

## **1. THE BEAST IS PLAGUED (VSS. 10-11)**

### **Revelation 16:10-11**

<sup>10</sup> And the fifth angel poured out his vial upon the seat of the beast; and his kingdom was full of darkness; and they gnawed their tongues for pain, <sup>11</sup> And blasphemed the God of heaven because of their pains and their sores, and repented not of their deeds.

### A. The locality is discussed (10a)

Up until now the Beast has been somewhat sheltered from direct attack. When this fifth bowl is poured out, it is directed at the very seat of his power. Like Pharaoh in Egypt, the Antichrist, with all his power is helpless against the judgment of God.

This plague begins at the very throne room of the Antichrist and then spreads to cover his entire kingdom. He may be a powerful ruler, energized and supported by Satan, but he is helpless to defend himself against the God of Heaven!

### B. The light darkened (10b)

When the fifth bowl judgment is unleashed upon the world, the world is suddenly engulfed in darkness. This darkness is not the darkness we normally think of, it is absolute, inky blackness. The darkness will be so complete that nothing can penetrate it.

We are also told that when this darkness descends, men will literally chew their tongues because their pain is so great. The combined misery of the sores in their bodies; starvation from the ruined oceans; the lack of drinkable water and terrible burns they have suffered from the intense heat of the sun, all combine to cause the inhabitants of the earth to suffer in great pain.

What we see here is a tiny glimpse of Hell. God is letting the Antichrist and his followers know what is waiting on them because they have rejected Jesus.

### **Matthew 25:30**

<sup>30</sup> And cast ye the unprofitable servant into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

What we see here is a small glimpse of what those who reject Jesus will face when they go to Hell.

### C. The lesson declared (11)

When the plagues come; when the pains come; you would think that people would have enough sense to repent of their sins and turn to God. Not these people!

If this judgment proves anything, it proves the absolute sinfulness of humanity! When people go to Hell, they will lift their voices in blasphemy against God. They will curse Him and even His judgment will not bring them to a place of repentance!

## **2. THE BATTLE IS PLANNED (VSS. 12-16)**

### **Revelation 16:12-16**

<sup>12</sup> 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. <sup>13</sup> And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs *come* out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet. <sup>14</sup> For they are the spirits of devils, working miracles, *which* go

forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty. <sup>15</sup> Behold, I come as a thief. Blessed is he that watcheth, and keepeth his garments, lest he walk naked, and they see his shame. <sup>16</sup> And he gathered them together into a place called in the Hebrew tongue Armageddon.

The sixth bowl is poured out on the earth and it sets the stage for the battle of Armageddon. When this angel pours out his bowl, we are told that the Euphrates River will dry up. The Euphrates begins in Turkey at Mount Ararat and flows south, through Iraq, and into the Persian Gulf. This river, which is over 1,700 miles long and 3,600 feet wide at places, has been for centuries, the dividing line between the east and the west. As we know, no river really poses a problem for a modern mechanized army, but God will remove every obstacle and prepare the way for a massive invasion of Middle East.

#### A. An army (12)

We are told that an vast eastern army will use the highway created by the drying up of the Euphrates River to move toward Israel. The intention of this army is the total destruction of Israel.

Some speculate that China and her allies will be the source of this army. Back in Rev. 9:16, the Bible speaks of an army that numbers some 200 million. Only one nation on earth could raise an army of that size: China.

But I feel that there is another idea that should be considered.

The way things are shaping up in our world, we are headed toward a showdown between the Islam and the Jews. Ever since the United Nations took Palestinian lands and gave it to the Jews, there has been conflict in that region, The Arab nations that surround Israel have repeatedly tried to oust the Jews from Palestine; they have failed in every attempt. Though outnumbered some seven to one, the Israelis have defeated their Arab enemies every time they met on the field of battle. This has created great hostility in the hearts of the Arab nations.

Islam paints itself in colors of peace and love, the religion also calls for the deaths of all Jews and Christians. Anyone who is not a Muslim is an infidel in their eyes, and infidels must either repent or die!

It would be easy for radical Islam to field a massive army bent on the destruction of the Jews and their state. It may be Islam that leads a final, Jihad against the nation of Israel.

#### B. The antagonist (13-14)

When this judgment is poured out, three frogs like creatures are seen coming out of the mouths of the dragon, the Beast and the false prophet. Frogs are

unclean creatures and are used here to refer to evil spirits, or demons. The mouth is the source of influence. So, it seems that Satan will inspire the worlds of these hellish world leaders and they will whip their followers into frenzy for a final assault against Israel. They are able to form a coalition between the world's armies. This final war will be satanically inspired and energized.

### C. An announcement (15)

On the heels of this judgment a heavenly announcement is made. Ever since Jesus ascended back into Heaven, it has been prophesied that He would return.

Seven years prior to these events, Christ did return and He received His bride into Heaven. That was the Rapture.

This verse is referring to the Second Coming. He is coming like a thief. The world will not see the signs, but He will come in an instant and bring judgment with Him.

### D. Armageddon

This army has been assembled by Satan to destroy the people of God. The devil still thinks that he is in

control! A quick glance at the Scripture paints a different picture altogether.

## 3. BABYLON IS PLUNDERED (VSS. 17-21)

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<sup>17</sup> And the seventh angel poured out his vial into the air; and there came a great voice out of the temple of heaven, from the throne, saying, It is done. <sup>18</sup> And there were voices, and thunders, and lightnings; and there was a great earthquake, such as was not since men were upon the earth, so mighty an earthquake, *and so great.* <sup>19</sup> And the great city was divided into three parts, and the cities of the nations fell: and great Babylon came in remembrance before God, to give unto her the cup of the wine of the fierceness of his wrath. <sup>20</sup> And every island fled away, and the mountains were not found. <sup>21</sup> And there fell upon men a great hail out of heaven, *every stone* about the weight of a talent: and men blasphemed God because of the plague of the hail; for the plague thereof was exceeding great.

A. A sentence is rendered

B. A system is ruined

1. Babylon is judged – vs 19

2. The Islands And Mountains Are Destroyed – vs 20

3. Gigantic Hailstones Will Fall On Men – vs 21

C. All sinners are revealed

Close:

I call your attention back to verse 15. Jesus is coming!  
His counsel is for people to be ready. We do not know  
when He will come. He may come today in the Rapture.  
He may come for you today in death. If He were to  
come for you are ready? Or would you be caught  
unprepared?