

## 66-Revelation – 18-Transcript

well welcome back to our midweek Bible study and appreciate your flexibility and joining us on Thursday evening rather than our regular Wednesday evening tonight we are in Revelation chapter 16 and in many ways we can say this is the moment we've all been waiting for this is the moment that the Saints have been praying for this is when God finally acts and puts an end to the wicked and oppressive rule of man and of Satan let's uh open with prayer and get right into Revelation chapter 16 our Heavenly Father we pause and again we just want to give you so much thanks father that in this world that is a spiraling out of control in a world that is just being plunged into deeper and deeper darkness we thank you Father for your ancient word we thank you that it's been preserved we thank you that you've put in us a heart and a desire to want to understand it we thank you that it's encoded and that only those that have this desire will be able to decode it according to your will and your grace we thank you for it father and we just pray now that you'll bless our study that you'll bless our understanding that you'll deepen our conviction deepen our faith we know that Christ said when he returns will he find faith we pray father that he will find it in us and we thank you now we ask this blessing in Jesus name Amen so as we begin now in Revelation chapter 16 we're just gonna back up a little bit and let me just get to the text here and I want to go right back actually to chapter 3 so we'll last last week when we met we talked about the the Philadelphia era and the we wanted to just to disabuse those who believe that you know if you're in the

Philadelphia Church you will not have to suffer through the tribulation it's clear that martyrdom for the Saints is something that God honors that Jesus Christ honors and those who are martyred for his sake are held in very high esteem by God and they are honored including the Philadelphia and the Smyrna congregations but we wanted to just highlight here that in this verse in verse 10 of chapter 3 because these faithful sent Saints have kept the word of his patience in Matthew 24 Christ said that those who endure unto the end the same shall be saved and those who endure are those who keep the word of his patience that we understand why we need to be patient that we understand that all of this is part of God's grand design and because the love that he will also keep the Philadelphians from the hour of temptation and that many we said just automatically interpreted this hour to be the great tribulation and we showed that that's not in fact the case that the hour of temptation is the hour of trial on upon all the world upon them that dwell upon the earth it's it's the time of their trial this is of the final hour when God acts and acts upon the wicked and then if we just continue or compare that now to chapter 14 what we know what is this hour he says in in chapter 14 verse 7 the angel says with a loud voice fear God and give glory to him for the hour of his judgment has come this is the hour that the Saints are protected from this is the hour that the Saints are sealed from Satan will have his way the scripture in fact says that the Beast will overcome the Saints so Satan will have his way but when God finally acts the Saints will not be

subjected to God's wrath we will in effect be passed over we will experience the Passover and that's why the very text in Revelation says they overcame the Beast through the blood of the Lamb so there's going to be this this Passover which is going to lead to the second Exodus so this this hour we want to be very clear that this hour that the Saints are protected from is the last hour it's the hour when God final and that's what we're gonna see now in chapter 16 is the unfolding of God's wrath in this final hour upon those who dwell upon the earth not upon the Saints upon those who dwell those who are established in the earth now this is all good news when God unveils his wrath when He pours out his wrath upon mankind as as terrible a time as this is for mankind it is good news this is the gospel this is the ushering in of the kingdom of God and the end of oppression on the earth the end of the the torture and the wickedness of man inspired by the devil that's what this heralds and that's why it's good news that's why it's part of the gospel and and we know it's part of the gospel because of the prophecy that Jesus Christ quoted remember when we were studying Luke together when Christ overcame Satan in the wilderness and then he began his ministry and it says here after he conquered the devil Jesus returned in the power of the spirit into Galilee and there went out a fame of him through all the region round about and in verse 17 there was delivered unto him the book of the prophet Isaiah so he's in the synagogue and they pass him the scroll of Isaiah and when he had opened the scroll he found the place where it was written in other words he

deliberately turned to this passage he deliberately went and sought this passage and then he quoted it to them in the synagogue and he quotes the Spirit of the Lord is upon me so he received that the Spirit of God he's now quoting the Spirit of the Lord is upon me because he has anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor that was his purpose to receive the spirit and preach good news to the poor the poor represent the oppressed that those who are dwelling upon the earth have gone the way of the devil and they are oppressing the poor but Christ has come to preach good news to the poor to say that the kingdoms of this world are going to be over and he's going to establish his kingdom and the poor will be lifted up and the powerful in the rich will be brought down so he says he's quoting Isaiah he has sent me to heal the brokenhearted so in in Satan's world there are a lot of broken hearts to preach deliverance to the captives again in Satan's world there's slavery in captivity and recovering of sight to the blind to set at liberty them that are bruised now notice this to preach the acceptable year of the Lord so he finishes quoting Isaiah and then it says he closed the book so he went in he received the scroll he unscrewed the scroll to go specifically to what we call Isaiah 60:1 of course back then they didn't have the the verses broken into chapters and verses the scripture broken into chapters reverses so he scrolls through the scroll to find this specific prophecy he reads it to them he then closes the scroll gives it back to the assistant and sits down meaning he's not ready to teach and the eyes of all of them that were in the synagogue were

fastened on him they were wondering what is he gonna say well he was quoting and what he actually says to them is today this scripture has been fulfilled in your ears but when we look at the scripture that he was quoting he did not quote it completely he actually quoted it in completely there's a part that he left out and so he's quoting Isaiah 61 and verse 1 that the Spirit of the Lord God and this is the isaiah annex servant that is prophesied that there is a humble servant to come to redeem Israel before the Messiah comes to establish the kingdom and this is what the Jews missed that they needed to be redeemed that there are faulty people and they needed to be redeemed first so this isaiah anacs servant is to come in the Spirit of the Lord God says the Spirit of the Lord God is upon me because the Lord has anointed me to preach good news good tidings unto the meek he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted to proclaim Liberty to the captives and the opening of the prison to them that are bound to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord and then he stopped and he closed up the scroll he didn't finish the verse he interrupted the in the middle of the verse the rest of the verse says that he's to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord and the day of vengeance of our God and to comfort all that mourn so this day of vengeance puts an end to the morning the morning of God's people that this day that's what this day event vengeance does but he didn't quote it because he had to fulfill the first part as in his in his incarnation so when he came to earth it was all about fulfilling the eyes annex servant this second part is

about coming as the powerful Messiah coming as the king coming to conquer his enemies and establish the kingdom of God and so this is the day of vengeance and this so he didn't quote this because that was not yet to be fulfilled that this is gonna be fulfilled in what we're looking now at in chapter 16 of Revelation when he when the Lord God finally acts to establish his kingdom so the the day of the vengeance of our God to comfort all that mourn that there is such wickedness in the earth that the earth is filled with mourning God's people are mourning they're being hunted down they're being killed they're being persecuted and now he's coming to comfort his people and and to put an end to this wickedness so this is what we're looking at now is the second half of the prophecy that Jesus Christ turned deliberately turned to just to begin his ministry to say I've come to preach the gospel but not to fulfill this part - and this part - now is what we're going to see fulfilled in chapter 16 but this proclamation of the gospel he began it in his ministry and we as his Saints are to continue it so that's what the Saints have been doing through time is continuing the preaching of the gospel so he says here in chapter of Matthew 24 in his prophecy that this gospel of the kingdom now this is the Saints that are going to be continuing this this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations and then shall the end come so this is the work of the Saints that Jesus get Christ began the proclamation of the gospel the Saints must continue this proclamation of good news of the kingdom of God and it's to be preached in all the world for what to try to

convert the whole world not to convert  
the whole world it's to be preached in  
all the world for a witness unto all  
nations that all nations are going after  
the Beast  
all nations are worshiping the devil and  
the people of God have to warn the world  
and preach the truth of the kingdom of  
God as a witness this is all about  
testimony when Christ established the  
church he told the Apostles you shall be  
my witnesses and this is all about the  
testimony of Christ and then shall the  
end come so it's very clear then that  
this gospel needs to be preached to the  
whole world to these people who are  
going after the Beast and worshiping the  
Beast they need to hear the gospel and  
we will have supernatural help so we  
will do our part but in chapter 14 and  
verse 6 John says he saw another angel  
fly in the midst of heaven having the  
everlasting gospel to preach unto them  
that dwell on the earth and remember in  
Revelation 3 verse 10 that the  
philadelphians are going to faithful  
Saints are going to be protected from  
this final hour that's going to come  
upon those that dwell upon the earth  
well here this gospel needs to be  
preached to those who dwell upon the  
earth and so this is our world is to  
have the Christianity is not for cowards  
if we are cowards we cannot be  
Christians and this is why we need the  
Holy Spirit the Holy Spirit is a spirit  
of power and with the Holy Spirit we  
speak truth to power regardless of the  
consequences  
truth is truth and so the Saints preach  
this gospel and even in despite the  
overcoming of the Saints by the Beast  
this angel now continues this work we  
had the two witnesses preaching the

gospel to all the world and now this  
John sees this angel having the  
everlasting  
gospel to preach unto them that dwell  
upon the earth and to every nation and  
kindred and tongue and people so Christ  
says this gospel has to be preached to  
all the world that's to them that dwell  
upon the earth and then shall the end  
come and they will be without excuse  
God's judgments are going to read these  
judgments in chapter 16 as brutal as  
they are as as profound as they are they  
are just and anybody who suffers from  
these plagues it's a pot it's on their  
own head they deserve it even so amen  
there'll be no excuse and so God sends  
his saints  
he sends the two witnesses he even sends  
an angel to ensure that the gospel is  
preached to all them that dwell upon the  
earth to all tongues and all Kindred's  
and all nations so that there is no  
excuse and he says this angel followed  
them so the same angel that preaches the  
gospel as a witness following the the  
preaching from the two witnesses and the  
Saints he followed them saying with a  
loud voice nobody can say I didn't know  
I didn't hear if any man worship the  
Beast and His image and receive his mark  
so anybody who we see this is a warning  
so there'll be no excuse if any man  
worship the Beast and His image and  
receive his mark in his forehead or in  
his hand the same shall drink of the  
wine of the wrath of God so God is not  
joking here and they will they will be  
without excuse so anybody who received  
who denies the gospel turns their back  
on the gospel receives this symbol of  
the mark of the beast the same shall  
drink of the wine of the wrath of God  
which is poured out without mixture into



the cup of his indignation so God is the  
guy's patient as God is and as much as  
the Saints are pleading with God how  
long before you act now he acts  
and this cup of his indignation will be  
poured out upon the earth upon those who  
dwell upon the earth and that whoever  
accepts the mark of the beast shall be  
tormented with fire and brimstone in the  
presence of the Holy Angels and in the  
presence of the Lamb and so now we would  
we were in chapter 15 last week and we  
saw John saw another sign in heaven it  
was great and marvellous seven angels  
having the seven last plagues so we were  
introduced to these plagues in Chapter  
15 were actually gonna go into detail  
now with the plagues here in chapter 16  
so in Chapter 15 they were introduced  
that the angels have these seven last  
plagues these are the final plate this  
is this is God is now acting to destroy  
the wickedness of man and so we know  
this number seven is the pick the symbol  
of completion or completeness and here  
are the seven last plagues remember now  
if brendham is the wrath of God and you  
remember in Exodus Moses had ten plagues  
he was heated the ten plagues were sent  
upon Pharaoh and Egypt why to release  
God's people so that God's people could  
could go and worship him and now this is  
what we see in the end time that this  
spiritual Egypt this this end time  
Babylon system God is acting to destroy  
it and bring it down the same way he  
brought down ancient Egypt but it's the  
last seven plagues this is the the final  
blow to Satan's Empire to bring down  
this Empire and establish the kingdom of  
God and as we said this number seven  
really pictures the complete wrath of  
God for in them is filled up the wrath  
of God and he says and I saw as it were

a sea of glass mingled with fire and covered that last week that the sea of glasses before God's throne but the mingling of fire is it has in his wrath is now included and in front of the and in this in the face of his wrath there are people standing the wicked asked the question who is able to stand before the lamb while the answer is here he saw them that had gotten the victory over the Beast and over his image and over his mark and over the number of his name he saw these people these victorious Saints stand on the sea of glass having the harps of God so while Satan may have been successful in prevailing against the Saints that overcoming of the Saints actually is the Saints overcoming the devil the same way Christ overcame the devil through his love for Israel we overcome the devil through our love for Christ and so as he believes he's victorious as the wicked are putting the Saints to death the Saints are actually rising victorious there we are brought back to life and we're able to stand now in the midst of the wrath of God because this is the sealing of the Saints the Saints are sealed through our faithfulness and it is that ceiling that faithfulness with a c-list symbol of our faithfulness and it is that faithfulness that protects us from this final hour when God acts upon the wicked so anybody who's received the mark of the beast and so this is not going to be some secret thing it's gonna be very evident the whole world will be warned do not accept the mark of the beast the kingdom of God is coming and so there's no in-between we people are either worshipping God and looking forward to his kingdom or they're worshipping the devil and trying to

rejoice and establish the kingdom of the devil so he says here now they sing the song of Moses so that's very significant it is a callback to the overcoming of Egypt that Israel did not have to overcome the Pharaoh God overcame the Pharaoh on Israel's behalf and they sang the song of Moses because the same the second this is the second Exodus it's just happening again God is now moving to bring down the Satanic empires and they sing the song of Moses the servant of God and the son of the lamb saying great and marvelous are your works this is the work of God Lord God Almighty just and true are your ways the wicked will be without excuse

God has given them every opportunity God has been so patient that the Saints are crying out with a loud voice and clamor we thought in in when the fifth seal was opening in Chapter six there they're pleading with God please act how much longer but God is being patient and God is giving every human being every opportunity to repent and finally his patience reaches a limit and all the angels and all the saints agree God's judgments are just in true you know people might read these judgments and think they're so harsh well the devil and his servants deserve this harsh treatment and we'll see this as we read through this just in true are your ways O King of the Saints now I mentioned that this is about going back to the first Exodus if we go to the first Exodus in chapter nine verse 13 of Exodus the Lord said unto Moses rise up early in the morning and stand before Pharaoh so this is this week Israelite going in front of the most powerful man in the world at a time and delivering God's message as a witness and that's

the same thing that the Saints are doing  
in the end time  
Pharaoh being a proxy for the devil the  
Beast being a proxy for the devil rise  
up early in the morning and stand before  
Pharaoh and stand to him thus says the  
Lord God of the Hebrews let my people go  
that they may serve me so this is the  
devil is trying to capture God's people  
the devil wants to be like the Most High  
and have all humanity made in God's  
image worshipping Him and the message  
said to the devil and to the Beast is  
let God's people go that they may serve  
Him so so we are freed so that we could  
serve God  
for I will at this time send my plagues  
upon your heart so that's the purpose of  
the plagues is to bring down the kingdom  
and to release God's people and upon  
your servants and upon your people that  
you may know that there is none like me  
in all the earth and this has been  
prophesied again and again so has it  
happened in in ancient Egypt its to  
happen again with Babylon and here David  
in Psalm 79 says pour out your wrath  
upon the heathen that have not known you  
and upon the kingdoms that have not  
called upon your name so when this wrath  
comes when this final hour comes God has  
no mercy for the wicked nor should we  
nor should we we should not be reading  
these plagues and thinking wow this is a  
bit harsh this is a bit much no God has  
given the wicked every opportunity to  
repent and they've increased in their  
wickedness and so here come these  
plagues and David appeals to God and the  
Saints are appealing to God and the  
Angels appeal to God to to judge  
righteous life and so David here says to  
pour out your wrath upon the heathen  
that have not known you and upon the

kingdoms that have not called upon your name Jeremiah says the same thing pour out your fury upon the heathen that have not known you that have that know you not so these heathen they're established their dwelling in the earth they're establishing their empires and they don't Oh God

and because they don't know God they are abusive and they are abusing the people on God and the people of God are pleading with God's pour out his fury upon these wicked nations and upon the families that call not on your name for they have eaten up Jacob God's covenant people this is why we call them beasts because they eat up God's covenant people and devoured him and consumed him and have made his habitation desolate Ezekiel same thing therefore have I poured out my indignation upon them I have consumed them with the fire of my wrath their own way have i recompensed upon

heads so this is the patience of the saints that he who do kills by the sword must die by the sword he who takes captain captives must be taken captive so we understand that God in His wrath will recompense upon their own heads their own ways back to chapter 16 of Revelation verse 2 so there are seven angels with the seven bowls of judgment and now and now in chapter 16 we're gonna see what each of these bowls represents because they're symbolic in terms of God's judgment so we see here that the first winds and poured out his bowl upon the earth so notice the first Bowl is upon the earth and there fell a noisome and grievous sore upon the men which had the mark of the beast remember those who are faithful to God are sealed so they are either martyred or they're

protected somehow in the same way that ancient Israel did not suffer from the plagues of God those plagues were specifically for the Egyptians there were the rebellious Egyptians at the same time in this final hour when God pours out his wrath the Saints have either been martyred or they're protected this is for the wicked I felt there fell a noisome and grievous sore upon the men which had the mark of the beast and upon them which worshipped His image so they've been warned in his in Exodus when we see the first of this plague it shall come it shall become small dust in all the land of Egypt and shall be a boil breaking forth with Blanes upon man and upon beasts throughout all the land of Egypt so this plague that we're seeing in the final hour is a callback to the play that we saw in ancient Israel in ancient Egypt so the same way God brought Egypt down he's bringing this spiritual Egypt down in the very same way so these these boils upon man the first plague and they took ashes of the furnace and stood before Pharaoh and Moses sprinkled it up toward heaven and it became a boil breaking forthwith Blanes upon man and upon beast and the magicians could not stand before Moses because of the boils for the boil was upon the magicians and upon all the Egyptians so the magicians were trying to think that all was just magic but they were now inflicted with these boils and there's nothing they could do about it this is coming from the hand of God now the second angel so the first the first one was upon the earth the second one now pours out his bowl upon the sea so first it was the earth the second one is upon the sea and it became as the

blood of a dead man and every living soul died in the sea going back to Exodus the first the first bringing down of Pharaoh thus says the Lord in this you shall know that I am the Lord so these plagues are designed to prove who is God the beast is establishing himself as God and everybody is worshipping the same way Pharaoh established himself as God and everybody was worshipping him God the true God is establishing through these plagues and the lack of control that man has over these plagues even though they're worshipping these gods they were understanding who the true God is thus says the Lord in this you shall know that I am the Lord behold I will smite with the rod that is in my hand upon the waters which are in the river and they shall be turned to blood and the fish that is in the river shall die and the river shall stink and the Egyptians shall loathe to drink of the water of the river the Lord spoke unto Moses santero

take your rod to Aaron and stretch out your hand upon the waters of Egypt upon their streams upon their rivers upon their ponds and upon all their pools of water that they may become blood and that there may be blood throughout all the land of Egypt both in the vessels of wood and vessels of stone and Moses and Aaron did so commanded and he lifted up the rod and smote the waters that were in the river in the site of Pharaoh and in the sight of his servants and all the waters that were in the river turned to blood and the fish that were in the river died and the river stunk and the Egyptians could not drink the water of the river and though there was blood throughout all

the land of Egypt and the magician's of Egypt did so at their enchantments and Pharaoh's heart was hardened neither did he hearken unto them as the Lord had said so Pharaoh's hardening his heart more plagues are coming and Pharaoh turned and went into his house and neither did he set his heart to this also and all the Egyptians dug round about the river for water to drink for they could not drink of the water of the river and the Nile River was a big deal in Egypt that the whole civilization was built around it and now it's full of blood and seven days were fulfilled after Lord had smitten the river now we come to so that was the waters of Egypt Egypt didn't have sea but here now and then the third angel poured out his vial upon the rivers and fountains of waters and they became blood so first it was the sea now the third angel also the rivers so all of the waters now in this end time are blood just as it was for the Egyptians and in Psalm 78 David writes and they had turned the rivers who's speaking of this ancient plague that first Exodus turned their rivers into blood and their floods that they could not drink so the same thing happened again in verse 5 of chapter 16 and I heard the Angel of the waters say listen to this you so men are suffering they can't drink they're dehydrating everywhere they turn is just blood the angel says and I heard the angels of the water say you are righteous O Lord which art and was and shall be because you have judged this way so this judgment the angels are saying wow this is righteous judgment mankind is in pain they're dehydrating they can't find water anywhere everywhere they turn it's



and the angels are looking at this and saying wow you are righteous in all your ways he says because you have judged this way david says the Lord is righteous in all his ways he's never unrighteous there's nothing God does that is unrighteous and holy in all his works the reason the angel says wow this is righteous judgment he explains in verse 6 for they have shed the blood of saints and prophets all of them anybody who receives the mark of the beast is complicit in the shedding of blood of the saints and the prophets and so this judgment the angel says you are righteous for they have shed the blood of saints and prophets and you have given them blood to drink for they are worthy isaiah actually prophesied this and he says in isaiah god says and i will feed them that oppress you with their own flesh this is the patience of the saints now we understand that god will act and he will act with righteous judgment and he will act in such a way that he will recompense upon the wicked their own wickedness the very thing that they rejoice in and delight in that's what's coming upon their own heads he says in isaiah i will feed them that oppress you with their own flesh and they shall be drunken with their own blood as with sweet wine and all flesh shall know that I the LORD am your Savior and your Redeemer the Mighty One of Jacob so there's a question in the earth just as there was in ancient Egypt when Pharaoh was establishing himself as the God that the the God that the Son of God and everybody was worshiping Pharaoh as God but and they were oppressing the Israelites and God acted to show that he is God and he's the savior and Redeemer

of Jacob and that is the same thing that's to happen in the in the near future that the beast is establishing himself as God and everybody is worshipping the Beast and who can make war with him and God is going to act to show who the true God and that he's the Redeemer and the savior of Israel back to Revelation 16 and I heard another out of the altar say so one angel says this judgment is righteous because this is the this is what they did and now it's come upon them and then John hears another angel out of the altar say even so totally agrees amen

Lord God Almighty true and righteous are your judgments so with all this suffering all over the earth the holy angels are looking and saying this is good judgment

this is righteous judgment everyone has been warned and the wicked have chosen their wickedness and the faithful have chosen faithfulness and now the faithful are suffering and God now acts and brings upon the wicked their own wickedness and the angels are just looking at this and saying this is righteous judgment in fact David in Psalm 19 says the fear of the Lord is clean enduring forever

the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether God judges with righteous judgment and so we have to warn the wicked that God is a righteous God and he's patient but when he acts he will act with righteous judgment in Psalm 145 we read this that the Lord is righteous in all his ways everything God does is righteous even when he acts like this and brings this this pain and suffering upon mankind in continuing chapter 16 of Revelation the fourth

angel he pours out his bowl upon the Sun and again this is all symbolism but he's gonna pour it upon the Sun and power was given unto him to scorch men with fire and men were scorched with great heat now when they are scorched with this great Heat and they see all of these things happening do they turn to God the prophecy tells us the opposite they do the opposite men were scorched with great heat and they blaspheme the name of God they they are they are wholeheartedly in with the Beast they are wholeheartedly with the devil and when God acts now rather than repent they double down and they blaspheme the name of God which has power over these plagues rather than turned to God and seek forgiveness and they repented not to give him glory I mean this this is the depth of wickedness that is in the heart of man and and the seed of this this is sort of the wickedness in full bloom but the seed of this wickedness is in man today just the environment is not conducive for it to be fully unveiled but it's gonna be unveiled it's gonna come to its full bloom it's gonna be fully ripe but this is the wickedness that's in man that even in the face of these plagues rather than repent and give God glory they know that it's the true God they'd rather worship the devil and the fifth angels and all the fifth angel pours out his vial his bowl upon the seat of the beast or the throne of the Beast so now he goes to the very heart of the beast Kingdom and He pours his the contents of his bowl the wrath of God upon the very throne of the Beast and his kingdom was full of darkness and they gnawed their tongues for pain so now with this pouring upon the seat of the Beast there is darkness that comes

upon the land and then mankind is in great pain going back to ancient Egypt we see the Lord said unto Moses stretch out your hand toward heaven that there may be darkness over the land of Egypt even darkness which may be felt so it's so dark it's so thick you can actually feel it that's what happened to ancient Egypt when God was bringing down that Empire that's what's gonna happen to Babylon when God brings down Babylon and Moses stretched forth his hand toward heaven and there was a thick darkness in all the land of Egypt three days they saw not one another neither rose any from his place for three days they couldn't even move but all the children of Israel had light in their dwellings so again these plagues are not for God's people these plagues are upon the wicked God's people are sealed and protected from this and that's what again what it means that I will protect you I will keep you from the hour of trial the hour of temptation that will come upon all the world upon all them that dwell upon the earth this is what it's talking about he's talking about God's wrath not Satan's wrath God's wrath will not come upon the faithful of God verse 11 and they blaspheme the God of heaven because of their pains and their sores and repented not of their deeds this again is the depth of wickedness and this is this is what the Saints this is the wickedness that the Saints will be facing now these are people are going to be saying very flowery words and very will be sounding like they're very righteous people now they're gonna be very religious they're serving their God but this is the hatred and this is the wickedness and this is the evil this is the extent of it that

they hate God it's not so much that they hate the Saints Christ says it they hate you because they hate me they have the heart of Satan and so they blaspheme the God of heaven because of their pains and their sores and repented not of their deeds the sixth angel now pours out his bowl upon the great river Euphrates so this river Euphrates Euphrates is to Babylon what the Nile River was to Egypt the whole ancient civilization of Egypt was built around the Nile River the whole ancient civilization of Babylon was built around the Euphrates River this is that great river and it runs all the way from Turkey through Syria through Iraq so this ISM a massive river and so the sixth angel pours out his bowl upon the great river euphrates the heart of the civilization and the water thereof was dried up that the way of the kings of the East might be prepared so these kings of the East are on the other side of the Euphrates River their way is being prepared that they can now come into Jerusalem that the way of the kings of the East might be prepared and this again is prophecy if we look at Isaiah the Lord shall utterly destroy the tongue of the Egyptian sea so in the future this tongue of the Egyptians is the dominant tongue but God says he's going to destroy it and with his mighty wind shall he shake his hand over the river and shall smite it in the seven streams and make men go over dry-shod so though the purpose of drying up this Euphrates River is so that these armies can now go over it and there shall be ah a highway for the remnant of his people which shall be left from Assyria like as it was to Israel in the day that he came up out of the land of Egypt so this is

leading up to the second Exodus so when this final battle takes place God is then gonna lead his people into the Promised Land because all of this will be dried up and they could walk over the same way it happened in ancient Egypt in Jeremiah the Prophet writes therefore thus says the Lord behold I will plead your cause and take vengeance for you and I will dry up her sea and make her Springs dry so this is now these prophets these ancient prophecies are being now fulfilled continuing revelation 16 and I saw three unclean spirits

so with this sixth Bowl now and the drying up of the river Euphrates associated with that he says I saw three unclean spirits and they were like frogs coming out of the mouth of the dragon so this is all symbolic so these are wheels unclean spirits but they look like frogs coming out of the mouth of the and out of the mouth of the Beast and out of the mouth of the false prophet so these frogs come out of their mouths and this is again another plague that was reminiscent or takes us back calls us back to what happened in ancient Egypt in Exodus 8 verse 6 and Aaron stretched out his hand over the waters of Egypt and the frogs came up and covered the land of Egypt

so these frogs are another ancient plague that God is using again and he says here in verse 14 for they are the spirits of devils so with the drying up of the Euphrates we see these three evil spirits come on the scene and it says they are the spirits of Devil's 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

so with this sixth Bowl the river  
Euphrates is dried up these evil spirits  
come on the scene and their purpose  
these are lying spirits their purpose is  
to deceive the kings of the earth and  
the whole world and to get them to come  
in their deception to gather them to the  
Battle of that great day of God Almighty  
so they are coming the prophecy says  
armies will surround Jerusalem in  
Matthew 24 so they're coming with a  
great hatred for God's people to destroy  
God's people once and for all because of  
the operation of these these devils  
these spirits that come from the drying  
up of the great river euphrates he says  
behold this is not Christ speaking I  
come as a thief blessed is he that  
watches and keeps his garments lest he  
walk naked and they see his shame so in  
Matthew 24 God says he that endures unto  
the end the same shall be saved  
so our Christianity it's not you know  
whether or not we can proclaim Christ in  
times of peace in times of abundance in  
times of you know business as usual our  
Christianity the value of our Christian  
is proclaiming Christ when the whole  
world has turned against him when the  
whole world is demonstrating its hatred  
for Christ and where we're seeing the  
world turning we're seeing a pivoting  
we're seeing a hatred for Christ just  
really growing and a tolerance even a  
celebration of false prophets and idols  
but a hatred for Christ and this is  
culminating into something that's going  
to be very severe but the Saints will  
faithfully proclaim Christ and so he  
says he's coming as a thief blessed is  
he that watches so we need to be  
studying these prophecies understanding  
how the world is changing how it relates

to these the scripture and keep his garments lest he walk naked and they see his shame so this should remind us of what God said to the church at Laodicea the Congregationalists Laodicea I counsel you to buy of me gold tried in the fire that you may be rich and white raiment that you may be clothed so we should understand from this that the seven churches represent the state of God's church and a part of God's church will have the name but will not have the righteousness and so even though these Saints have the name and the Church of God and they're going through the rituals and they look like God's people from God's perspective they're naked and he's coming as a thief and the hypocrites in Zion are afraid the hypocrites have been caught off guard so as we especially now as we're going into Passover we need to be buying of God gold tried in the fire we mustn't be afraid of trial we must walk what we must most most want and the most desirous of is God's approval they says that you may be clothed and that the shame of your nakedness do not appear and anoint your eye with I self that you may see so there are going to be saying this is prophecy there are going to be Saints that are going to be embarrassed that are going to be quote-unquote stripped naked for all to see that they were there maybe proclaiming the gospel and at the same time they're in with the wicked and suffering with the wicked because the heart wasn't pure the heart wasn't clean though true true repentance wholehearted repentance had not taken place continuing in Revelation 16 and he gathered them together into a place in



the Hebrew tongue Armageddon or Har  
Megiddo that's the valley or the  
mount of Megiddo that it was this  
specific place that the river Euphrates  
has dried up and God is gathering them  
here this is where the final battle is  
going to take place and this is a you  
know call backless army get on her  
Megiddo

there are many battles that have taken  
place here and in Judges 5:19 the kings  
came and fought then fought the kings of  
Canaan and Tanakh by the waters of  
Megiddo

they took no gain of money so the  
repeatedly Kings have been conquered in  
this valley of Megiddo

in his days Sennacherib king of Egypt  
this is second Kings 23 went up against  
the king of Assyria to the river  
Euphrates and King Josiah went against  
him and he slew him at Megiddo when he  
had seen him many kings have been slain  
at Megiddo

in second Kings 23 and his servants  
carried him in a chariot dead from  
Megiddo and brought him to Jerusalem and  
buried him in his own Sepulcher and the  
people of the land took Jehovah as the  
son of Josiah and anointed him and made  
him King in his father's debt such as  
Josiah was slain at Megiddo

in second chronicles 35 goes on to talk  
about the same Sennacherib  
and what happened in the valley of  
Megiddo in Zechariah 12 in that day  
verse 11

shall there be a great mourning in  
Jerusalem as the mourning of had that  
dream on in the valley of Megiddo  
so this is a well-known place of  
slaughter it's the valley of slaughter  
and God causes the river Euphrates to be  
dried up

for all the kings to come to the valley  
of megiddo  
where they will be slaughtered it's the  
valley of slaughter continuing in  
revelation 16 verse 17 now that God is  
now establishing his kingdom putting an  
end to the kingdoms of this world in  
verse 17 and the seventh angel poured  
out his bowl into the air and there came  
a great voice out of the temple of  
heaven and from the throne saying it is  
done finally  
it is done it is all over so this  
seventh angel now takes his bowl pours  
it into the air and finally there's this  
voice out of the Temple of Heaven from  
the throne saying it's done finally it's  
over versus it eighteen 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 so  
this is it it's now finally over and the  
great city was divided into three parts  
as a result of this great earthquake the  
great city was divided into three parts  
and the cities of the nation's fell and  
great Babylon came in remembrance before  
God to give unto her the cup of the wine  
of the fierceness of his wrath so  
finally now it's over Babylon is brought  
down and she is now receiving the  
fierceness of God's wrath in Jeremiah 25  
the Prophet Jeremiah says thus says the  
Lord God of Israel unto me take the wine  
cup of this fury at my hand and cause  
all the nations to whom I send you to  
drink it so all these nations that have  
been a part of this Babylonian system  
are going to suffer the fury and the  
wrath of God in verse continuing chapter  
16 and every island fled away and the  
mountains were not found  
and there fell upon men a great hail out

of heaven every stone about the weight of a talent and still men blaspheme God because of the plague of the hail for the plague thereof was exceeding great so this is it now finally the seventh Bowl is poured and and the end of the Babylonian system is come down now in Exodus this this hail we saw it in the first Exodus when God brought down Egypt in chapter 9 he says behold tomorrow about this time I will cause it to rain a very grievous hail such as has not been in Egypt since the foundation thereof even until now so there's gonna be this grievous hail send therefore now and gather your cattle and all that you have in the field for upon every man and beast which shall be found in the field and shall not be brought home the hail shall come down upon them and they shall die so these plagues are focused they're focused on the wicked they're focused on the disobedient it's not everybody on earth gets this it's those that in Egypt here those that did not obey God that that were defiant they're the ones who suffered in verse 20 of Exodus 9 it says he that feared the word of the Lord among the servants of Pharaoh made his servants and his cattle flee into the houses so there were Egyptians that feared God and this plague did not hurt them and he that regarded not the word of the Lord left his servants and his cattle in the field so they were defiant and the Lord said unto Moses stretch forth your hand toward heaven that there may be hail in all the land of Egypt upon man and upon beasts and upon every herb of the field throughout the land of Egypt and Moses stretched forth his rod toward heaven and the Lord sent thunder and hail and the fire ran along upon the ground and the Lord rained hail upon the

land of Egypt so there was hail  
and fire mingled with the hail very  
Grievous such as there was none like it  
in all the land of Egypt since it became  
a nation so this fire mingled with the  
hail as yet it came from heaven upon  
Egypt in the first Exodus it's happening  
again in the second Exodus and the hail  
smoke throughout all the land of Egypt  
all that was in the field both man and  
beast and the hail smote every herb of  
the field and broke every tree of the  
field and so coming back now to the last  
verse of chapter 16 verse 21 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 and the next  
week wouldn't go into chapter 17 and  
there came one of the seven angels which  
had the seven bowls and talked with me  
saying unto me come here and I will show  
unto you the judgment of the great  
that sits upon many waters  
so this is now a deeper insight into the  
judgment that upon the woman that sits  
upon many waters so that's what we're  
going to get into chapter 17 but what  
you're seeing here in Chapter 17 is  
going back in time so so we're God that  
the Seventh Seal has been or the seventh  
Bowl has been released and everything is  
now done it's done but now John is  
invited to see in a bit more detail in  
chapter 17 which we'll cover next week  
but I this this timing I want to just  
talk about this for a moment as we as we  
finish here in chapter 11 when we were  
looking at the we were looking at the  
seven trumpets and in Chapter 11 does  
that the trumpets began in chapter eight  
and chapter continued in Chapter nine  
there was a bit of an interlude in

chapters ten and then the seventh trumpet continued in chapter 11 in the chapter 11 verse 15 it says and the seventh angel sounded and there were great voices in heaven saying the kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our Lord and of his Christ and he shall reign forever and ever so finally with the blowing of the seventh trumpet is the conquest of all of the kingdoms of this world and all of the kingdoms of the world with the seventh trumpet have become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ now in verse 16 it says the four and twenty elders which sat before God on their on their seats fell upon their faces and worshipped God saying we give you thanks O Lord God Almighty which are and which was and are to come because you've taken to you your great power and you have reigned so now in the seventh trumpet God has reigned however in chapter 16 when we have the seven bowls in verse 10 the fifth angel poured out his bowl and where did he pour his bowl upon the throne of the Beast but wait a minute I thought with the seventh trumpet all of these kingdoms were slow quashed and and crushed and God began to reign now we're at the seventh Bowl and the beast still has his throne established and so the angel pours out his bowl upon the throne of the Beast and his kingdom was full of darkness so here we are at the fifth Bowl and the kingdom is established the Beast through the Beast throne and Kingdom are established and God now fills his kingdom with darkness but in Chapter 11 with the seventh trumpet the kingdom's were crushed and God began to rain so so there's a problem now we have to reconcile the seven bowls with the seven trumpets and here now in verse

11

they're blaspheming God as we just read well how is it that God is ruling but the kingdom of the Beast is still established it's so much so that men are blaspheming God when the for elders praised God that he began to reign well I think there's a chronology here that we need to look at that we see from chapter 6 through to chapter 11 we see a chronology things happening in chronology at the chronological order beginning in chapter 12 the scripture says there appeared a great wonder in heaven a woman clothed with the Sun and the moon under her feet and upon her head a crown of twelve stars and she being with child cried travailing in birth and pained to be delivered and in verse five and she brought forth a man child that is Jesus Christ this is Israel giving birth to Christ who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron and her child was caught up unto God and to his throne so we see from chapter 12 when we went from chapter 6 to 11 we were following in a chronological order and we got to chapter 11 where finally we got to the end the seventh trumpet was blown and God's kingdom was established

now we come into chapter 12 and it's like somebody hit rewind and we've gone back in time to when Christ to Christ's incarnation when Israel gave birth to Christ so the chronology has has been broken at chapter 12 and we've gone back in time to start over again so this now helps us to reconcile what is going on with the seven bowls and if we just quickly do an analysis here we just we'll do this analysis now of the seven balls and the seven last plagues so if we look at these plagues that are

introduced in chapter 16 we can see that the first angel poured his bowl upon the earth the second upon the sea and it became blood the third upon the rivers and waters and they became blood the fourth upon the Sun the fifth upon the throne of the Beast the sixth upon the great river Euphrates and then the seventh it's all done so the focus of each of these bowls is first the earth then the sea then the river then the Sun then the seat of the Beast then the great review phrase and in the end if we look at the seven trumpets that took us from chapter eight to chapter 11 before the rewind we see the very same pattern that the first trumpet was sounded and it was upon the earth the second trumpet was sounded and the sea became blood the third trumpet was sounded and the rivers and the Fountains of waters became blood or it was upon that they became bitter the fourth angel sounded and it was upon the Sun just as the fourth Bowl was upon the Sun the fifth angel sounded and the key to the bottomless pit was given so that these locusts could come out of the pit when the seventh Bowl was poured it was poured upon the seat of the Beast and these three frogs these three Devils came out actually that's what didn't the next one but this one on the seat of the beast so the same thing in terms of the bottomless pit really reinforcing they that the kingdom of the Beast is still extent then when this sixth angel poured his ball it was upon you the Euphrates when the seventh angel blew his trumpet it was upon loosing the four angels which are bound in the great river Euphrates so the same focus is you afraid the seventh trumpet it's over the

kingdom of God is declared the seventh Bowl it's done and the kingdom of God is established so what we're seeing and the difference is with the trumpets we see a third part a third part with burned up a third part of the trees that would have died in the sea our third part of the creatures in the sea die so it's a third that the trumpets basically begin the process and the plagues finish it but it's very clear when we put it side-by-side like this that the seventh the seven bowls do not come after the seventh trumpet because when the seventh trumpet is blown it's the end the kingdom of God is established and when the seven bowls are poured we see that the beasts power is still extent and so these bowls are corresponding perfectly with the trumpets the trumpets begin the wrath of God and the bowls finish it so next week we will move into chapter 17 so we're really coming down to the end now and this is all about the wrath of God and bringing down Babylon and it's over now it's done but in chapters 17 and 18 and even into 19 we're getting the details of how this Babylonian system comes down but from the seventh trumpet it's done and then we go back in time and we get another review and another replay of it and we see now the seven bowls with these with these seven last plagues and by the seventh plague it's done the kingdoms of the world are over but now still this is apocalyptic literature so it doesn't follow this straight linear line the way we think in the way we would like it to so it's apocalyptic it's symbolic and it's like it's like a dream where things somehow don't make sense but they need to be interpreted and so we're now gonna through chapter seventeen eighteen and



nineteen we are going to get more detail in how the Babylonians steam comes down as we're moving to the end of Revelation maybe I'd like to ask you to start thinking about what book you'd like us to cover next and I have two in mind I'm thinking partially the book of Hebrews because here in Revelation we see that when the Beast comes into his power the Saints are hunted down the Saints are persecuted he prevails against the Saints and Hebrews is all about standing strong in the face of persecution so I think there's a lot that we could draw from Hebrews on the heels of Revelation the other book that I'm thinking of is the Book of Isaiah this is a very very interesting book it's like the whole Bible is in Isaiah the Bible has 66 books Isaiah has 66 chapters yeah 39 books are Old Testament 27 are a New Testament well the first 39 chapters of Isaiah focus on the Old Covenant the final 27 focused on the New Covenant and Christ when he was on earth quoted extensively from the prophet Isaiah and I don't think we've ever gone line by line through this book it's a big book it'll take us some time but that's the other book that I'm thinking of but maybe just I wouldn't mind getting your feedback in the chat on Facebook or you can email me Adrian Davis at CGI canada dot pouring and as we get towards the end of Revelation I need to start deeper I need to start preparing for our next book so god bless you all remember Jesus Christ is Lord he is righteous his judgments are righteous and he will he's patient but he will act even so amen