

## Revelation 16:17-21 Blood Bath or Blood Bathed?

**Intro: Jim/ Chicago – Brutal winter / vacation Home in Florida for a few days escape cold / Wife away on Business – Meet him there**

A)E-Mail that He made it safely - Accidentally wrong e-mail #

B)His message went to a Little old lady in Neb. – the wife of a Pastor. Her husband the Pastor had died early in the Week – **She was Shocked when turned on her computer to Check her e-mail Messages**

**My Darling wife – I just wanted You to know that I arrived safely here & I am looking forward to You Joining me – here tomorrow**

*Signed Your Beloved Husband  
P.S. it is HOT DOWN HERE !!!!!*

C)Shocker !!!!!

**Many living in St. Louis Missouri Also experienced a Shock**

A)On Tues. Jan.29<sup>th</sup>, 1991 radio listeners in St. Louis Missouri were Shocked to hear that the end of the **WORLD** was Just moments away

B) Regular Radio programing was interrupted by that jarring attention signal of the **Emergency Broadcast System** , that was followed by the voice of the Announcer who declared:

***Your Attention please THIS IS NOT A TEST  
The United States is under Nuclear Attack !! I  
Repeat this is not a test !!!***

**B)PP Rushed home to be w/ Loved ones / wait for the missiles to fall / Basements / Shelters / Other News Confirmation**

1) On every other – Station it was Business as Usual

C)That is when they found out the Announcement was False - & **Unathorized by Station – MANAGEMENT**

1) It was merely the Actions of an **Irresponsible Disc Jockey** who was simply trying to get People to think about the Horrors of Nuc. War

D)Now **fortunately no one was seriously hurt**

**But for a few very long minutes a lot of people in St. Louis got just a faint foretaste of what the earth's last trial will be like /**

A) A trial of fear, Horror, death and destruction unlike the world as ever known **BEFORE .**

B) In Rev. Ch.'s 15 & 16 we come to the final series of God's Judgements, the seven bowls of Wrath

C) After centuries of patiently waiting for men to repent and putting up w/ *the arrogance, hatred greed & the bloodshed* that has characterized our earth so long.

D) God says there comes a time when He declares enough is enough

Dd) This is the time when the great cry of the oppressed of all ages is finally answered: Rev 6:10- **How long.....until You judge and avenge our blood on those who dwell on the earth?"**

This Wed. Pastor Jason takes us through Ch.15-16 where we see the answer to their cry – as the final 7 judgments - the bowl judgments are poured out.

A) This morning in Ch. 16 We are going to look at the final battle.

B) Commonly known as **THE BATTLE OF ARMAGEDDON!**

C) For the sake of Context we are going to begin reading in V.12 –Ch.16

12 Then the sixth angel poured out his bowl on the great river Euphrates, and its water was dried up, so that the way of the kings from the east might be prepared. 13 And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs coming out of the mouth of the dragon, out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet.

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

15 "Behold, I am coming as a thief. Blessed is he who watches, and keeps his garments, lest he walk naked and they see his shame." 16 And they gathered them together to the place called in Hebrew, Armageddon.

So when the 6<sup>th</sup> bowl is poured out the nations of the world are being drawn together by these demonic entities – **three unclean spirits like frogs**

A) Coming from the mouth of Dragon - Satan Anti-Christ Satan and the false prophet –

B) These armies of the world are being drawn to the Valley of Meggido - final showdown

C) Marching down from the east thru the Euphrates river.

The Euphrates river is referred to 25 times in the Scriptures & is highly Significant .

A)It formed the Northern boundary of the Land Promised to Abe in Gen.15 – **the Nile forming the Southern Boundary**

B)The Euphrates is 1800 miles long – 30 feet deep & between 300-1200 feet wide

1)The Size of the river caused Skeptics to scoff at this idea that the river could dry up –impossible.

C)But in recent years it has started to dry up!

D)Headlines with this picture published the New York times July 2009

*Iraq Suffers as the Euphrates River Dwindles*

July 2009 New York Times

“The shrinking of the Euphrates, a river so crucial to the birth of civilization that the Book of Revelation prophesied its drying up as a sign of the end times, has decimated farms along its banks, has left fishermen impoverished and has depleted riverside towns as farmers flee to the cities looking for work.”

E)So the Euphrates is drying up as we speak.

During the tribulation God is going to dry up this river to Provide a passage way for the Kings of the East – Who are the Kings of the East?

A)The Grk gives us a Clue – Kings of the rising Sun – many Commentators believe that this is referring to China & Japan

B)Coming together – to form this massive army – marching across a dried up Euphrates river and down into the **valley of Megiddo**

1)Joining with other nations of the World – being Drawn by demonic influence to Megiddo

C)For this Final **Battle – Battle of Armageddon**

This Valley located 60 miles north of Jerusalem in the Jezreel Valley has had a history of Warfare.

A)There **Gideon & His 300** men defeated the Midianites

B)There **Samson** took on the Philistines in a Key Battle

Bb)**king Josiah was Killed at Meggido** / **Debra & Barak** defeated Sisera at Megiddo

C)The Turks, the Egyptians, the Muslims, The Syrians & the Europeans have all waged war in this Valley

D) And When Napoleon went to Egypt and Passed through the Jezreel valley declared **"If ever there is a place on earth where the last WAR must be fought it is here in this Valley."** Napoleon

E) It is a Strategic Valley – Whoever Controls this Valley can control the rest of the Region.

**But this battle has a lot more to do with Politics and a region of the World.**

A) This is about Spiritual Control. –

B) Satan was first an Angel – Lucifer – who revolted against God - Cast out of Heaven

1) **1/3 of the Angels followed him in his rebellion**

**C) This is his 2nd Chance – this time he has gathered together the nations of the world – for this final showdown in this historic Valley.**

D) The Battle of Armageddon. -

**ARMAGEDDON = The Mountain of Assembly or the Mount of Rendezvous –**

A) John sees the Nations of the World being – Gathered at this place. Armageddon.

B) Understand there are **two great Battles** that take place in the last days – Often get mixed together  
1) But they are not the Same. Understand the difference.

C) **Armageddon is the final battle that we read about here in the book of Revelation.**

1) But there is another battle that Ezekiel prophesied about in Ezekiel 38-39

**Ezekiel 38-39 Describes a battle that takes place where – a conglomerate of Islamic nations led by Iran– gather together to make war with Israel.**

A) The interesting thing about this battle – is Ezekiel 38 describes how God draws them with a hook.

B) And ultimately destroys these nations!

C) If you have been following the news at all – Seen Iran's threats to destroy Israel.

**President: Mahmoud Ahmadinejad**

**"If the Zionist regime wants to repeat its past mistakes, this will constitute its demise and annihilation... With Allah's help the new Middle East will be a Middle East without Zionists and Imperialists." February 25, 2010**

(At a news conference in Damascus with Syrian President Bashar al-Assad.)

Iran's Supreme leader: Ayatollah Khamenei calls for the death of all Jews and the destruction of Israel. "It is a 'jurisprudential justification' to kill all the Jews and annihilate Israel, and in that, the Islamic government of Iran must take the helm."  
Feb 7, 2012

It is widely reported that Iran is very close to attaining Nuclear weapons.

A) Peaceful purposes ? Yea Right!

B) Little Satan and the Big Satan.

1) Little Satan is closer – easier target

D) Created a Dilemma for Israel – Pre-emptive strike

"We can't risk another Holocaust. Israel and the USA are on different time clocks on this matter."

Israel Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu

So if Israel launches a pre-emptive strike – to take out Iran's Nuclear facilities

A) Could that be the hook that draws these nations in retaliation of Israel.

B) So Ezekiel 38-39 A group of Islamic nations led by Iran – and joined by Russia come against Israel.

1) **God steps in and Defeats them.**

C) I believe that this battle could take place before the rapture or shortly there after – here is why.

D) We talked last week's study how the Anti-Christ is going to establish a one world Religious system.

1) Ecumenical movement – **Key word is Tolerance**

E) There are two Faiths in the world that preach that they are exclusively the way: Christianity – Islam –

The rapture is going to eliminate the protest that would come in mass from Christians around the world. – **One world religion**

A) The Battle of Ezekiel 38-39 is going to render a death blow to Islam.

B) Islamic world's faith is going to be radically shaken when all these **Islamic nations are defeated** by God standing in the gap for Israel.

C)So Ezekiel 38 could happen any time – Stage is being set –

**The battle of Armageddon is when the Anti-Christ gathers a group of nations to come against Jesus at his 2<sup>nd</sup> coming {That is what we are reading about here**

**A)I am Sure it would have been a scary sight for John to see so many nations gathering in this valley.**

**B) but in v.15 – the Lord gives Him a little reminder  
15 "Behold, I am coming !!!!!!!!!!!"**

**C)Speaking of His 2<sup>nd</sup> Coming where the Lord is going to meet these armies & Destroy them !!!!!**

1)Lets pick up the story in V. 17 Seventh bowl is poured out.

17 Then the seventh angel poured out his bowl into the air, and a loud voice came out of the temple of heaven, from the throne, saying, "**It is done!**"

18 And there were noises and thunderings and lightnings; and there was a great earthquake, such a mighty and great earthquake as had not occurred since men were on the earth. 19 Now the great city was divided into three parts, and the cities of the nations fell. And great Babylon was remembered before God, to give her the cup of the wine of the fierceness of His wrath. 20 Then every island fled away, and the mountains were not found. 21 And great hail from heaven fell upon men, each hailstone about the weight of a talent. Men

blasphemed God because of the plague of the hail, since that plague was exceedingly great.

**The Prophet Joel also Spoke of that day! 3:12-16**

*12 "Let the nations be wakened, and come up to the Valley of Jehoshaphat; For there I will sit to judge all the surrounding nations.*

*13 Put in the sickle, for the harvest is ripe. Come, go down; For the winepress is full, The vats overflow; For their wickedness is great."*

*14 Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision! For the day of the LORD is near in the valley of decision.*

*15 The sun and moon will grow dark, And the stars will diminish their brightness.*

*16 The LORD also will roar from Zion, And utter His voice from Jerusalem; The heavens and earth will shake; But the LORD will be a shelter for His people, And the strength of the children of Israel.*

**B)Joel declares They will be gathered in the Valley of Meggido but **The Lord will crush them like grapes!!****

Revelation 14:19-20 adds this insight:

**19 So the angel thrust his sickle into the earth and gathered the vine of the earth, and threw it into the great winepress of the wrath of God. 20 And the winepress was trampled outside the city, and blood came out of the winepress, up to the horses' bridles, for one thousand six hundred furlongs.**



C)The blood will be flowing even to the horses' bridle 4 feet high for one thousand **six hundred furlongs. Which = 180 miles**

1)Ocean of Blood flowing through that Valley!!!!!!

**This is not going to be a pretty sight – the Final & complete annihilation of the AntiChrist & all of his Followers** Back to Ch.16

**21 And great hail from heaven fell upon men, each hailstone about the weight of a talent. Men blasphemed God because of the plague of the hail, since that plague was exceedingly great.**

A)So we see here that the nations are Judged the earth is Shaken the Kingdoms come Crumbling down – 100lb Hail falls out of Sky

B)What was the O.T. punishment for Blasphemy – According to **Lev.24:16 Stoning !!!**

C)What is happening here ? 100LB hail stones **{Basketball size} falling out of the Sky !!!**

1)Punishment for their blaspheming of the Name of God!

**Revelation 19:11-21**

**Now I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse. And He who sat on him was called Faithful and**

**True, and in righteousness He judges and makes war. 12 His eyes were like a flame of fire, and on His head were many crowns. He had a name written that no one knew except Himself. 13 He was clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God.**

**14 And the armies in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, followed Him on white horses. 15 Now out of His mouth goes a sharp sword, that with it He should strike the nations. And He Himself will rule them with a rod of iron. He Himself treads the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. 16 And He has on His robe and on His thigh a name written:**

**KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.**

**17 Then I saw an angel standing in the sun; and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the birds that fly in the midst of heaven,"Come and gather together for the supper of the great God, 18 that you may eat the flesh of kings, the flesh of captains, the flesh of mighty men, the flesh of horses and of those who sit on them, and the flesh of all people, free and slave, both small and great."**

**19 And I saw the beast, the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against Him who sat on the horse and against His army. 20 Then the beast was captured, and with him the false prophet who worked signs in his presence, by which he deceived those who received the mark of the beast**

and those who worshiped his image. These two were cast alive into the lake of fire burning with brimstone. 21 And the rest were killed with the sword which proceeded from the mouth of Him who sat on the horse. And all the birds were filled with their flesh.

D)This is going to be a brutal gory scene – Feast day for the Birds – Vultures will flock –

**YOU WANT NO PART OF THIS!!!!**

1)YOU don't want your loved ones to have any part of this – if at all possible

E)Serious – Sad – Gory – Brutal – Massive in Scope. Sobering -

Before we go today I want you to consider something that perhaps you have never considered before.

A)In many ways the Bible is the Story of 2 Mountains –

B)One Mt. Is here at **Armageddon the Mt. Of Assembly MT of Rendezvous** – where God's Wrath is poured out upon those who follow the Anti-Christ

C)The Other is on Mt. Calvary where the Wrath of God was poured out upon His Son – JESUS CHRIST

D)This is really the key to understanding the Armageddon Story.

**Two Mts – Both deal with people fighting AGAINST God.**

A)At Mt Megiddo – the nations are gathered together to do battle against Jesus the Son of God at His 2<sup>nd</sup> coming.

**B)At Calvary – also a crowd gathered against Jesus the Son of God – yelling – we DON'T WANT THIS MAN TO RULE OVER US – CRUCIFY HIM**

1)Collectively humanity shook their fist at God and said we want nothing to do with this man.

**Both deal with God's Wrath!**

A)At Armageddon – God's wrath is poured out on man in righteous judgment! Punishment for Years of Rebellion

B)At Calvary God poured out His wrath – for man – upon His Son.

1)Jesus who died a substitutionary death on the cross – taking the wrath that we deserved.



C) Experiencing separation **"My God...Forsaken me."**

**Both were Blood baths!**

A) At Armageddon – **the blood flows to the Horses Bridle for 180 miles** an ocean of blood filling the Valley.

B) At Calvary the blood flowed from His Son's veins – **A River of blood** bringing healing and cleansing.

Wash away sin

1) Remove all guilt and shame.

C) **What can wash away our sins?** – nothing but the blood of Jesus!

**Both deal with the wine press!**

A) Armageddon is repeatedly described as grapes being pressed and crushed to make wine.

B) So too on the night before Jesus went to the cross – there in the **garden of Gethsemane – he was pressed.**

1) Sweat as it were – Drops of blood. Pressure was so Great

**Both include an Earthquake!**

A) Ch. 16:18 Great earthquake – Greater than the world has every experienced before.

B) So too at Calvary there was a great earthquake. – Graves were opened

1) The ground shook the Veil in the temple was ripped in Two

**Both have the same Cry! It is Finished – It is Done!**

A) The Cry out of the temple Ch.16:17 – Concerning Armageddon – it is Done – it is finished. Cry of Victory {Blood shed is over

B) The Cry from the Cross – **It is Finished – also a Cry of victory**

1) Price was paid – Sin/death –defeated – The battle for human hearts is Won

**So precious pp here is the choice that every human being must make:**

A) Live in light of Mt Calvary – faith in the finished work of Jesus – cross

B) Or live with **Mt Armagedden in View** – That is what is Coming!

C)Armageddon will be a Blood bath – or you can be Blood bathed at Calvary.

1)Where Jesus took the wrath so we would not have to!

Blood bath? Or Blood Bathed – is there even a choice?

A)Not saved, open your heart to Jesus today – Call on Jesus – Save me!

Romans 10:9-11

**"If you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. 10 For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.**

Pray

**I was thinking this week about – this scene and how we have seen previews in the Bible already.**

A)Noah – flood – 120 yrs Noah preached.

6 pp Noah's 3 sons and their wives

**B)Sodom and Gomorrah – God gave Lot and his family an opportunity to Escape.**

1)Only ones who listened were his two daughters

C)Then I thought about Jonah and Nineveh - you know that story-

**God calls Jonah to preach to this city - message of repentance.**

A)40 days destruction is coming unless you repent. Well, Jonah was a lousy prophet.

B)He ran from Nineveh BECAUSE Jonah *said I know if I go and preach to them, they will repent and you will forgive them and I don't want you to forgive them.* Aren't you glad your Pastor is not like Jonah?

C)But this is what I was thinking about.

Jonah eventually made it to Nineveh, and just like he said the people did repent.

D)The whole city turned to God in one day!

**THE WHOLE CITY TURNED TO GOD IN ONE DAY!**

A)I started thinking about Easter weekend - churches all over SD will be having special gatherings

B) could God save a city in one day? Maybe we should pray that. JESUS SAVE

**That all over SD Jesus would draw men to Himself in  
Mass – SAVE!!!!!!**

**Would you join me over the next few weeks - God  
save, God pour out your spirit!**