

## REVELATION CHAPTER SIXTEEN

Verse 1: *“And I heard a great voice out of the temple saying to the seven angels, Go your ways, and pour out the vials of the wrath of God upon the earth.”*

Notice that a great voice came out of the temple. **This is not the voice of Jesus, the intercessor here.** This is the voice of Jehovah, the eternal Spirit, saying, “Go your ways.” All that is seen is smoke from the glory of God, and then seven angels came forth. There was nobody that tried to stop these angels. There is no blood on the mercyseat, and no mercy. I’m speaking symbolically here; there has never been any literal blood in heaven.

Verse 2: *“And the first 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.”*

When the vials are poured out, they are not poured out upon men to judge them and to try to get them to repent. They are poured out upon men as direct wrath from God. It is a different thing with the trumpets as they began to sound. That will be God’s judgment trying to wake the nation of Israel, to get them to see what they had got into by signing a covenant with the pope.

When the first trumpet sounds..., hail, fire, and blood fell on the earth, do you know what it falls on? It falls upon the green trees and the grass. Let’s read that in the eighth chapter and show you how these seven trumpets parallel with the seven vials. Revelation 8:6-7-- *“And the seven angels which had the seven trumpets prepared themselves to sound. The first angel sounded, and there followed hail and fire mingled with blood, and they were cast upon the earth: and the third part of the trees was burnt up, and all green grass was burnt up.”*

When this trumpet sounds the wrath of God does not fall on men, it falls on the trees and on the grass. It will be God trying to wake Israel up, **but when the first vial is poured out it’s not on grass or on the trees. It’s on sinful humanity.** It’s God’s wrath, God’s judgment, being poured out upon men that have already worshipped the beast, that have already taken the mark of the beast, and that have already worshipped his image. When the first vial is poured out it caused grievous sores on those that have rejected God and His way.

When the first four trumpets are sounding there is no beast to worship, in that sense; it is just coming into the making. The beast only requires worship at the middle of the week. This first vial is near the end of the week. This is God’s time of pouring out judgment upon those men that had rejected and spurned all of God’s mercy. **These vials are poured out almost seven years after the first trumpet sounds; although the condition for them is building all through the last 3 ½ years of the week.** This is shown by the fifth and sixth vials as you will see when we deal with them later in this chapter.

Verse 3: *“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.”*

This is a world wide thing. God is judging this world. Let's refer to the second trumpet and show you that it is poured out upon the third part of the sea. Revelation 8:8-9-- *"And the second angel sounded, and as it were a great mountain burning with fire was cast into the sea: and the third part of the sea became blood; And the third part of the creatures which were in the sea, and had life, died; and the third part of the ships were destroyed."*

When the second trumpet sounds, it will be dealing with Israel. It's the spirit of Moses on a prophet turning the Mediterranean Sea to blood, but when the second angel pours out his vial upon the sea it becomes blood. It's the judgment of God, and it is not confined to any certain area. By this time, the whole prophetic world has worshipped the beast and his image. So God begins to pour out His vials. In other words, He pours another can of gasoline on the fire.

When these seven vials are poured out all men are not going to die, but God is not confining this to any certain locality like He does when the trumpets sound. He will be dealing with Israel when the first few trumpets sound. Here, He pours out judgment on the whole prophetic world.

Notice that the second trumpet has to do with the sea turning to blood; the second vial has to do with the sea turning to blood. But the trumpet only turns the third part to blood. The second vial has no limitations; it's wherever God wants it.

Verse 4: *"And the third angel poured out his vial upon the rivers and fountains of water; and they became blood."*

Verse 5: *"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."*

Verse 6: *"For they have shed the blood of saints and prophets, and thou hast given them blood to drink; for they are worthy."*

Verse 7: *"And I heard another out of the altar say, Even so, Lord God Almighty, true and righteous are thy judgments."*

Here is judgment being poured out by the Lord God Almighty. **It's the Lord God Almighty of the Old Testament pouring out His judgment, turning the rivers of water of the world into blood, and men die from the plagues. It's not necessarily every river. God knows how to spare the people that there's some quality in,** but there's no one here to run between God and His judgment, so He begins to pour out His wrath.

Let's compare the third trumpet with the third vial. This third vial deals with the rivers of water and them being turned to blood. The third trumpet is dealing with **the third part**, dealing with Israel. Revelation 8:10-11-- *"And the third angel sounded, and there fell a great star from heaven, burning as it were a lamp, and it fell upon the third part of the rivers, and upon the fountains of waters; And the name of the star is called Wormwood: and the third part of the waters became wormwood; and many men died of the waters, because they were made bitter."* **This trumpet is a limited judgment.** There is still some mercy as God begins to deal in the trumpets and it only affects the third part, **but when the vials are poured out, there is no**

**limitation on them.** It is God's wrath poured out without mercy.

Verse 8: *"And the fourth angel poured out his vial upon the sun; and power was given unto him to scorch men with fire."*

Verse 9: *"And men were scorched with great heat, and blasphemed the name of God, which hath power over these plagues: and they repented not to give Him glory."*

Notice the last part of this. It says, *"And they repented not to give Him glory."* It is a privilege to repent. It is a grand privilege that God has given humanity that they can come to the place where they can realize that God's mercy is dealing with them and they can repent and call upon the name of God. But here, that privilege is taken away. There is no place found within them for repentance.

The fourth vial is poured out upon the sun. Whatever God does to the sun at the time of the fourth vial will cause it to scorch men and they will blaspheme God, and they won't even repent and call upon God which has power over these plagues.

Let's compare the fourth trumpet with the fourth vial. Revelation 8:12--*"And the fourth angel sounded, and the third part of the sun was smitten, and the third part of the moon, and the third part of the stars; so as the third part of them was darkened, and the day shone not for a third part of it, and the night likewise."*

When the fourth trumpet sounds, it deals with the sun. It's God cutting the lights off to try to wake up Israel. It's a warning. But when the fourth vial is poured out, He just pours it out on the sun and causes it to scorch men while they live right here on earth. God is judging fallen humanity, and this is going to take place in this generation.

Verse 10: *"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,"*

Verse 11: *"And blasphemed the God of heaven because of their pains and their sores, and repented not of their deeds."*

Where did they get those sores? Where did they get all of this pain? It's the result of the first angel pouring out his vial. In verse two, when the first angel poured out his vial upon men that had rejected God, there were grievous sores and plagues that fell upon them, and they still have them when the fifth angel pours out his vial.

These angels pour out these bowls full of wrath right close together. The fifth one is poured out upon the seat of the beast and his kingdom becomes full of darkness. **Where is the seat of the beast? It's the Vatican.** Even though the pope himself will move into Jerusalem, the business has got to be carried on from Rome. The Vatican City is a big place. It's one of the biggest financial institutions in the world. Business goes on there; and all of that could never be moved into the Jewish temple that will be built again in this last day. Only the personal office of the pope is moved to Jerusalem.

**What does it mean when his kingdom becomes full of darkness? The pope will succeed through the beastly system to bring in a world order. It will look good to the natural man and will have a degree of order, but when God begins**

**to pour out His judgment the fifth angel will pour out his vial upon the thing the pope thinks he's got control over. Then all of a sudden they quit obeying the pope. There's no order; it is confusion. God removes all restraining powers and the Roman church goes into confusion. The vial is poured right upon the seat of the pope and his kingdom becomes full of darkness. God is getting ready to judge. God is getting ready now to destroy the Roman Catholic Church and the image of the beast.**

Let's refer to the fifth trumpet. Revelation 9:12-- *"And the fifth angel sounded, and I saw a star fall from heaven unto the earth; and to him was given the key to the bottomless pit. And he opened the bottomless pit; and there arose a smoke out of the pit, as the smoke of a great furnace; and the sun and the air were darkened by reason of the smoke of the pit."*

The fifth trumpet is at the middle of the week and is just letting the demons loose to work in that beastly system until God gets ready to judge it. Under the fifth trumpet was darkness, and under the fifth vial there's darkness. The fifth and sixth vials are what the fifth and sixth trumpets produced. The Catholic Church loses her grip and loses her reign.

At this time, anarchy begins to break out all over the world. When this begins to happen the communistic leaders, the ten horns, see that something is going wrong. They know that the thing that the people trusted in, the thing they've supported has begun to fall apart. They see the world order that's been set up is no longer able to stick together. It begins to come unglued. They begin to say, "This is our time." Right then God puts in the hearts of those ten nations to destroy the Vatican. God will put in their hearts to fulfill His will. (Revelation 17:16-18)

Verse 12: *"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."*

Verse 13: *"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 false prophet."*

Verse 14: *"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."*

The dragon is the devil himself. The beast is the incorporated beastly system that he has here on earth. This is just a furtherance of the fifth vial. These spirits that were confined to a certain region and to do a certain job are loosed. Notice that it says "the dragon." That's the devil himself. The beast is the ten horn system of Europe. The false prophet is the pope. This represents the complete system, and means that it goes out of control. The beast that the pope controls no longer obeys him, but becomes independent.

Even satan loses his grip (through the pope) on his subjects, as God begins to fulfill His Word. There's your unclean spirits like frogs.

This is a vision that John saw, but what better way to picture demons coming

out of the mouth of the dragon, the beast, and the false prophet, than by slimy frogs. Verse 14 says that it is spirits of devils. John couldn't see spirits, but these frogs typify spirits. It shows a breakdown of the beastly rule as these demons go forth into the Far East and work miracles. As they leave this beastly system and go into the Far East, they will unite the whole Far East together to bring them to the battle of Armageddon.

These devils go forth working miracles. These miracles are not healing the sick or raising the dead. These are political miracles. It would take a political miracle right now to unite the Far East, but these devils will do the job.

Let's refer to the blowing of the sixth trumpet and show you that it gears the world up for war. It puts the Far East in uniform. Revelation 9:13-15--*"And the sixth angel sounded, and I heard a voice from the four horns of the golden altar which is before God, Saying to the sixth angel which had the trumpet, Loose the four angels which are bound in the great Euphrates. And the four angels were loosed, which were prepared for an hour, and a day, and a month, and a year, for to slay the third part of men."*

Notice the Euphrates River. It's mentioned at the sounding of this sixth trumpet and at the pouring out of the sixth vial. In ancient times, the Euphrates River served as a natural barrier between the Middle East and the Far East. There were only certain times of the year that armies could cross because it was like quicksand and they would bog down, but we know that there's no natural river that can stop an army in this day of modern transportation. So the drying up of the river is symbolic. It's God removing the restraining power from the kings of the East that were not aligned with the beastly system of Western Europe. The Far East and the Orientals will not be affected very much by the beastly system that rules in Europe; nor will they be forced to take the mark of the beast or to worship his image. They are not, and never have been, part of the prophetic world. *"The kings of the East"* have their own brand of communism and it can not exist in a democracy type of government like Euro-Communism can.

Today there are three major brands of communism. First, there's the Russian brand. Secondly, there's the Oriental or Far Eastern brand. And thirdly, there's this latest brand, and it's called Euro-Communism, and it's mainly in Europe. The three brands of communism come to their end in the order that they are listed here. The Russian brand comes to its end as Russia is defeated in the land of Israel. Ezekiel chapters 38 and 39 show this brand of communism is destroyed as God fights for Israel just before the 70<sup>th</sup> week of Daniel begins.

The pouring out of the fifth and sixth vials brings these other two communistic forces together in the battle of Armageddon; but before this happens, the Catholic Church is fully restored back to power as we showed in the thirteenth chapter. As she's restored back, the ten horns of Western Europe and Euro-Communism submits to her and she rides the beast of Europe, even though the ten horns, by this time will be communistic in their hearts. They submit to this great whore, because she has the money and knows how to pull the strings. Revelation chapter 17 shows this woman riding this beast with seven heads and

ten horns; then it shows the beast turning against the great whore and hating her and burning her with fire. This is right at the end of the 70<sup>th</sup> week of Daniel. The same ten horns that the Catholic Church controls will destroy her as they unite under Euro-Communism, their so called super brand of communism, but God will never allow the world to be ruled by this communistic spirit. For just before this happens, the sixth angel pours out his vial and those demons, that up to this time have been confined to the beastly system of Europe, now have been loosed and have gone into the Far East and united the *"kings of the East"* to fight the ten horns and Euro-Communism, and are defeated by the ten horns as the Day of the Lord begins.

**Be sure to get this now: throughout the 70<sup>th</sup> week of Daniel, these kings of the East will be watching this beastly system. As soon as the ten horns of Euro-Communism burn the Vatican and begin to rule, the "kings of the East" will say, "It's our turn now." Then they lay plans to conquer the world, for God has those far eastern nations in reserve. When He calls for them, they'll march right into the Middle East to fight with these ten European kings and with those that make up part of the beastly system, and they will be defeated in the Valley of Megiddo by the ten horns of Europe. Then Christ and His Bride returns to earth and destroys the ten horns and their armies. That brings to an end communism once and for always. Revelation chapter 19 shows us how this all takes place. It's in detail there.**

Do you see the sixth trumpet and the sixth vial? The sixth trumpet will sound and will put an army in uniform. What will the sixth vial do? It completely looses those demons. It was an order. Those demons that were confined to a certain area are loosed. They go into the Far East to work miracles and unite those kings together. These demons work political miracles and unite them together for the Battle of Armageddon.

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

Thank God for that warning. I would to God that people could heed that warning. I would to God that people would realize that this hour is close at hand. The time is at hand for these things. The machinery has been in motion for the last sixty years. Even as far back as World War I and World War II, God began to set the end-time picture in motion. Even China, the sleeping giant in the Far East, has been awakened and geared up for war. You think we're not in the last days? Tell me how we could have another generation; tell me where there's anymore time left.

Verse 16: *"And He gathered them together into a place called in the Hebrew tongue Armageddon."*

That's the great battle of God. When this system won't hold together, these demons are loosed. **The beastly system in Europe will hold up until the end of the 70<sup>th</sup> week of Daniel. The Far East just keeps grumbling with one another and keeps gearing up for war. Today they think they're gearing up for war to**

**fight one another; but they're not. They're gearing up for war to fight those ten horns of Western Europe and their allies.**

There is one more vial. When this vial is poured out, it is poured out into the air and a voice says, "It is done."

Verse 17: *"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."*

Verse 18: *"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."*

This is the same earthquake that is spoken of under the sixth seal and at the sounding of the seventh trumpet; this is the literal fulfillment of it recorded here.

Verse 19: *"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."*

**Notice the judgment of God is being carried out. It's just a continuation of the judgment of Almighty God. The judgment that has already begun on Catholicism and Protestantism is complete here. These vials happen real close together. It's like having a brush pile and you pour one bowl of gasoline on it and it blazes big, and before it dies down you pour another on, and another, and etc., until seven bowls full of the wrath of God is poured out on the earth to finish up God's wrath.** The world is getting into shape for it to take place now. This seventh vial tells about Babylon coming into remembrance before God to give unto her the cup of the wine of the fierceness of the wrath of God. The seventeenth and eighteenth chapters tell us how God judges Babylon. Also, the **cities of the nations fell** at this time. Showing this vial is the worldwide judgment of God.

Verse 20: *"And every island fled away, and the mountains were not found."*

When this earthquake takes place, there will be literally chains of mountains that disappear. There will be islands that will disappear. What is it? It is God completely reshaping the surface of the earth for the millennium, just like He did in the days of Noah when He sent judgment upon the world.

Verse 21: *"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."*

There was not only a great earthquake, not only did the sun become black, not only all these great calamities, but hail stones began to fall out of heaven. The vial was poured out into the air and a voice said, "It is done." Watch what happened. All nature went into convulsions, the earth began to belch from within, mountains fell in, and islands disappeared. Not only that; but the realm of the atmosphere was affected because that was where the vial was poured out. Hail began to fall to the earth, such hail like men had never seen before. Can you see God ending this age and judging this world, and judging this generation that has rejected Him?

Now let's compare the seventh trumpet. Revelation 11:15--*"And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, the kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of His Christ; and He shall reign for ever and ever."*

This seventh trumpet opens up a time period, and it even gives in detail where God is going to carry this to when it starts. What this shows is that when it starts it isn't going to stop until God cleanses the earth, judges it, and raises from the dead those that were killed in the tribulation period. This takes place when Christ returns for the millennial reign. Revelation 11:18--*"And the nations were angry, and Thy wrath is come, and the time of the dead, that they should be judged, and that Thou shouldest give reward unto Thy servants the prophets, and to the saints, and them that fear Thy name, small and great; and shouldest destroy them which destroy the earth."*

Now, as we compare the seventh trumpet with the seventh vial, notice the resemblance. Revelation 11:19--*"And the temple of God was opened in heaven, and there was seen in His temple the ark of His testament: and there were lightnings and voices, and thunderings, and an earthquake, and great hail."* What happened under the seventh vial? Earthquake, great hail, thunderings, etc. Under the seventh trumpet and the seventh vial it goes over the same thing it did under the sixth seal because it all happens in that period of time that the blowing of the seventh trumpet opened up. It shows everything ending up after the 70<sup>th</sup> week of Daniel has run its course.

The first vial was poured out upon men and it caused great sores. The second vial turned the sea to blood. The third vial turned the river to blood. Under the fourth vial, the sun scorched men. Under the fifth vial, darkness and confusion was poured out upon the seat of the beast. Under the sixth vial, the River of Euphrates was symbolically dried up; and those nations that the sixth trumpet put into uniform marched into the Valley of Megiddo for the Battle of Armageddon. The seventh vial was poured out and a voice said, "This is all of it. This is all God's wrath. There's no more of it."

Now, before we close this chapter, I want to be sure you understand when this seventh vial is poured out, it's *after* the 70<sup>th</sup> week has ended. Six vials happened *just before* the 70<sup>th</sup> week ends. Then the Day of the Lord begins just after the seventh vial is poured out to finish the wrath of God. That's the sixth seal fulfilled. Amen.