

REVELATION 16:12-16 NOTES

SIXTH JUDGMENT:

Military Disaster
Armageddon

Up to this point the judgments have included:

- 1) Loss of Health – [Rev. 16:2](#)
- 2) Loss of Food – [Rev. 16.3](#)
- 3) Water Shortage – [Rev. 16:4-7](#)
- 4) Hot Wind, Epidemic – [Rev. 16:8-11](#)
- 5) Military Disaster – [Rev. 16:12-16](#)

Read [Dan. 11:36-45](#); [Matt. 24:15](#)

[Rev. 16:12](#) – The issue here is that the river no longer holds out the Kings of the East. This is an invasion of the land by the kings of the East.

[Rev. 16:13](#) – All these nations are potentially planning to destroy the Jews. This will be what is behind the King of the West, the Kings of the East, and the King of the North – all coming to Palestine, and upon Jerusalem. The reason for this is presented in [Dan.11](#); [Ezek.38, 39](#) and [Joel 2, 3](#). John here says, “*I see 3 unclean spirits*”. This means ruling demons, with the responsibility of going to the world rulers and seeking to persuade them to follow the satanic policy ([Dan.10:13](#)).

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NOTE THE THREE SOURCES TO REMOVE JESUS CHRIST:

1. This is the unholy trinity – the first is the DRAGON-WHO IS SATAN ([Rev. 12:9, 10](#)).
2. The 2nd is the *BEAST*, who is the Dictator of the Revived Roman Empire. The King of the West is presented in [Rev. 13](#).
We studied him previously:
 - He is the “*feet of the image*” ([Dan. 2](#)).
 - He is the “*little horn*” ([Dan. 7](#)).
 - He is the “*prince*” of [Dan. 9](#)
 - He is the “*man of sin*” ([II Thess. 2](#))
3. The third part of the Unholy Trinity is the False Prophet.
 - This is the dictator of Palestine
 - He is called “Dan the serpent” in [Gen. 49](#).
 - He is called the False Prophet in [Rev. 16:13, 19:20 and 20:10](#).
 - He is the “willful King” of [Dan. 11:36-44](#).

Conclusions:

The basis of this unholy trinity is *Satan* – He has two men working for him, and they don’t know it until they make an alliance:

- One is in Jerusalem. This is the *Beast out of the land* ([Rev. 13](#))
- The other is working for him in Rome, called the *beast out of the SEA*.
- So we have the Roman dictator, and the Jewish dictator.

When they get together, we have Satan’s plan to draw all nations into Palestine, because the union between Jerusalem and Rome (this alliance) immediately arouses the King of the North, the Kings of the East, and the King of the South to do something about it. SO THIS ALLIANCE BETWEEN JERUSALEM AND ROME, FOSTERED BY SATAN’S DEMONS, BECOMES THE VACUUM TO DRAW THESE NATIONS IN; THEN THE DAY OF THE 2ND ADVENT WILL TAKE PLACE.

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[Vs. 14](#) – *Spirits of demons* working miracles and emotional, non-perceptive folk (NO WORD PEOPLE), are *always* impressed with miracles, wooing personalities and exciting testimonies. The less people think (and know), the more they're impressed by that which they do not understand.

Note: How can there be survival, when there are 3 army groups in such a small area? The series of campaigns, or battles are:

1. The Battle of Jehoshaphat's valley
2. The Battle of Armageddon;
3. The siege of Jerusalem. Also, on one side of that area is the Mediterranean Sea.

Our next verse (Rev. 16:15) will give the answer to how they survive: *GOD AND HIS WORD!*

[Rev. 16:15](#) – A Promise for Believers

"Behold..." – *Idou* (Ἰδοὺ)

"...I come as a thief" – A metaphor for being taken by surprise in relationship to the 2nd Advent.

- Every born again Jew will be claiming promises and Biblical concepts.
- The people in the caves will stay and relax.
- To run means to be killed! To be in Jerusalem and surrender will be slaughtered. The folk who claim God's promises will survive beautifully.

"blessed" – Happiness belongs to those...

"watching" – Alert

"keeping garments" – Assigned to a military post and awake. If a person went to sleep while on guard duty, when the officer came by carrying a torch, he would place the torch to his clothes and the person would burn to death.

"keeping his garments" meant to stay awake and alert, *"lest the shame of indifference be revealed."*

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[Rev. 16:16](#) – “and they (demons) gathered them (armies) together into a place called in the Hebrew tongue, “hill of Megiddo-Armageddon”

This is the *military judgment* before the 2nd Advent.

The 7th Vial (drinking cup, bowl), each filled with the wrath of God; this is divine judgment, *ALL DIRECTED TOWARD RELIGION.*

Drinking cups in the Bible refer always to wrath or judgment.

[Matt. 26:39, 42](#) – Jesus drinking the cup.

[Matt. 20:22](#) – Jesus said to his disciples: “Do you think you can drink from the cup I drink from?” In ignorance, they said: YES”

Jesus actually drank God’s judgment upon the sins of the world. They were poured out upon Him and He drank from the goblet.

[John 5:22](#) – “For the Father judges no man, but hath committed all judgment unto the Son;”

AFTER JESUS DRANK, THEN HE NO LONGER DRINKS, BUT NOW POURS THE CUP (BOWL) UPON THE EARTH.

ONCE HE BECOMES THE JUDGE, HE JUDGES.

ON THE CROSS HE DRANK! NOW HE POURS – AND HE HAS THE RIGHT TO DO IT!