



**THE SEVEN BOWLS OF GOD’S WRATH
REVELATION CHAPTER 16 VERSE BY VERSE COMMENTARY**

SUMMARY OF REVELATION CHAPTER 16

Revelation 16 tells of the seven bowls of God’s Wrath on the Day of the Lord. The first angel went and poured out his bowl on the land, and ugly, festering sores broke out on the people who had the mark of the beast and worshiped its image. The second angel poured out his bowl on the sea, and it turned into blood like that of a dead person, and every living thing in the sea died.

An angel said: “You are just in these judgments, O Holy One, you who are and who were; for they have shed the blood of your holy people and your prophets, and you have given them blood to drink as they deserve.”

Then they gathered the kings together to the place that in Hebrew is called Armageddon. The seventh angel poured out his bowl into the air, and out of the temple came a loud voice from the throne, saying, “It is done!”



Seals, Trumpets and Bowls of Revelation

REVELATION CHAPTER 16 VERSE BY VERSE COMMENTARY

Rev 16:1 Then I heard a loud voice from the temple saying to the seven angels, “Go, pour out the seven bowls of God’s wrath on the earth.”

“Then I heard a loud voice from the temple saying to the seven angels,” In the judgment that God executes upon Satan, Baal and their followers, He fulfills the prophecies and promises of His word. The Mystery of God and all things now prepared, the angels next receive their instructions by one of the four living creatures mentioned in Revelation 15:7, dwelling in the temple, to deliver the seven bowls filled with the wrath of God.

Revelation 15:7 (NIV)

Then one of the four living creatures gave to the seven angels seven golden bowls filled with the wrath of God, who lives for ever and ever.

“Go, pour out the seven bowls of God’s wrath on the earth.” The seven bowls of wrath are poured out on the Day of the Lord. This has been foretold by many prophets.



Zephaniah 3:8 (NIV)

“Therefore wait for me,” declares the Lord, “for the day I will stand up to testify. I have decided to assemble the nations, to gather the kingdoms and to pour out my wrath on them—all my fierce anger. The whole world will be consumed by the fire of my jealous anger.”

FIRST TRUMPET AND FIRST BOWL OF WRATH ONE THIRD OF SOULS ON EARTH DAMAGED BY ISLAM

Rev 16:2 The first angel went and poured out his bowl on the land, and ugly, festering sores broke out on the people who had the mark of the beast and worshiped its image.

The first bowl matches to the first trumpet in Revelation 8:7.

Revelation 8:7 (NIV)

The first angel sounded his trumpet, and there came hail and fire mixed with blood, and it was hurled down on the earth. A third of the earth was burned up, a third of the trees were burned up, and all the green grass was burned up.

The first trumpet explains one third of the human souls taken and destroyed by Islam with the false gospel of the Qur'an. Since the seals and trumpets occur during the tribulation since the time of Mohammad, only one third of the earth was "burned up" and taken by Islam, since believers and other non-Islamic false religions (Hindu, atheists, Buddhists, etc) are also in the world. With the first bowl, all will have the sores, because believers are no subject to the wrath of God.

In the first trumpet, hail and fire mixed with blood was hurled down on the earth. In Revelation, hail represents angels. In the first trumpet, the hail is symbolic of Satanic angels thrown out of heaven down to earth. In the first bowl, all people left on earth after the rapture receive the festering sores on their souls. The false gospel of the Qur'an does not save anyone. The Qur'an denies that Jesus is the Son of God. The Qur'an denies that Jesus was crucified. The physical skin of the non-believers that pray to the Kaaba will also have festering sores as well, but the soul is most important.

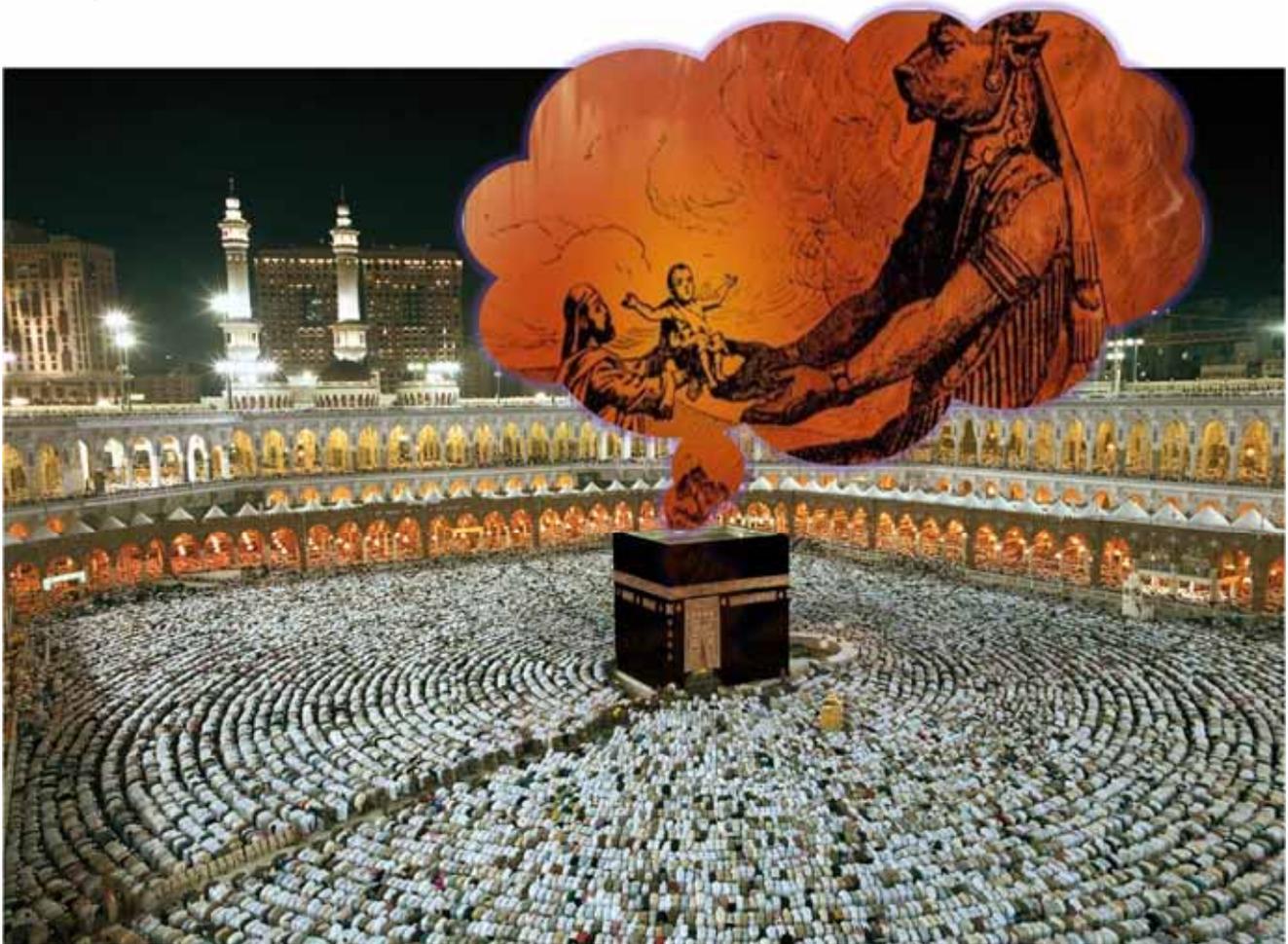


The first angel went and poured out his bowl on the land, and ugly, festering sores broke out on the people who had the mark of the beast and worshiped its image.
Revelation 16:2 (NIV)

SECOND TRUMPET AND SECOND BOWL OF WRATH THE “SEA”, THE SPIRITUAL WORLD, DAMAGED BY SATAN AND BAAL

Rev 16:3 The second angel poured out his bowl on the sea, and it turned into blood like that of a dead person, and every living thing in the sea died.

The second trumpet (Revelation 8:8-9) and second bowl deal with the “sea.” In Revelation the “sea” is the spiritual world. In the second trumpet, a huge mountain (Baal the beast sent down to Sheol) is sent into the sea. A mountain is used in the Old Testament to symbolize Babylon and Baal. The prophet Jeremiah (51:25) says to Babylon; *“I am against you, you destroying mountain, you who destroy the whole earth,” declares the Lord.”*



THE BEAST IS BAAL DWELLING IN THE KAABA

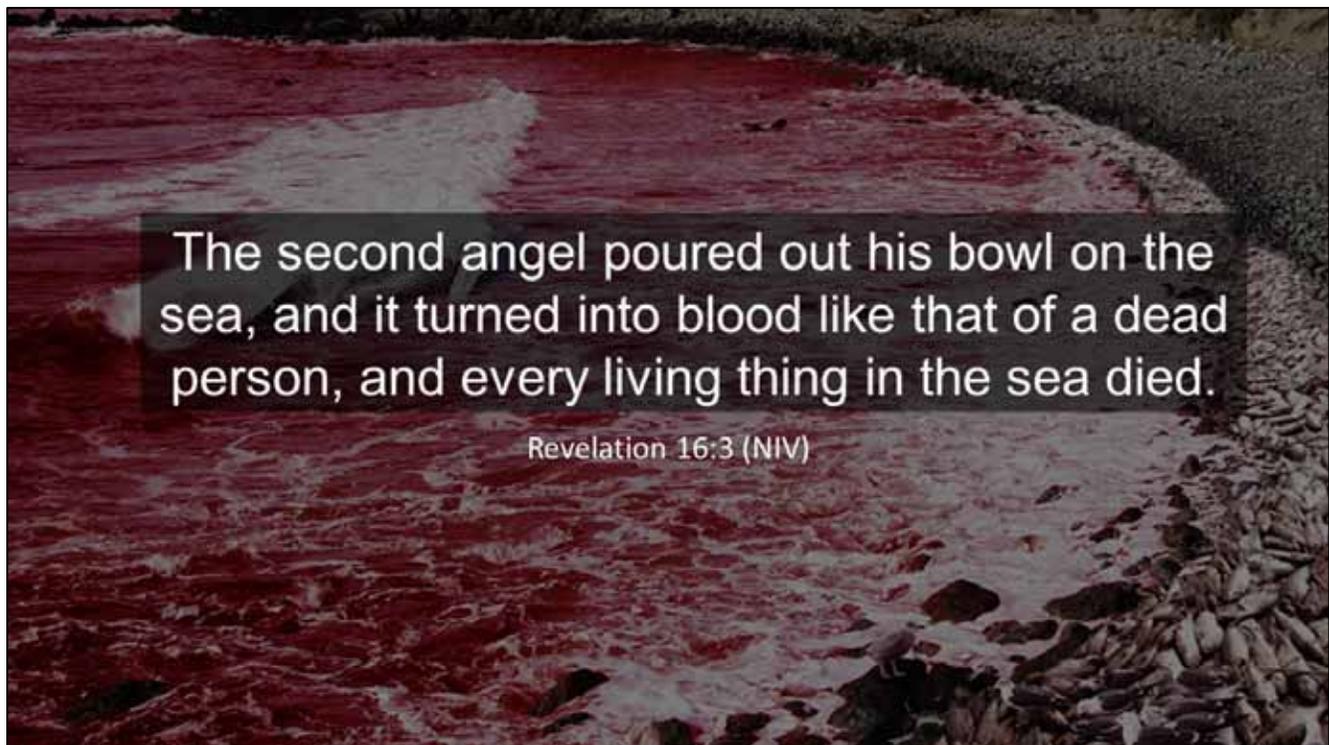
Babylon is like a burned-out mountain thrown down. With the second trumpet one third of the sea “dies” from one third of angels following the dragon Satan and the beast Baal. In the second bowl all of the sea “dies” as God withdraws all angels loyal to Him back to heaven, and the only angels left in the “sea” are loyal to the dragon and the beast.

God withdraws His Spirit and angels leaving the “sea” completely controlled by the dragon and beast. Thus all of the sea “dies.” The sea dies spiritually—which is the worst form of death. Recall that the trumpets point to the spiritual damage done to human hearts by the presence and preaching of false doctrine—the Qur’an.

Non believers holding to Qur’an false teachings results in the further darkening of minds and obscuring of God’s truth, his law and gospel. Satan and his allies work tirelessly to darken the counsel of God, depriving mankind of the one thing needful. Finally, God, in judgment, allows people to have more and more of what they show they want—something other than the true gospel.

Revelation 8:8-9 (NIV)

The second angel sounded his trumpet, and something like a huge mountain, all ablaze, was thrown into the sea. A third of the sea turned into blood, a third of the living creatures in the sea died, and a third of the ships were destroyed.



Job 34:14-16 (NIV)

If it were his intention and he withdrew his spirit and breath, all humanity would perish together and mankind would return to the dust. “If you have understanding, hear this; listen to what I say.”

The Holy Spirit is given to those in the body of Christ and to all who are willing to accept his influence. On the Day of the Lord, after giving ample warning, instruction, and invitation, God will, as a just judgment on the unbelieving and the impenitent, withdraw his Spirit and let them alone. Thus everything in the sea will die, as well as all non-believer’s souls.

THIRD TRUMPET AND THIRD BOWL OF WRATH SATAN POISONS THE “LIVING WATER” FROM JESUS WITH THE FALSE GOSPEL OF THE QUR’AN

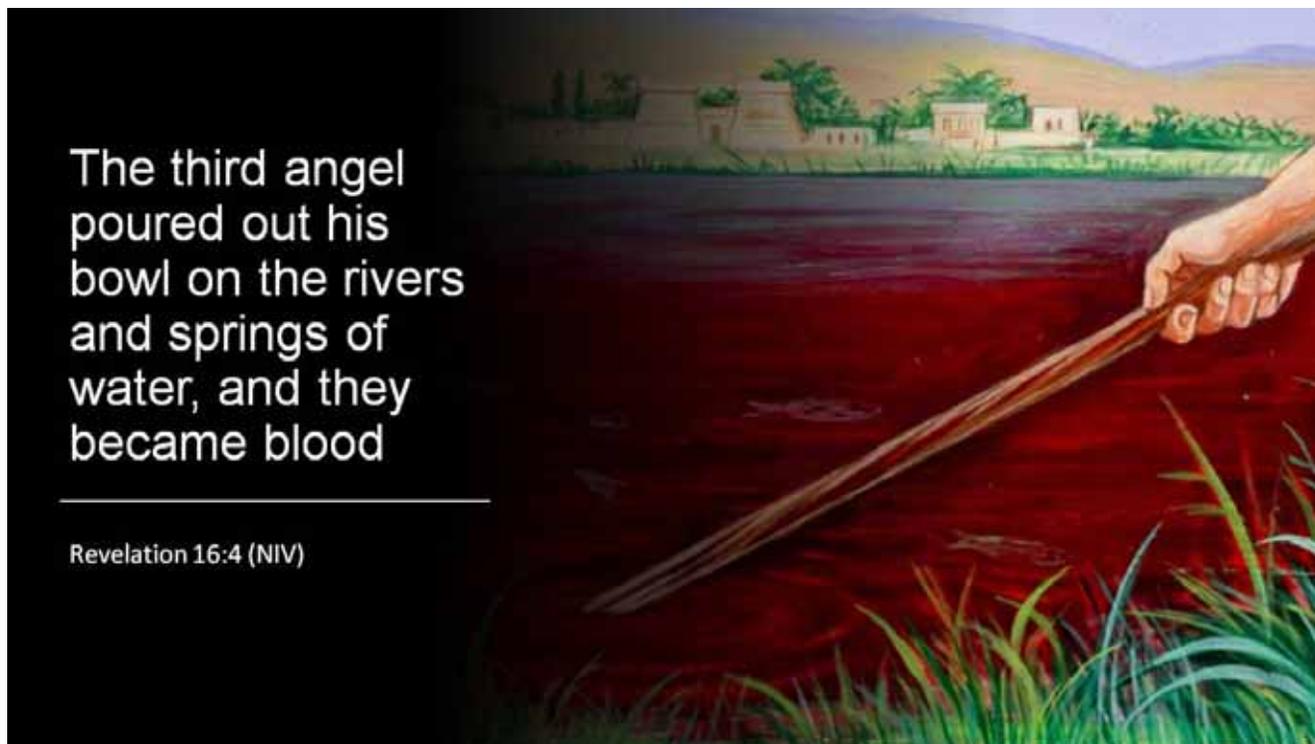
Rev 16:4 The third angel poured out his bowl on the rivers and springs of water, and they became blood.

Rev 16: 5 Then I heard the angel in charge of the waters say: “You are just in these judgments, O Holy One, you who are and who were;

Rev 16:6 for they have shed the blood of your holy people and your prophets, and you have given them blood to drink as they deserve.”

Rev 16:7 And I heard the altar respond: “Yes, Lord God Almighty, true and just are your judgments.”

The third trumpet and bowl deal with Satan being thrown to earth (a great star falling into the rivers of springs of fresh water) and his false gospel--the Qur’an was given to Mohammad. In the third trumpet, one third of souls are lost to Islam with the “bitter wormwood” of the false Qur’an. The bitter false doctrine is about Jesus only being messenger and not crucified. In the third bowl all are lost to the false gospel; none who follow the Qur’an will be saved. In the Day of the Lord during the third bowl all believers have been removed from earth, so only Satan’s false gospel is seen.



SATAN TAKES AWAY THE LIVING WATER GOSPEL OF JESUS WITH A FALSE STORY

JESUS GIVES LIVING WATER OF TRUTH

The prophet Zechariah spoke of living waters from Jerusalem after the Day of the Lord (Zechariah 14:6-9).

Zechariah 14:6-9 (NIV)

On that day there will be neither sunlight nor cold, frosty darkness. It will be a unique day—a day known only to the Lord—with no distinction between day and night. When evening comes, there will be light. On that day living water will flow out from Jerusalem, half of it east to the Dead Sea and half of it west to the Mediterranean Sea, in summer and in winter. The Lord will be king over the whole earth. On that day there will be one Lord, and his name the only name.

Ezekiel had the fullest vision when he beheld the stream which deepened and broadened in its onward progress from under the threshold of the house of God, and carried life in its train: everything lived where the water traveled (Ezekiel 47:1-6).

Ezekiel 47:1-6 (NIV)

The man brought me back to the entrance to the temple, and I saw water coming out from under the threshold of the temple toward the east (for the temple faced east). The water was coming down from under the south side of the temple, south of the altar. He then brought me out through the north gate and led me around the outside to the outer gate facing east, and the water was trickling from the south side.

As the man went eastward with a measuring line in his hand, he measured off a thousand cubits and then led me through water that was ankle-deep. He measured off another thousand cubits and led me through water that was knee-deep. He measured off another thousand and led me through water that was up to the waist. He measured off another thousand, but now it was a river that I could not cross, because the water had risen and was deep enough to swim in—a river that no one could cross. He asked me, “Son of man, do you see this?”

In Revelation 22, we see in the new heavenly Jerusalem the complete fulfillment of Old Testament prophecy of flowing water of salvation written about in Joel, Zechariah and Ezekiel. The Prophet Joel saw a fountain out of the house of the Lord (Joel 3:17-18).

Joel 3:17-18 (NIV)

“Then you will know that I, the Lord your God, dwell in Zion, my holy hill. Jerusalem will be holy; never again will foreigners invade her. “In that day the mountains will drip new wine, and the hills will flow with milk; all the ravines of Judah will run with water. A fountain will flow out of the Lord’s house and will water the valley of acacias.

Only those with their name in the Book of Life from the Lamb of God will drink of this heavenly water.

Revelation 22:1 Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, as clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb.

THE QUR'AN IS THE BITTER WORMWOOD WARNING IN REVELATION

Revelation 8:10-11 (NIV)

The third angel sounded his trumpet, and a great star, blazing like a torch, fell from the sky on a third of the rivers and on the springs of water—the name of the star is Wormwood. A third of the waters turned bitter, and many people died from the waters that had become bitter.

The Qur'an was revealed by a demonic spirit to Mohammad and gave him a false doctrine about Jesus. During the time period before the Day of the Lord Islam killed one third of all souls with the bitter wormwood of the Qur'an. On the Day of the Lord no one will be saved as all believers have been removed from earth.

EXAMPLES OF THE “BITTER WORMWOOD” OF THE QUR'AN

1. Allah falsely claims to offer “infinite grace.” The only grace is from Jesus. Qur'an 62:4; Such is Allah's grace that He bestows upon whomever He wills. Allah is Possessor of Infinite Grace.
2. Allah requires congregational worship on Friday afternoon—at the time Jesus died for our sins. Qur'an 62:9; O you who believe, when the Congregational Prayer (Salat Al-Jumu'ah) is announced on Friday, you shall hasten to the commemoration of Allah, and drop all business. This is better for you, if you only knew.
3. Allah says Jesus was not crucified. Qur'an 4:157; And for their saying, ‘Indeed, we have killed the Messiah, Jesus, the son of Mary, the messenger of Allah.’ And they did not kill him, nor did they crucify him; but another was made to resemble him to them. And indeed, those who differ over it are in doubt about it. They have no knowledge of it except the following of assumption. And they did not kill him, for certain.
4. Allah (Satan and Baal, the “we”) sends everyone to hell. Qur'an 19:70-71; And then We shall know well all those most worthy to be cast in Hell. There is not one of you but shall pass by Hell. This is a decree which your Lord will fulfill.
5. Allah offers no Son. Qur'an 10:67; They have said, "Allah has taken a son." Exalted is He; He is the one Free of need. To Him belongs whatever is in the heavens and whatever is in the earth. You have no authority for this claim. Do you say about Allah that which you do not know?
6. Allah offers no helpers. Qur'an 3:56; And as for those who disbelieved, I will punish them with a severe punishment in this world and the Hereafter, and they will have no helpers."
7. Allah says Jesus is not God. Quran 4:171; O People of the Book! Commit no excesses in your religion: Nor say of Allah aught but the truth. Christ Jesus the son of Mary was (no more than) a messenger of Allah, and His Word, which He bestowed on Mary, and a spirit proceeding from Him: so believe in Allah and His messengers. Say not "Trinity": desist: it will be better for you: for Allah is one Allah: Glory be to Him: far exalted is He above having a son. To Him belong all things in the heavens and on earth.

FOURTH TRUMPET AND FOURTH BOWL OF WRATH ONE THIRD OF ANGELS DECEIVED BY SATAN; THE REST ARE FAITHFUL TO GOD

Rev 16:8 The fourth angel poured out his bowl on the sun, and the sun was allowed to scorch people with fire.

Rev 16:9 They were seared by the intense heat and they cursed the name of God, who had control over these plagues, but they refused to repent and glorify him.



Revelation 8:12-13 (NIV)

The fourth angel sounded his trumpet, and a third of the sun was struck, a third of the moon, and a third of the stars, so that a third of them turned dark. A third of the day was without light, and also a third of the night. As I watched, I heard an eagle that was flying in midair call out in a loud voice: “Woe! Woe! Woe to the inhabitants of the earth, because of the trumpet blasts about to be sounded by the other three angels!”

In the fourth trumpet in the spiritual world, Satan took one third of the angels with him. Their lights went dark. On earth the false doctrine of the Qur’an took one third of souls with the bitter wormwood deceit.

In the fourth bowl all souls left on earth are scorched from the heat accompanying Jesus as He returns to earth. Their souls were seared by the intense heat as they prayed to the false god Allah of the Qur’an. While this is primarily a spiritual war, there is a physical human component as well.

GOD PROMISES TO MOVE THE EARTH ON THE DAY OF THE LORD DOES THIS ALLOW THE SUN TO SCORCH HUMANS IN THE FOURTH BOWL?

The fourth and fifth bowls can be literally fulfilled if the earth moves close to the sun and then far from the sun. Jesus tells us (Matthew 24:29-30 NIV) the sun will be dark, the moon will not give its light, heavenly bodies will be shaken, and stars will fall to earth on that day when he returns.

Matthew 24:29-30 NIV

“Immediately after the distress of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from the sky, and the heavenly bodies will be shaken. Then will appear the sign of the Son of Man in heaven.”

GOD PROMISES TO VIOLENTLY MOVE THE EARTH, AND ONCE AGAIN TO SHAKE THE HEAVENS

The prophets Isaiah, Haggai, and Job all say the on the Day of the Lord the earth will be moved and the heavens will change.

Isaiah 13:9-13 (ESV)

Behold, the day of the Lord comes, cruel, with wrath and fierce anger, to make the land a desolation and to destroy its sinners from it. For the stars of the heavens and their constellations will not give their light; the sun will be dark at its rising, and the moon will not shed its light.

I will punish the world for its evil, and the wicked for their iniquity; I will put an end to the pomp of the arrogant, and lay low the pompous pride of the ruthless. I will make people more rare than fine gold, and mankind than the gold of Ophir. Therefore I will make the heavens tremble, and the earth will be shaken out of its place, at the wrath of the Lord of hosts in the day of his fierce anger.

Haggai 2:6-8 (NIV)

“This is what the Lord Almighty says: ‘In a little while I will once more shake the heavens and the earth, the sea and the dry land. I will shake all nations, and what is desired by all nations will come, and I will fill this house with glory,’ says the Lord Almighty.

Job 9:6-8 (ESV)

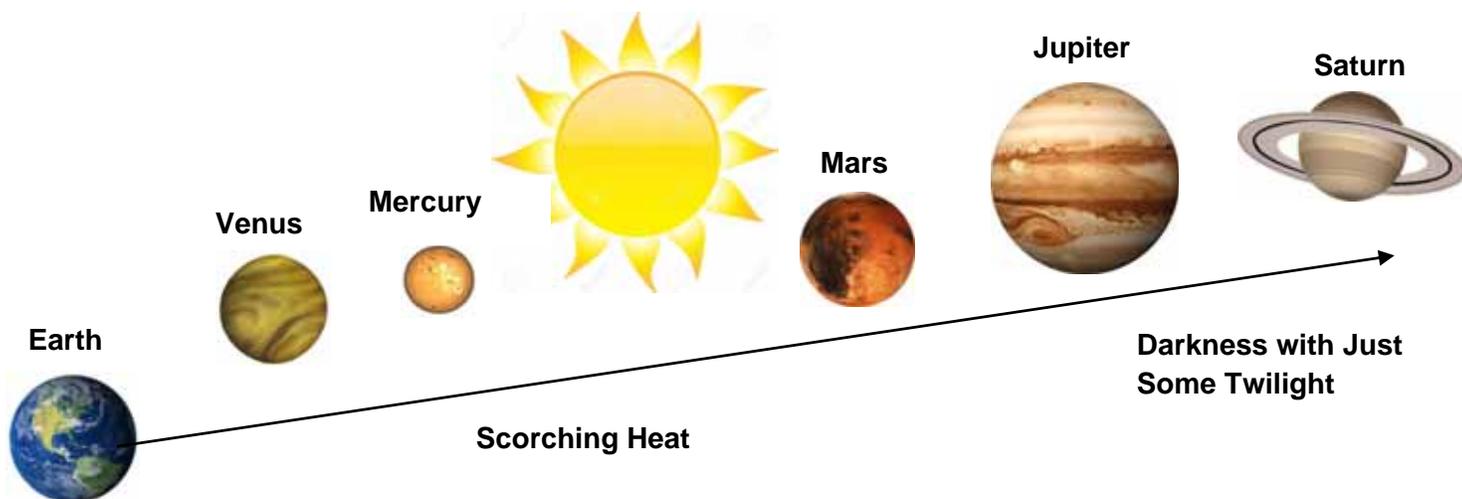
He shakes the earth from its place and makes its pillars tremble. He speaks to the sun and it does not shine; he seals off the light of the stars. He alone stretches out the heavens and treads on the waves of the sea.

Isaiah 24:19-23 (NIV)

The earth is broken up, the earth is split asunder, the earth is violently shaken. The earth reels like a drunkard, it sways like a hut in the wind; so heavy upon it is the guilt of its rebellion that it falls—never to rise again.

THE SUN WILL SEAR WITH INTENSE HEAT, AND THEN DARKNESS OVER THE EARTH

If we look at the above prophecy literally that the earth will move, then we can see in Revelation 16:8-11 the earth will first approach closer to the sun as nonbelievers are seared by its intense heat, and then move away from the sun into deep space as the nonbelievers are plunged into darkness. The earth will first move closer to Venus and Mercury towards the sun and then away from the sun towards the other side of the solar system to draw Mars, Jupiter and Saturn into the earth's huge gravitational field. This would exactly fulfill the twin prophecies of Revelation 16:8-11, and in the correct order.



THE SUN AND MOON WILL NOT GIVE THEIR LIGHT

The Bible tells us on this unique day the sun and moon will not give their light. (Joel 2:31, Matthew 24:29, Isaiah 24:23, Mark 13:24, Isaiah 13:10, Joel 2:10, Ezekiel 32:7-8, Luke 21:25, Zechariah 14:6) The earth's gravitational field would easily pull the moon into the earth, or the earth will just speed away from the moon--first inward towards the sun and then outward away from the sun.

In that day the Lord will punish the powers in the heavens above and the kings on the earth below. They will be herded together like prisoners bound in a dungeon; they will be shut up in prison and be punished after many days.

The moon will be dismayed, the sun ashamed; for the Lord Almighty will reign on Mount Zion and in Jerusalem, and before its elders—with great glory.

Venus is always brighter than any star. It is at its brightest when the Venus distance from Earth is the smallest. The planet can be easy to see when the Sun is low on the horizon, it always lies about 47° from the Sun. The planet orbits faster than the Earth, so overtakes it every 584 days. When this happens Venus is more easily seen in the morning, just after sunrise. That is why Venus is called the bright morning star.

HOW FAST WOULD THE EARTH NEED TO TRAVEL? CAN ONE DAY EQUAL 1,000 YEARS?

We can use the equations of Albert Einstein to solve for a precise calculation of space and time. We can calculate the exact speed required for 1,000 year to equal 1 day. Albert Einstein's special relativity, a way of relating the motion of objects in the universe, led scientists to re-evaluate their assumptions about things as fundamental as time and space. And it led to important revelations about the relationship between energy and matter.

Time is not absolute, for example. A moving clock ticks more slowly than a stationary one. Travel exactly at the speed of light and, theoretically, the clock would stop altogether. Travel very close to the speed of light and 1,000 years is the same as 1 day!!!

When God moves or shakes the earth from its foundation (meaning out of its orbit fixed around the sun since the time of creation), and if God then moves the earth past the sun and sets the velocity at 0.9999999999962519 times the speed of light, exactly 1,000 years will pass for those stationary believers in heaven with Christ, exactly 1,000 years will pass for Satan in his stationary abyss prison, and yet exactly only one 24 hour day will pass on the fast moving earth. In addition, at this speed the earth would have near infinite mass and a near infinite gravitational field. It would pull all objects along its path--including planetary stars--into itself and yet suffer little damage.

Since the earth is moving at near the speed of light for 1,000 years, the earth will travel about 1,000 light years from its original reference point during the day on earth.

The average distance from earth to Venus is about 70 million miles. At the new speed it would take earth about 6 minutes to reach Venus. Mercury is about 31 million miles from Venus. It would take earth another 3 minutes to reach Mercury. When the earth is briefly near Mercury and Venus the temperature on earth would be very hot for those minutes, thus causing the searing heat of Revelation 16:8-11. Then the earth would be plunged in darkness as it sped away from the sun moving to the other side of the solar system.

The distance from Mercury to Mars is about 105 million miles. It would take 9 minutes to reach Mars. Next from Mars the earth would fly past Jupiter. The distance from Mars to Jupiter is 342 million miles. This travel would take 29 minutes. Finally, as the earth flew past Saturn the distance from Jupiter to Saturn is another 401 million miles. This part of the trip would take 33 minutes. Thus in 80 minutes, the earth would move about 950 million miles. In little over an hour on this unique day the moon would not give its light, the sun would not give its light and the stars would fall to earth. By the time the earth was at Saturn, the amount of sunlight would be 1% of that at normal earth orbit, so the earth would be plunged in darkness, with just a bit of twilight. Just as the Bible says.

The amount of energy required to move the earth this fast on this trip is near infinity---meaning almost as much as that which exists in the full universe. It would be like a second creation by the hand of God. This would be a miracle, but consistent with God's promise; "In a little while I will once more shake the heavens and the earth, the sea and the dry land." (Haggai 2:6-8 (NIV))

FIFTH TRUMPET AND FIFTH BOWL OF WRATH THE DEMONIC ANGELS RELEASED FROM THE ABYSS, BAAL AND MECCA

Rev 16:10 The fifth angel poured out his bowl on the throne of the beast, and its kingdom was plunged into darkness. People gnawed their tongues in agony

Rev 16:11 and cursed the God of heaven because of their pains and their sores, but they refused to repent of what they had done.

The fifth trumpet and bowl deal with demonic spirits released from the Abyss with Baal the beast and inhabit the great city of Mecca. In the fifth trumpet, millions upon millions of demons are freed from the Abyss along with Baal. When Baal is released from the Abyss, this is the “fatal wound that was healed” of Revelation 13:3. In the fifth bowl, the entire kingdom and throne of Baal in Mecca and the Kaaba is turned dark on the Day of the Lord as their punishment begins.

Revelation 9:1-6 (NIV)

The fifth angel sounded his trumpet, and I saw a star that had fallen from the sky to the earth. The star was given the key to the shaft of the Abyss. When he opened the Abyss, smoke rose from it like the smoke from a gigantic furnace. The sun and sky were darkened by the smoke from the Abyss.

And out of the smoke locusts came down on the earth and were given power like that of scorpions of the earth. They were told not to harm the grass of the earth or any plant or tree, but only those people who did not have the seal of God on their foreheads. They were not allowed to kill them but only to torture them for five months. And the agony they suffered was like that of the sting of a scorpion when it strikes. During those days people will seek death but will not find it; they will long to die, but death will elude them.

The Bible tells us the beast is from the “Abyss.” Another Biblical name for the Abyss is “Sheol.” Sheol is where angels and souls lie before judgment day. The beast of Revelation is not a human. It is not a man. It is a demonic prince. It is a specific demonic prince. It is connected to, but is not itself Satan. To understand the beast of Revelation we must look to Scripture. The beast of Revelation and Satan are opposed to Christ and the Gospel truth. Paul tells us in Ephesians chapter 6 that our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but rather “the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.”

Ephesians 6:10-12 (NIV)

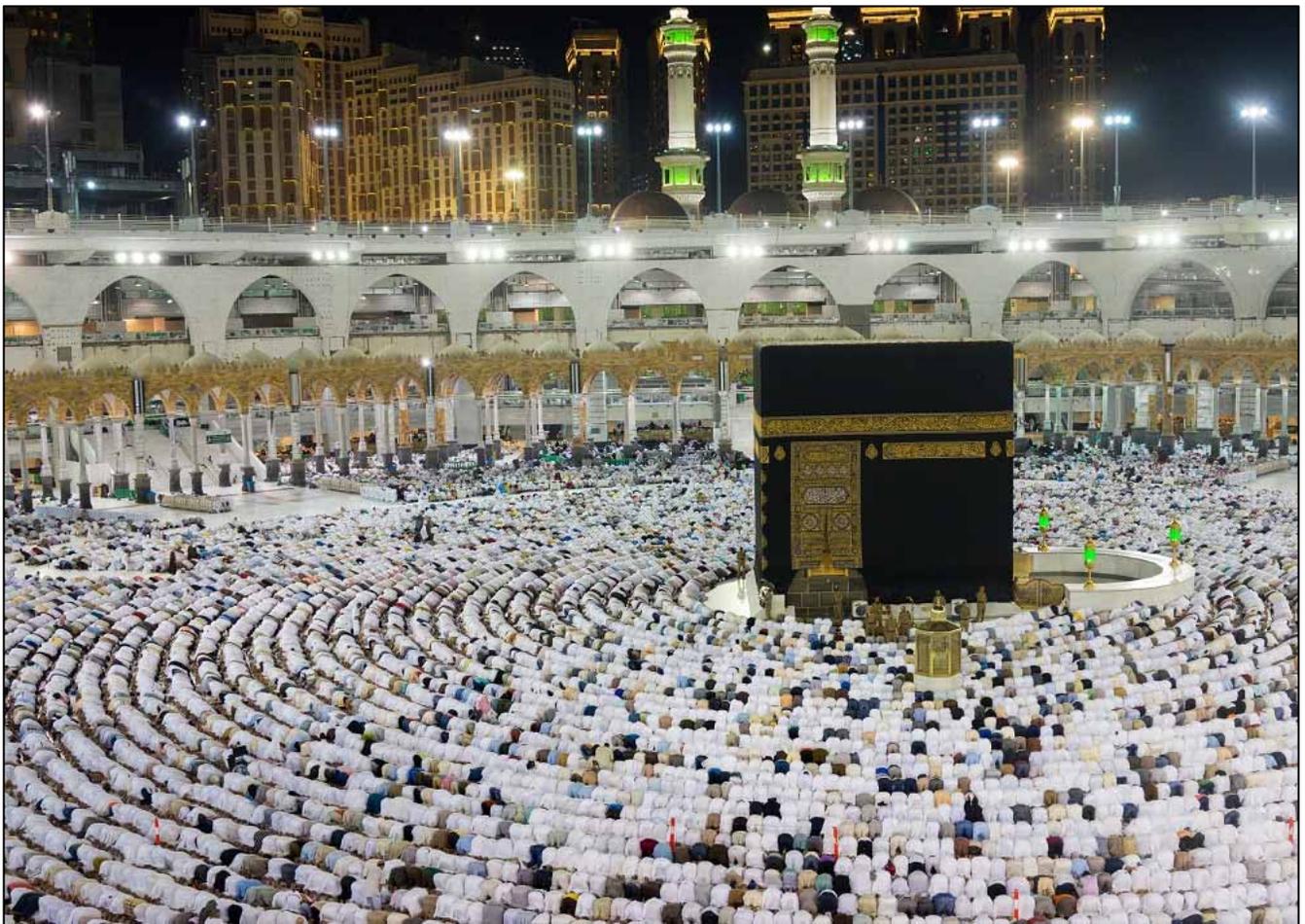
Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil’s schemes. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.

John tells us in Revelation chapter 17 that the beast will come from the “Abyss” meaning the spiritual realm. Since the beast is also described as coming out of the sea in Revelation chapter 13, this means the “sea” in Revelation must mean the spiritual realm and not the visible earthly human

population. The dragon is Satan and is controlling or closely connected to the beast. Satan gives "his power and his throne and great authority" to the beast. The beast (Baal) then controls many demons- or fallen angels.

Revelation 13:1-3 (NIV)

The dragon stood on the shore of the sea. And I saw a beast coming out of the sea. It had ten horns and seven heads, with ten crowns on its horns, and on each head a blasphemous name. The beast I saw resembled a leopard, but had feet like those of a bear and a mouth like that of a lion. The dragon gave the beast his power and his throne and great authority. One of the heads of the beast seemed to have had a fatal wound, but the fatal wound had been healed. The whole world was filled with wonder and followed the beast.



IN THE FIFTH BOWL THE THRONE OF BAAL WILL BE PLUNGED INTO DARKNESS

In the fifth bowl the non-believing humans left on earth will not recognize the true God. In vain, they will pray to Allah (the dragon) and direct their prayers to the Kaaba, where the beast Baal dwells. They will be plunged into two types of darkness. Their souls will be dark without the Holy Spirit and love of Jesus. As the earth moves away from the sun their physical throne in Mecca will be dark from lack of sunlight as well.

SIXTH TRUMPET AND SIXTH BOWL OF WRATH DEMONS PREPARE FOR THE FINAL BATTLE ON THE DAY OF THE LORD

Rev 16:12 The sixth angel poured out his bowl on the great river Euphrates, and its water was dried up to prepare the way for the kings from the East.

Rev 16:13 Then I saw three impure spirits that looked like frogs; they came out of the mouth of the dragon, out of the mouth of the beast and out of the mouth of the false prophet.

Rev 16:14 They are demonic spirits that perform signs, and they go out to the kings of the whole world, to gather them for the battle on the great day of God Almighty.

Rev 16:15 “Look, I come like a thief! Blessed is the one who stays awake and remains clothed, so as not to go naked and be shamefully exposed.”

Rev 16:16 Then they gathered the kings together to the place that in Hebrew is called Armageddon.

The sixth trumpet references the river Euphrates. The sixth trumpet and bowl deal with demonic spirits moving past the “Euphrates river” spiritual boundary as they get ready for the final battle with Jesus Christ. In the sixth trumpet, demonic spirits kill one third of souls. In the sixth bowl the Euphrates river spiritual boundary is “dried up” and wide open for demons to cross. Jesus signals that his return is imminent.

Revelation 9:13-21 (NIV)

The sixth angel sounded his trumpet, and I heard a voice coming from the four horns of the golden altar that is before God. It said to the sixth angel who had the trumpet, “Release the four angels who are bound at the great river Euphrates.” And the four angels who had been kept ready for this very hour and day and month and year were released to kill a third of mankind. The number of the mounted troops was twice ten thousand times ten thousand. I heard their number.

The horses and riders I saw in my vision looked like this: Their breastplates were fiery red, dark blue, and yellow as sulfur. The heads of the horses resembled the heads of lions, and out of their mouths came fire, smoke and sulfur. A third of mankind was killed by the three plagues of fire, smoke and sulfur that came out of their mouths. The power of the horses was in their mouths and in their tails; for their tails were like snakes, having heads with which they inflict injury.

The rest of mankind who were not killed by these plagues still did not repent of the work of their hands; they did not stop worshiping demons, and idols of gold, silver, bronze, stone and wood—idols that cannot see or hear or walk. Nor did they repent of their murders, their magic arts, their sexual immorality or their thefts.

HOW DOES A DEMONIC SPIRIT COME OUT OF THE MOUTH OF THE FALSE PROPHET MOHAMMAD? THE WORDS OF THE QUR'AN ARE FROM THE FALSE PROPHET'S MOUTH

The false doctrine of the Qur'an was given to Mohammad by a demonic spirit calling himself "Gabriel" from 610 to 632 AD. Mohammad died in 632, so how does a demonic spirit come out of his mouth on the Day of the Lord?



Then I saw three impure spirits that looked like frogs; they came out of the mouth of the dragon, out of the mouth of the beast and out of the mouth of the false prophet.

Revelation 16:13 (NIV)

During the sixth bowl, the demonic kings will follow Satan and the beast, and will be controlled by their demons. Unaided by the influence of the Holy Spirit because they committed the unpardonable sin, they will join with the devil and attempt to destroy Jesus when He appears. This is a fact: The sinful nature would rather destroy God than surrender to His authority. They will quote the Qur'an.

THE QUR'AN MEANS TO "RECITE"

The word "recite" means repeat aloud from an open mouth a poem or passage from memory before an audience. The Qur'an is a word to be heard; in fact, the word Qur'an means "recitation." Islam believes the angel Gabriel commanded Mohammad to recite the words he was given. Before the written verses were collected into the book called the Qur'an, the passages were preserved in the memory of those that could recite the words that first came out of the false prophet's mouth.

Today, one can also learn and hear Qur'anic recitation online, from a variety of different sources. Youtube, in particular, has proven to be an extremely useful medium for transmitting the Qur'an, allowing listeners around the world to hear celebrated recitations by notable figures as the Egyptian singer, Abdel Halim Hafez, and sincere renderings by unnamed followers and students of the Qur'an. Since this is a false doctrine about Jesus, every recitation from the Qur'an is accompanied by a demonic spirit controlled by the dragon and beast.

WHERE IS ARMAGEDDON IN REVELATION 16:16? BAAL AND MOUNT CARMEL

“Then they gathered the kings together to the place that in Hebrew is called Armageddon.”

Armageddon is in the Jezreel Valley near Mt. Carmel and Megiddo. Once we understand that Baal is the beast we can see why the Bible says where Armageddon is located. Baal is coming back to his favorite place! Mount Carmel is on the southern side of the Valley of Jezreel. This is the place where Elijah challenged the Baal worshipers to a contest establishing the fact the "Lord, He is the God, the Lord, He is the God."

1 Kings 18:18-21 (NIV)

“I have not made trouble for Israel,” Elijah replied. “But you and your father’s family have. You have abandoned the Lord’s commands and have followed the Baals. Now summon the people from all over Israel to meet me on Mount Carmel. And bring the four hundred and fifty prophets of Baal and the four hundred prophets of Asherah, who eat at Jezebel’s table.”

So Ahab sent word throughout all Israel and assembled the prophets on Mount Carmel. Elijah went before the people and said, “How long will you waver between two opinions? If the Lord is God, follow him; but if Baal is God, follow him.”



ELIJAH CALLS DOWN FIRE FROM HEAVEN AT MT. CARMEL—BAAL COULD NOT

1 Kings 18:38-39 (NIV)

Then the fire of the Lord fell and burned up the sacrifice, the wood, the stones and the soil, and also licked up the water in the trench. When all the people saw this, they fell prostrate and cried, “The Lord—he is God! The Lord—he is God!”

The text of Revelation 16:16 explicitly says that this word is Hebrew and thus must be read as "Har magedon" which is literally, "Mountain of Megiddo". As any map or geography of Israel shows, the town of Megiddo is on a plain in the Jezreel Valley but its closest mountain is Mount Carmel.



JEZREEL VALLEY LOOKING FROM NAZARETH RIDGE

The most probable allusion is to the incident in 1 Kings 18 where Elijah and Ahab created the great contest of the Gods and the one who answered by fire was the true God. It was here that the people turned back to God and the prophets of Baal were defeated. This is a good parallel to the material under the sixth bowl of Revelation. Since Baal is the beast this makes perfect sense. Mount Megiddo refers to Mount Carmel, at the foot of which lay the Plain of Megiddo, which was well known to every Jew as a gathering place for hostile hosts and as the scene of many battles.



JEZREEL VALLEY LOOKING FROM MOUNT CARMEL--SATAN AND BAAL WILL RETURN

“IT IS DONE”; JESUS RETURNS AND JUDGMENT DAY BEGINS

Rev 16:17 The seventh angel poured out his bowl into the air, and out of the temple came a loud voice from the throne, saying, “It is done!”

Rev 16:18 Then there came flashes of lightning, rumblings, peals of thunder and a severe earthquake. No earthquake like it has ever occurred since mankind has been on earth, so tremendous was the quake.

Rev 16:19 The great city split into three parts, and the cities of the nations collapsed. God remembered Babylon the Great and gave her the cup filled with the wine of the fury of his wrath.

Rev 16:20 Every island fled away and the mountains could not be found.

Rev 16:21 From the sky huge hailstones, each weighing about a hundred pounds, fell on people. And they cursed God on account of the plague of hail, because the plague was so terrible.

“The seventh angel poured out his bowl into the air.” Unlike the other bowls, the seventh is poured into the air. The seventh angel poured out his bowl upon the atmospheric heavens. Atmospheric heavens (“air”) are the abode of Satan and his demons, as Paul tells us in Ephesians 2:2.

Ephesians 2:1-2 (NIV)

As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient.

“The great city split into three parts, and the cities of the nations collapsed. God remembered Babylon the Great and gave her the cup filled with the wine of the fury of his wrath.” The great city is Mecca. Mecca now received the punishments described in more detail in Revelation chapters 17-19. Mecca is destroyed in one hour. (Revelation 18:10)

“Every island fled away and the mountains could not be found.” Literal fulfillment of Isaiah 24:19-23; (*The earth is broken up, the earth is split asunder, the earth is violently shaken. The earth reels like a drunkard, it sways like a hut in the wind; so heavy upon it is the guilt of its rebellion that it falls—never to rise again.*)

“From the sky huge hailstones, each weighing about a hundred pounds, fell on people. And they cursed God on account of the plague of hail, because the plague was so terrible.” As God levels the earth large rocks will fly. In Revelation, hail represents angels. The most powerful angels are from God, so they weigh 100 pounds.

THE NATIONS (DEMONS) ARE ANGRY THAT THEIR TIME HAS COME

The seventh bowl is similar to the seventh trumpet. In the seventh trumpet we see that the spiritual world is angry that their judgment has come. The humans are angry—but so are the demons! When being cast out by Jesus in Matthew chapter 8, the demons wondered if their time had come.

Matthew 8:29 (NIV)

What do you want with us, Son of God?" they shouted. "Have you come here to torture us before the appointed time?"

Now the appointed time that the demons were asking Jesus about has come to fulfillment.

Revelation 11:15-19 (NIV)

The seventh angel sounded his trumpet, and there were loud voices in heaven, which said: "The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Messiah, and he will reign for ever and ever." And the twenty-four elders, who were seated on their thrones before God, fell on their faces and worshiped God, saying: "We give thanks to you, Lord God Almighty, the One who is and who was, because you have taken your great power and have begun to reign.

The nations were angry, and your wrath has come. The time has come for judging the dead, and for rewarding your servants the prophets and your people who revere your name, both great and small—and for destroying those who destroy the earth." Then God's temple in heaven was opened, and within his temple was seen the ark of his covenant. And there came flashes of lightning, rumblings, peals of thunder, an earthquake and a severe hailstorm.

"The nations were angry, and your wrath has come." In Revelation 11:18, the Greek word "ethne" was used and translated as "nations."

Likewise, in Revelation chapter 20 the Greek word used twice for "nations" is "**ethne**." But in Revelation chapter 22, (22:2b *"And the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations."*) the Greek word for "nations" is "**ethnon**." The clear meaning in Revelation 22 is for the healing of humans, really their souls. Since all unsaved humans are killed at the end of chapter 19, who does Satan deceive in chapter 20 when he is released from the Abyss after the thousand years? **In Revelation 20, and Revelation 11, does the word "nations" mean humans, insects, beasts or other detestable creatures (demons) in a vast multitude?**

"Ethne" and "ethnon" Greek words are derived from "ethnos", and this gives rise to the English word "ethnicity." But in Greek, the words related to "ethnos" can have multiple meanings. These are lost when simply translated to the English "nations", whereby "nations" means a collection of humans.

There is a much broader use of the Greek words "ethnos" and "ethne" than what is usually taught. It can mean much more than just groups of people or human populations with similar characteristics. Often in the Bible the words "ethnos" and "ethne" can have a derogatory and sinful meaning as well. "Ethne" can mean a host of men; also of animals, swarms, herds, flocks, beasts, demons or insects.

THE SEVEN BOWLS OF WRATH ON THE DAY OF THE LORD

When the seven bowl judgments are released there are no more believers left on earth. The believing Christians have been raptured prior to the bowl judgments. The believers were in the tribulation under the seals and trumpets. The seals and trumpets show the impact of Islam on the world. Because the Christians have been raptured, all the bowl judgments are on 100% of the human population.

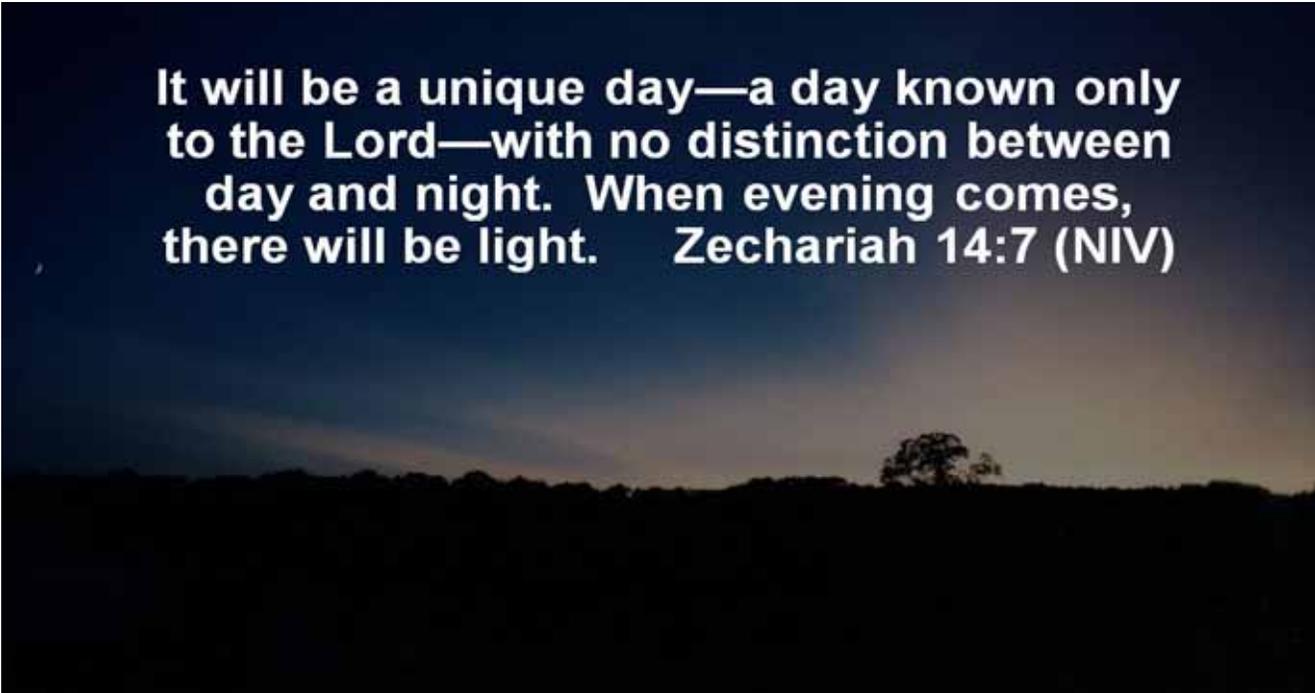
The “Day of the Lord” occurs after the rapture of believers. The phrase is used directly in the Old Testament some 25 times, and another 40-50 or so by indirect reference. The prominent theme of every *Day of the Lord* prophecy is God’s judgment of unbeliever’s sin. It is God’s day—not Satan’s day. God already knows this unique day. But it will not be a happy day for the unbelievers left on earth. Between the Old and New Testaments, the Day of the Lord is referred to directly or indirectly at least 70-80 times by many different authors. This event will be a complete surprise.

Amos 5:18-20 (NIV)

Woe to you who long for the day of the Lord! Why do you long for the day of the Lord? That day will be darkness, not light. It will be as though a man fled from a lion only to meet a bear, as though he entered his house and rested his hand on the wall only to have a snake bite him. Will not the day of the Lord be darkness, not light— pitch-dark, without a ray of brightness?

Zechariah 14:5-7 (NIV)

Then the Lord my God will come, and all the holy ones with him. On that day there will be neither sunlight nor cold, frosty darkness. It will be a unique day—a day known only to the Lord—with no distinction between day and night. When evening comes, there will be light.



It will be a unique day—a day known only to the Lord—with no distinction between day and night. When evening comes, there will be light. Zechariah 14:7 (NIV)

Matthew 24:29-30 (NIV)

Jesus said: “Immediately after the distress of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from the sky, and the heavenly bodies will be shaken. Then will appear the sign of the Son of Man in heaven. And then all the peoples of the earth will mourn when they see the Son of Man.”

Luke 17: 26-35 (NIV)

Jesus said: “Just as it was in the days of Noah, so also will it be in the days of the Son of Man. People were eating, drinking, marrying and being given in marriage up to the day Noah entered the ark. Then the flood came and destroyed them all.

It was the same in the days of Lot. People were eating and drinking, buying and selling, planting and building. But the day Lot left Sodom, fire and sulfur rained down from heaven and destroyed them all.

It will be just like this on the day the Son of Man is revealed. On that day no one who is on the housetop, with possessions inside, should go down to get them. Likewise, no one in the field should go back for anything. Remember Lot’s wife! Whoever tries to keep their life will lose it, and whoever loses their life will preserve it. I tell you, on that night two people will be in one bed; one will be taken and the other left. Two women will be grinding grain together; one will be taken and the other left.”

PAUL INDICATES THE DAY OF THE LORD, RESURRECTION OF BELIEVERS AND RAPTURE OCCUR AT THE SAME TIME

Jesus is returning soon. The Christians have endured the tribulation of the seals and trumpets since the Qur’an was revealed to Mohammad the false prophet. But believing Christians will not endure the wrath of God in the bowl judgments. Many events will occur on this special day the Bible calls “The Day of the Lord.” Most of the world is distracted today, but Paul tells us in 1 Thessalonians 5; *“you know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night.”* All must be prepared for the Day of the Lord. It will be sudden and unexpected.

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 (NIV)

Brothers and sisters, we do not want you to be uninformed about those who sleep in death, so that you do not grieve like the rest of mankind, who have no hope. For we believe that Jesus died and rose again, and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him. According to the Lord’s word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep.

For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

BELIEVING CHRISTIANS WILL NOT SEE THE WRATH OF GOD

The wrath of God is not the same as the tribulation. Jesus said we would all face tribulation (the seals and the trumpets), but not to worry as Jesus has overcome the world. The Bible also says Christians will not face the wrath of God (the bowl judgments).

John 16:33 (NASB)

These things I have spoken to you, so that in Me you may have peace. In the world you have tribulation, but take courage; I have overcome the world."



Many dispensational prophecy experts teach a rapture will occur before the tribulation, confusing the tribulation with the wrath of God. The "Pre-Tribulation Rapture" view is a source of comfort for many Christians who are nervous about what is taking place in the world. It's comforting to think about how all our troubles could end at any moment with the rapture.

Some of the most persuasive items that seem to favor the pre-tribulation rapture view are several verses that state that Christians are not appointed to "wrath." For instance, Paul in 1 Thessalonians 5:9-10 states that Christians are not appointed to wrath:

1 Thessalonians 5:9-10 (NIV)

For God did not appoint us to suffer wrath but to receive salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. He died for us so that, whether we are awake or asleep, we may live together with him.

There are at least two other Bible verses which promise that Christians will not endure “wrath”.

Romans 5:8-11 (NIV)

But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God’s wrath through him! For if, while we were God’s enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life! Not only is this so, but we also boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

1 Thessalonians 1:9-10 (NIV)

for they themselves report what kind of reception you gave us. They tell how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the coming wrath.

Many followers of the pre-tribulation rapture believe that the tribulation is same as God’s wrath on the wicked. Therefore, the rapture must take place before the tribulation since Christians are not subject to wrath. But this line of thinking is not Biblically correct.

Many people assume that the three passages listed above mean that Christians are not subject to any wrath. This is true. Christians are not subject to the wrath of God. However, few are aware that the Greek language distinguishes between different types of wrath mainly using the words “orge” and “thumos.”

The difference between the two terms is the nature of the wrath. Thumos represents a temporary surge of anger that will rise and quickly subside. Orge represents anger that lasts for a prolonged period. Thumos is the wrath that God will exhibit against the wicked as they refuse to respond to efforts encouraging them to repent. Orge is God’s longstanding wrath against the wicked, who He will punish with lasting consequences (i.e. eternity in the lake of fire).

The word orge appears in 1 Thessalonians 5:9-10, Romans 5:8-10, and 1 Thessalonians 1:9-10, so orge is the type of wrath that Christians are not subject to. Therefore, Christians are not subject to God’s deliberate, long-standing wrath against the wicked.

The tribulation is not the orge wrath of God. Instead, the tribulation, (trials, trouble, persecution, or affliction) is “*thlipsis*” in Greek.

1 Thessalonians 3:3-4 (NIV)

so that no one would be unsettled by these trials [“*thlipsis*”]. For you know quite well that we are destined for them. In fact, when we were with you, we kept telling you that we would be persecuted. And it turned out that way, as you well know.

This is also used in Mark 13:19; “*For in those days shall be affliction [thlipsis], such as was not from the beginning of the creation which God created unto this time, neither shall be.*”

THE WRATH OF GOD IN THE BOWL JUDGMENTS

Revelation 15:1 indicates that the bowl judgments (or vial judgments) will finish or complete the wrath of God.

Revelation 15:1 (NIV)

I saw in heaven another great and marvelous sign: seven angels with the seven last plagues—last, because with them God’s wrath is completed.

This verse causes some to think the bowl judgments and, by default, the events that take place before them (seals are in the human realm and trumpets are in the spiritual realm) are part of the wrath of God that Christians will not see. However, the seal and trumpet prophecies have been fulfilled by the outbreak of Islam.

God will unleash orge wrath at the onset of the Day of the Lord, a period most people view as synonymous with the wrath of God that Christians will not experience. The Apostle Paul wrote that Christians are not appointed to orge in a passage where he discussed the Day of the Lord:

1 Thessalonians 5:1-3 (NIV)

Now, brothers and sisters, about times and dates we do not need to write to you, for you know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. While people are saying, “Peace and safety,” destruction will come on them suddenly, as labor pains on a pregnant woman, and they will not escape.

WHEN DOES THE DAY OF THE LORD BEGIN? AFTER THE SIXTH SEAL

Joel tells us that the sun and the moon’s appearance will change just before the coming of the Day of the Lord. Revelation 6 adds that these signs will appear after the opening of the 6th seal. Also, Revelation 6 recognizes the coming of God’s “orge” wrath.

Joel 2:31 (NIV)

The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord.

Revelation 6:16-17 (NIV)

They called to the mountains and the rocks, “Fall on us and hide us from the face of him who sits on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb! For the great day of their wrath [orge] has come, and who can withstand it?”

None of these passages support the idea of a pre-tribulation rapture. There is a rapture, but it occurs after the tribulation of Christians. But the rapture does protect Christians from the Day of the Lord. We can also conclude from this that the Day of the Lord and the orge wrath of God will not begin until the 6th seal. Thus, there is not a Biblical promise to remove Christians from the tribulation in 1 Thessalonians 5:9-10, 1 Thessalonians 1:9-10, and Romans 5:8-10. The Bible does promise to spare Christians from the pouring of “orge” wrath at the onset of the Day of the Lord.