

Let us continue with the fourth angel. By the way, between the third and fourth judgments, the following is said.

And I heard the angel of the waters saying:

*“You are righteous, O Lord,
The One who is and who was and who is to be,
Because You have judged these things.
For they have shed the blood of saints and prophets,
And You have given them blood to drink.
For it is their just due.”*

And I heard another from the altar saying, “Even so, Lord God Almighty, true and righteous are Your judgments” (Revelation 16:5-7 NKJV).

So the folks in heaven are connecting the judgments on the earth to the history of the opposing of those who represent God. The earth continued to oppose those who represent God, including both the religious and the unreligious people. You remember the words of Jesus in Matthew 23, when He said, “O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone those who were sent to you! How often I would have gathered you, as a hen gathers her chickens under her wings, but you would not. Behold! Your house is left to you desolate” (Matthew 23:37-38). He had said things like, “You killed everyone who came in My name, from righteous Abel to Zechariah, son of Berechiah, whom you slew between the temple and the altar, that upon you may come all the righteous blood shed upon the earth” (Matthew 23:34-36).

This grouping that is bathed in “blood as of a dead man”¹ is judged to have been properly sanctioned, inasmuch as they worshiped the beast and his image. And, ultimately, the enmity

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¹ See Revelation 16:3: “Then the second angel poured out his bowl on the sea, and it became blood as of a dead man; and every living creature in the sea died.”

between the beast and the sons of the Seed produced this onslaught of hatred and killing of everything that has been offered on the earth by way of righteous redemption. Keep in mind, it was the religious folk who killed Jesus in His day. But they were not alone in doing that; the unreligious, the Romans, participated fully. Actually, they were the ones who carried out the action demanded by the religious people to crucify the Lord.

So “the angel of the waters” marvels at how righteous the judgments of God are. Look, mankind may forget its own behaviors in regard to the killing of the saints, but God does not forget. The fact that He waits to bring judgment is more a testament to the mercy of God, and one should never assume that the mercy of God equates forgetfulness—that He does not remember. The only time God chooses not to remember the transgressions of mankind is when mankind fully repents. And there is a dual witness of the angel of the waters and one heard from the altar who was saying, “Even so, Lord God Almighty, true and righteous are Your judgments.” So there is a witness of the two.

Then the fourth angel poured out his bowl on the sun, and power was given to him to scorch men with fire. And men were scorched with great heat, and they blasphemed the name of God who has power over these plagues; and they did not repent and give Him glory (Revelation 16:8-9).

Here again, light is compromised. The sun is typically a reference to illumination. But they walked in their own understanding, and now God is letting them feel the heat, as it were, in a way that creates absolute distress. It is all about how you put your faith in the unenlightened word, in the corrupted and perverted doctrines of lies and deception. And this is not limited to false religion and people who speak falsely in the name of the Lord. This is totally encompassing of the social prophets, the politicians, the people who crafted schemes and lies to appeal to the vanity of a population intent on following themselves in effigy—the effigy being the politician that they gravitate toward.

I think of the politicians who advocate genocide, such as Adolf Hitler in World War II. What were the rest of the German people thinking? They turned a blind eye. They said, “We did not know.” I

was reminded of things I am reading currently about the war in the Ukraine, and how Russian mothers have been reported to be telling their sons to kill civilians, and wives telling their husbands it is okay to rape Ukrainian women. This is beyond my ability to comprehend the depravity of ordinary people, ordinary babushkas, becoming such monstrous entities. But in our own history here in the United States, church people kept electing politicians, particularly in certain southern states, who had words like “segregation today, segregation tomorrow, and segregation forever.” Church folk, the same ones who on Sundays would hear words from the pulpit such as, “For God so loved the world,” except the world for them was the neighbors who looked like them.

When you agree to light that has become darkness, the final judgment is to be shown how corrupt, unsavory, unrighteous, and ungodly these doctrines of men are and have become, and how the scheme always was to lie to people by telling them the lies that they already believe. Yes, the reason it works is because the souls of men are already depraved in this way. Even as we speak these things, populations of people in and out of the church—whether it is the Russian Orthodox Church or the evangelical Christian church—refuse to acknowledge the truth; they do not want to hear it, and therefore do not know it. We have abundant populations in the earth today; this is not a long ago thing. It is current, it is present, and it will continue. And again, I say to you, there is no way to change this. The Scriptures are simply telling us what the end thereof is and will be. The angelic and the human, representative of both realms and both aspects of creation, are acknowledging the righteousness of God when He chooses to bring it into judgment in these horrifying forms. And I would not doubt that the sea of humanity is clogged with the spirit of death, as in the blood of dead men. And I will not doubt that the physical world will also be scorched with great heat as God takes His hand even off of nature.

“They blasphemed the name of God who had power over these plagues.” Now, again, who is causing these plagues? God. Why? Because they are the final judgments. Everything that has been in darkness now is in the light. Everything that has been supposed and imagined and promoted and advocated, and every effort to both conceal the truth and to advocate falsehoods and lies in the place of the truth, all of that is now being brought into the divine light, the glare of heaven itself, and none of it can escape. None of it can escape. The fruitless works of darkness are now brought into the light in the days of final judgments of these systems, these practitioners, these advocates.

But this is not the great white throne judgment.² That comes at the end of the millennium. And that is not judgment on systems; that is judgments on people who have refused, even throughout the millennium, to change their ways when confronted with the truth.

- This is a time when systems and mankind are being judged, and the consequence of it is physical destruction in the form of death.
- The great white throne judgment is the annihilation of evil from the earth by the annihilation of persons who once died, were raised again, and brought forth for judgment; and the final judgment is that of final annihilation.

These are two very different things. This is judgment that precedes the return of the Lord, and it is sequential in the form of seven vials poured out against mankind, everyone but those who are the Body of Christ.

You notice that instead of seeing their condition and repenting, they do not. Because the grace of repentance has been withdrawn, they cannot repent. Look at the hardness of their hearts. They blasphemed the name of God, and they did not repent and give Him glory. We are seeing evidence of that in the world today. No matter what you say, people roll out of it and keep going. But I assure you that the persistent rejection of the invitation to be saved out of these things will one day be withdrawn. And even if you wanted to repent, you could not because the time of mercy has ended, and the time of judgments has begun. Once the time of judgments begins, you cannot change your mind. It is because God has already assessed that you have hardened your heart beyond the ability of His invitation to appeal to you and/or to rescue you.

Then the fifth angel poured out his bowl on the throne of the beast, and his kingdom became full of darkness; and they gnawed their tongues because of the pain (Revelation 16:10).

This is a fascinating judgment: “poured out his bowl on the throne of the beast.” You will remember from Revelation, chapter 12, that Satan, that ancient serpent, gave his power, his throne,

² See Revelation 20:11-15, referencing the great white throne judgment.

and great authority to the beast.”³ Now the time has come for the seat of Satan’s power, his throne, to be held accountable. What God is doing is disclosing the vile and corrupt nature of this kingdom, and how its power existed only to oppress mankind, and so it says, “and his kingdom became full of darkness.” Do you know what? It was always the kingdom of darkness, but it appeared to have light because Satan can disguise himself as an angel of light and his servants as ministers of righteousness.⁴ This little horn speaks blasphemous things against the nature of God, against those who dwell in heaven, and so on.⁵ The speakings of this horn are now arrested and brought into judgment so that whatever has been alleged to be true is shown to be false. Men in darkness are given to two things: weeping and gnashing of teeth—the tears of regret and the gestures of hopelessness and despair.⁶ Whoever has worshiped the beast, worshiped his name or his image, now it is time for them to be shown the extreme folly of their deception.

What would it be like, after you have been entreated by the wisdom of God, by the patience and the endurance of the saints, by those who model the character of God as light in the darkness, and you have rejected it all over time, and now your true condition is being revealed? Just like those who are revealed with Christ are revealed with Him in glory,⁷ so also those who loved and made a lie—they loved the lie, and they made all things a lie—are revealed with it too. Their revealing is not one of glory; it is one of lies and of darkness. The light functions in an environment of darkness. Men love darkness rather than light because their deeds are evil;⁸ they love a lie, and they make everything into a lie. So the judgment is the removal of the light and glory of God, revealing the horrifying darkness and revealing with it the gnashing of teeth. Weeping and

³ See Revelation 12:9: “So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.”; see also Revelation 13:2: “Now the beast which I saw was like a leopard, his feet were like *the feet of* a bear, and his mouth like the mouth of a lion. The dragon gave him his power, his throne, and great authority.”

⁴ See 2 Corinthians 11:14-15: “And no wonder! For Satan himself transforms himself into an angel of light. Therefore *it is* no great thing if his ministers also transform themselves into ministers of righteousness, whose end will be according to their works.”

⁵ See Revelation 13:6: “Then he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme His name, His tabernacle, and those who dwell in heaven.”

⁶ See Psalm 112:10; Matthew 8:12; 13:42, 50; 22:13; 25:30; Luke 13:28.

⁷ See Colossians 3:4: “When Christ *who is* our life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory.”

⁸ See John 3:19-20: “And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. For everyone practicing evil hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed.”

gnashing of teeth are extreme expressions of the loss of hope in waves of distress, without hope because the day of salvation has ended.

*“The harvest is past,
The summer is ended,
And we are not saved!”* (Jeremiah 8:20)

But you notice, again,

... and they gnawed their tongues because of the pain. They blasphemed the God of heaven because of their pains and their sores, and did not repent of their deeds (Revelation 16:10b-11).

So they have pains, they have sores, they are full of distress, gnawing their tongues, but they will not repent.

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 (Revelation 16:12).

This is speaking about a great battle to occur. And when the sixth angel poured out his bowl on the great river Euphrates, the river dries up, preparing the way for the kings from the east to come to this great battle. I will pause there. I want to unpack this when we are talking about the battle at Armageddon, *Harmagedon*,⁹ and I want to explain that in greater detail. I will when we come back, but I want to focus on, in the time remaining, the three spirits who came out of the mouth of the dragon, the beast, and the false prophet.

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. 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 (Revelation 16:13-14).

⁹ See *Harmagedon*, Strong's Greek 717 - <https://biblehub.com/greek/717.htm>

Here, “three unclean spirits coming out of the mouths,” of course, these are words, but they are demonically-based words. They are words and concepts, motivations, the pep rally, so to speak. Because, in this time, no one cares about the truth. No one but the sons of God care about the truth. Again, keep in mind, this is not now the day of salvation. Today is the day of salvation: “Today, if you hear His voice, do not harden your heart.”¹⁰ This is a time when everything is set for destruction because the end of the age is coming and will culminate with the return of the Lord.

Frogs are typically a type of unclean animals, and they come out of the mouth of the dragon. Who is the dragon? The dragon is that ancient serpent, the devil, Satan, who leads the world astray, so, out of Satan. Well, is there any mystery here? He is a father of lies and a deceiver from the beginning.¹¹ And what he is doing is, he is sending forth messages, and he is using the instrumentality of the beast that he controls, and further the instrumentality of the false prophet who is a cheerleader for both the beast and the dragon, and they are drawing the kings of the earth, by lies, into their destruction. And that will occur with the reference to Armageddon.¹² And that is where I want to leave you as we conclude this sixth angel and the pouring out of the bowl of the wrath that this sixth angel carried. We will look at Armageddon when we come back.

I am Sam Soleyn. I will see you then. Bye-bye.

¹⁰ See Psalm 95:7-8; Hebrews 3:7-8, 15; 4:7.

¹¹ See John 8:44: “You are of *your* father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own *resources*, for he is a liar and the father of it.”

¹² See Revelation 16:16: “And they gathered them together to the place called in Hebrew, Armageddon.”