

## CHAPTER 16:

Chapter 16 contains the last seven judgments of the 20 (Six Seal + Seven Trumpet + Seven Bowl) total judgments which God brings on the earth during the seven year tribulation period before the 'Second Coming of Jesus Christ'. This series of judgments are called the 'Bowl' or 'Vial' judgments, depending on translation (we will use the word 'Bowl'). Many scholars believe these last seven judgments are the most severe to both men and the earth; as we study them you can decide for yourself. Also, these last seven bowl judgments occur in the last 42 months or the last half of the seven year tribulation period.

However, before we actually begin our study of chapter 16 I would like to point out several interesting facts about this chapter so that you can keep your eye out for them as we go through this chapter.

- 1) The last seven bowl judgments actually contain seven specific judgments, whereas, in the seal judgments it only contained six actual judgments.
- 2) After the seventh 'Bowl Judgment' has been carried out the next thing to happen on planet earth is 'The Second Coming of Jesus Christ' which happens in chapter 19: 11-21.
- 3) No one really knows how much time will pass, if any, between the last 'Bowl Judgment' and the 'Second Coming of Jesus Christ'. However, the last sentence in the sixth bowl judgment (vs 12) speaks to this issue of how God will assist in making the 'Battle of Armageddon' much easier for the kings of the east to become involved. Daniel states: Dan. 11:44, **"But reports from the east and the north will alarm him, and he will set out in a great rage to destroy and annihilate many."** Now Rev. 16:12, **"The sixth angel poured out his bowl on the great river Euphrates, and the water was dried up to prepare the way for the way for the kings from the east."**
- 4) The last seven bowl judgments continue Gods process of bringing 'pain & suffering' to the unsaved men of the earth in an effort to get them to repent and be saved (time is very short), as well as, the earth itself.

5) Also during this same period when the last seven bowl judgments (last half of seven year tribulation) are being implemented the nation of Israel will be under great stress from the antichrist: Dan. 9:27, “He will confirm a covenant with many for one seven, but in the middle of that seven he will put an end to the sacrifice and offering.” Also see revelation Chapter 13, verses 1-10 for more information about the power and control of the antichrist during this; last half period. Also, remember the seven year tribulation period is also the completion of Daniels seventh week prophecy; Dan. 7:20-27, also see Zechariah chapters 12-14.

6) The number of people killed during these judgments is not defined, however, after reading the all of the ‘Bowl judgments’ it appears to me that the death toll will be extremely large.

**Note: The actual numbers killed during the ‘Seven Bowl Judgments’ will not be as large as the people killed in the ‘Seal & Trumpet Judgments’ but this is only because there will not be as many people left ALIVE to kill after the ‘Seal & Trumpet Judgments’. If the ‘End Times period’ was to begin today with a world population of 7.0 billion people → by the last half of the ‘seven year Tribulation period’ there would only be 1.83 billion people left alive on planet earth! So the percentage may be higher but the absolute number may be smaller.**

7) It appears to me based on the words within chapter that most of the people remaining on the earth at this point in time must be extremely hard hearted and/or downright dumb! I base this on the fact that within this one chapter it states that ‘even though man knows these judgments are from God they refuse to repent three times’; verses, 9b, “...but they refused to repent and glorify Him.” 11b “...but they refused to repent of what they had done.” and 21b “And they cursed God on account of the hail, because the plague was so terrible.” **And we know when scripture repeats itself three times God thinks the issue is important.**

8) I have summarized each of the seven bowl judgments below and compared them to other events in scripture of a similar or comparative nature. Notice, three of the seven ‘bowl judgments’ are the same as the judgments God brought on

Egypt when they would not let God's people (Israel) go. Also the 'one of the bowl judgments' appears to complete one of the 'seal judgments' and four of the 'bowl judgments' appear to complete four of the 'trumpet judgments'. It would certainly appear that the same being-God is creating all of these 'judgments' as there are many similarities. I will list below:

**First Bowl Judgment**, Rev. 16:1-2 → "**boils**", which compares to → **Sixth Plague in Egypt**, Exod. 9:8-12 → "**...festering boils will break out on men and animals...**"

**Second Bowl Judgment**, Rev. 16:3 → 'all of the' → "**...sea turned to blood...**", which → **Completion of Second Trumpet Judgment**, Rev. 8: 8-9 → "**A third of the sea turned to blood... and a third of the sea life died...**"

**Third Bowl Judgment**, Rev. 16: 4-7 → 'again, all of the' → "**...rivers and springs...became blood...**" → **First Plague in Egypt**, Exod. 7:19-21 → "**...all fresh water in Egypt turned to blood and all sea life died...**" This is also a **Similar Judgment About Fresh Water**, as described in the '**Third Trumpet Judgment**' (Also completion of taking away all fresh water), Rev. 8:8-9 → "**A third of the water became bitter...**"

**Forth Bowl Judgment**, Rev. 16: 8-9, "**...and the sun was given power to scorch people with fire. They were seared by the intense heat...**"

God did not use this type of '**plague**' in Egypt; however, remember during this period God is bringing judgments on humanity to try to get them to repent because their time to repent is very short. So think about this scenario:

In the '**Forth Trumpet Judgment**' God took away one third of the sun light, "**...a third of the sun was struck...a third of the day was without light...**" which was required to grow food and sustain life for man and beast → AND → '**would cool the earth's surface down QUICKLY & DRAMATICALLY!**' Now, in the blink of an eye → God reverses this process and brings the full '**HEAT**' (destructive power) of the sun on man and the earth, "**...the sun was given to scorch people with fire. They were seared by the intense heat...**" I can only imagine how this would affect the mental/emotional status of all humans. I am sure these types of rapid physical changes, which had never been seen before in the history of man, would cause

dramatic stress on man, in terms of both mental and physical stress! Also, I would imagine there would be the physical destruction of the earth because of the “**intense heat**”; even though the verse does not specifically state it, I think men would literally be standing there watching their food supply burn up before their very eyes.

Last, I think it is also interesting that God first used the ‘Forth Trumpet Judgment’ to take away ‘one third of the earths sun light’ and now God is using the ‘Forth Bowl Judgment’ → to turn on the intensity of the sun to full force. Both are the **‘forth judgment’** in their specific series. Just an observation!

**Fifth Bowl Judgment**, Rev. 16: 10-11, **“...the beast, and his kingdom was plunged into darkness...”** → which compares to the → **Ninth Plague in Egypt**, Exod. 10:21-23, **“...darkness will spread over Egypt—darkness that can be felt.”** (This sounds a lot like how hell will be for eternity).

I think it is also interesting to note that in this judgment God is again → **‘Demonstrating His Control of Creation’** for them men living on the earth at this point in time → to try to bring total mental and physical stress on men so that they will finally repent and be saved or be separated from Him forever!

Also, keep in mind that **‘GOD’S DEMONSTRATION’** takes men from → the **‘full force of the sun scorching man, beast and the earth’** to **“darkness that can be felt”**. To fully understand the impact of this judgment on man, beast and the earth; try to imagine this → **One minute you are being “...seared by the intense heat...by the sun...” and in a split second you are “...plunged into darkness...”** Also, I would think the darkness and lack of sun would also bring extreme **‘cold’** to **‘men, animals & the surface of the earth’**. Therefore the physical shock to the human body would be extremely dramatic to say the least! **Do you think this got the attention of the men of the earth? The answer is no→ they “...cursed God...and refused to repent...”**

**Sixth Bowl Judgment**, Rev. 16: 12-16, **“...poured out his bowl on the great river Euphrates, and its water dried up to prepare the way for the kings of the east.”**

There was no plague in Egypt that corresponds to this ‘Bowl Judgment’. However,

if you go back to the 'Sixth Trumpet Judgment' you will find the 'River Euphrates' discussed and the discussion speaks about 'WAR & DEATH', "Release the four angels who were bound at the great river Euphrates...to kill a third of mankind."

Is this just a coincidence? It is my opinion that these two judgments: Trumpet & Bowl' have at least two things in common →

1) They both speak about the 'River Euphrates' and

a) Sixth Trumpet Judgment: "Release the four angels who are bound at the river Euphrates..."

b) Sixth Bowl Judgment: "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..."

2) They both speak about a time of extreme war. If you look at both judgements: The 'Sixth Trumpet Judgment' → "...to kill a third of mankind." The 'Sixth Bowl Judgment' → "They are spiritual of demons performing miraculous signs, and they go out to the kings of the whole world, to gather them for battle on the great day of God Almighty." This is talking about the 'Battle of Armageddon'.

I think it is also worth noting; they are both the 'Sixth Judgment' in both the 'Trumpet Judgments' & the 'Bowl Judgments' → Again coincidence or not?

Seventh Bowl Judgment, Rev. 16: 17-21, (2) "...a great earthquake. No earthquake like this has ever occurred since man has been on earth... (1) From the sky huge hail stones of about a hundred pounds each fell upon men." →

which compares to the → Seventh Plague in Egypt, Exod. 9:22-26, "Then the Lord said to Moses, 'Stretch out your hand toward the sky (1) so that hail will fall all over Egypt—and on men and animals and on everything growing in the fields."

NOTE: Just a point of fact: God uses 'EARTHQUAKES' as a major part of His judgments during this 'Seven Year Tribulation Period'. HE began using 'Earthquakes' in the 'Sixth Seal Judgment' and completed them in the 'Seventh Bowl Judgement'. If you go back and read all of the judgments you will find that

'Earthquakes' are involved in several of the judgments. I will list them for your review, starting with the first & ending with 'The Seventh Bowl Earthquake':

THE FIRST EARTHQUAKE → The 'Sixth Seal Judgment': → Rev. 6: 12-14, "There was a great earthquake."

THE SECOND EARTHQUAKE → The 'Seven Earthquake' is delivered by "Another angel, who had a golden censer, came and stood at the altar." → Rev. 8: 5, "...and an earthquake..." Note; This angel 'IS NOT' part of the 'Seal, Trumpet or Bowl judgment Process'.

THE THIRD EARTHQUAKE → The 'Seventh Trumpet Judgment': Rev. 11:19, "...and earthquake..."

THE FORTH EARTHQUAKE → The 'Seventh Bowl Judgment': Rev. 16: 18, "...and a severe earthquake."

I also think it is interesting that God ends each sequence of judgments; 'Seal, Trumpet & Bowl' with an earthquake, which is the 'First, Third & Fourth Earthquakes'.

The 'Second Earthquake' is actually implemented by "Another angel..." who 'IS NOT' part of the Judgement Process, Rev. 8:3, "Another angel who had a golden censer, came and stood at the altar. He was given much incense to offer, with the prayers of all the saints, on the golden altar before the throne." It is my opinion, based on the actual words in Rev. 8: 1-5 → This angel is a separate angel that God is using to answer the "prayers" of the martyred saints described in the 'Fifth Seal', Rev. 6: 9-11 and → The martyred saints being described in Rev. 7: 9-17.

Remember, the 'Opening of the Seventh Seal Judgment' actually → Begins or starts the 'THE SEVEN TRUMPET JUDGMENTS' and does not have a 'PHYSICAL JUDGMENT' → Rev. 8: 1-2, "When He opened the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven for about an hour. And I saw the seven angels who stand before God and to them were given seven trumpets." Therefore, the 'Sixth Seal Judgment' is actually the last judgment in the 'Seal Judgment Process', which

would make it the last physical judgment in the ‘Seal Process’. Again, making the last physical judgment in the ‘Seal, Trumpet & Bowl Judgment Processes’ ending with an ‘EARTHQUAKE’.

#### LAST POINT, BUT AN IMPORTANT POINT:

We know that Jesus Christ was the implementer of all of the ‘Seal Judgments’,

Rev. 6: 1, “I watched as the Lamb opened the first of the seven seals.”

Therefore the “HE” being described in Rev. 8:1 is also Jesus Christ and the being described as implementing the ‘Second Earthquake’ is described or defined as, “...another angel...”, Rev. 8:3.

Again, just interesting details about → ‘THE PERFECTION WITH WHICH THE BIBLE IS WRITTEN’ and did you notice → how the number seven plays into this theme.

Now we will begin our more detailed study of the actual verses within this chapter, keeping the above highlights in mind. Remember this chapter contains 21 verses an all ‘Seven Bowl Judgments’.

#### Verse 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’.”

Remember these are the same ‘seven angels’ we saw in Rev. 15:1, “I saw in heaven another great and marvelous sign: seven angels with seven last plagues—last, because with them God’s wrath is complete.” The difference is in chapter 15 we are in the introduction stage, whereas chapter 16 is in the implementation stage; big difference!

I will break this verse down into its basic sub-sets, as follows:

1) **"Then I heard..."** Meaning this is the next event to happen in John's vision after the ones recorded in Rev. 15:5-8. Again these events appear to be sequential order.

2) **"...a loud/great voice from the temple..."** We are not told who the voice is coming from or making the statement, which is to follow, however, we do know that it is a **'being' with a great deal of power given his location, "...from the temple..."**. Currently there are five views on whose voice this is coming from the temple:

a) **Another one of Gods great/powerful angel like the ones in Rev. 14: 6-13, announcing three specific events to happen during the tribulation period.**

b) **One of the 'four living creatures', within the throne room of God the Father one of which actually gave these seven angels their seven bowl judgments, Rev. 15:7, "Then one of the four living creatures gave to the seven angels seven golden bowls filled with the wrath of God..."**

c) **Jesus Christ as he would certainly be present in the throne room of God the Father. Note: my Greek Translator, translates the word, "loud" as "great", which could allude to Jesus Christ.**

d) **The voice comes from God himself. To me this does not appear to be realistic give the wording at the end of this sentence, "Go, pour out the seven bowls of God's wrath on the earth."**

e) Last the **'heavenly being' speaking these words is unknown**

3) **"...saying to the seven angles..."** To me this should be viewed as simple command by the voice by a **'powerful/great heavenly being'** within the temple. This is another reason we know this **'voice' has great authority and power. He has the ability to speak to other angels within heaven from the 'temple' and they follow his command.**

4) **"Go' pour out the seven bowls of God's wrath on the earth."** Again this is the command or the action portion of the command, which is being given to all **'seven angels' who will implement the 'Seven Bowl Judgments'.**

Again, I do not think there can be any question as to where we are in the 'Seven Year Tribulation Period' and what is happening. To me this is a two step process or statement:

1) WHERE WE ARE: Revelation Chapter 15, verse 1 defines the timing → "I saw in heaven another great and marvelous sign; seven angels with seven LAST PLAGUES—last , because with them God's wrath is complete."

2) TIMING: Revelation Chapter 16, verse 1 defines the 'ACTION OF THESE EVENTS' → "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.'"

Again, we are very near the end of the story → THE GREATEST LOVE STORY EVER TOLD'.

VERSE 2 ACTUALLY BEGINS THE SEVEN BOWL JUDGMENTS:

FIRST BOWL JUDGMENT→

Verse 2:

"The first angel → went and poured out his bowl on the land, → and ugly and painful sores broke out on the people → who had the mark of the beast and worshiped his image."

I will provide a little back ground information before we analyze the specific words within this verse.

First→ Remember the 'First Bowl Judgment' compares to the 'Sixth Egyptian Plague', Exod. 9: 8-12.

Second→ Both judgments (First Bowl Judgment & Sixth Egyptian Plague) speak about 'sores or boils' breaking out on all humans with the 'mark of the beast', with 'mark of the beast' → meaning the 'one who is defying God's command → Pharaoh: 'let my people go' & antichrist: 'worship me and take my mark'.

**Third**→ In Deuteronomy Chapter 28 God through Moses tells the Jewish nation; first, if they obey Gods commands they will be blessed (Deut. 28: 1-14) and, second, if they do not obey they will be cursed (Deut. 28: 15-68). And one of the curses is this same type of plague→ 'sores and boils'. Also verse 35 provides us with a lot more details about this type of judgment, **"The Lord will afflict your knees and legs with painful boils that cannot be cured, spreading from the soles of your feet to the top of your heads."** **This same type of infection (boils) is also discussed in Job 2:7, "So Satan went out from the presence of the Lord and afflicted Job with painful sores from the soles of his feet to the top of his head."**

**Fourth**→ Boils are created when bacteria on the surface of the skin enters the blood stream through a cut in the skin then skin creating an infection under the skin. This infection creates a bump in the skin, which burst allowing the pus to escape. Boils are very painful. Think about how men would feel if this process covered their entire body and would never heal! Many scholars relate this to the concept of: 'There is power in the blood, either to save or to condemn'. Infected blood condemns (sinful and unsaved) and purified blood saves (the blood of Jesus Christ).

**Fifth**→ There is no mention within the words of this judgment that the people of the earth will be allowed to die from this judgment, therefore it is my opinion they will have to live in severe pain until the 'Second Coming of Jesus Christ'; unless they die for another reason, remaining judgments or by the hands of other evil men.

**Sixth**→ The 'First Bowl Judgment' is actually the fulfillment of the promise or prophecy God made in Rev. 14:9-10a, **"A third angel followed them and said in a loud voice: 'If anyone worships the beast and his image and receives his mark on their forehead or on their hand, → he, too, → will drink the wine of Gods fury, which has been poured full strength into the cup of his wrath'."** Remember the above scripture is part of what is called the words of the 'Three Angels' in Revelation Chapter 14. If you read all Rev. 14: 6-13, you will find the angel we are talking about and making this prediction or prophecy is the 'Third Angel', verses 9-

12. Also keep in mind Revelations Chapter 14 should be considered both a chapter of **'Prophecy & Interlude'**, but for sure talking about actions/events that will take place in the second half of the seven year tribulation period.

Now we will begin a more detailed analysis of this verse. Also, keep in mind that that the actions/events talked about in verse should be taken **'literally'**.

1) **"The first angel went..."** This is the first of the seven angels we saw in Rev. 15: 1, **"...seven angels with seven last plagues..."** and this specific angel is coming out of the temple of God in heaven, Rev. 15: 6a, **"Out of the temple came seven angels with the seven plagues."** And based on the word **"went"** in our verse, I think we can conclude this angel left the temple in heaven and **"went"** to earth. I also believe the word **"land"** confirmed the fact that it was the earth that **'The First Bowl'** was poured out on.

2) NIV, **"...and poured out his bowl on the land..."** KJV, **"...and poured out his vial on the earth..."** Again, there can be no question where this angel **"poured out his bowl/vial"** → **it was on the "land/earth"**. Keep in mind that this angel **"poured out his vial/bowl on the land/earth"** → **but it does not appear that the earth was affected as in previous judgments. In the next sentence we are told this judgment only affects people.**

3) **"...and ugly and painful sores broke out on the people..."** Again, we are told that this judgment is only for **"people"** even though it is **"poured out on the land/earth"** only the people will be affected. Also, note that none of the animals are affected, whereas in the sixth plague in Egypt boils also broke out on the animals, Exod. 9: 9a, **"...and festering boils will breakout on men and animals throughout the land."**

4) **The last part of this verse informs the reader how God selected the "people" to infect with this plague, → "People who had the mark of the beast and worshiped his image."** The selection process is simple; if you have the **"mark of the beast"** on your body or have **"worshiped his image"** in the past.

a) You will receive this judgment,

**NOTE: Remember in the past we have talked about people who say they will just say they are worshiping the beast or receiving his mark but really do not mean it. Based on these words I do not think that will work with God. I think during this period of time God will be looking for people who are willing to stand up for him even though it will mean severe hard ships, torture and even death! Just and Opinion!**

### **SECOND BOWL JUDGMENT→**

#### **Verse 3:**

**“The second angel poured his bowl on the sea, → and it turned into blood like that of a dead man, → and every living thing in the sea died.”**

Before we begin our study of the ‘Second Bowl Judgment’ I would like to point out what appears to be a specific difference between the ‘Second Bowl Judgment’ and the ‘First Bowl Judgment’, (based on NIV). The ‘First Bowl Judgment’ was “...poured out ...on the land/earth...” but it affected only “people”. Now the ‘Second Bowl Judgment’ is also “poured out” on part of the ‘earth’, however, in this judgment, “...it turned (the sea) into blood like that of a dead man, and every living thing in the sea died.” In the ‘Second Bowl Judgment’ → **God shifts gears and again brings judgment on a portion of the earth that supports human life but not actually on man himself!** This shifting back and forth between judgments on man verse parts of nature/environment will continue throughout the ‘Seven Bowl Judgments’ and will definitely affect man’s ability to sustain life.

However, there are scholars who do not believe this is 100% correct and they base their view on the word differences between the KJV, the Greek Translator and the NIV.

1) The NIV translation is as follows, “...and every living thing in the sea died.”

2) Whereas, the KJV and the Greek Translator, translates this portion of the verse as follows, “...and every soul of life died in the sea.”

The big difference is how we interpret the two words “living thing” & “soul”. We saw this same difference in translation back in some of the ‘Trumpet Judgments’.

Let’s focus on the ‘Second Trumpet Judgment’ as it is actually the one that corresponds to the ‘Second Bowl Judgment’. (Go back and look at the handout I provided on the ‘translation differences’ between the first four trumpet judgments.) Also keep in mind that the ‘Second Bowl Judgment’ completes the action started in the ‘Second Trumpet Judgment’, therefore I think we can use both of these judgments to determine the meaning or God’s intent when he-God sent these words to men.

I will try to combine how I think God intended these two judgments (Second Trumpet Judgment & Second Bowl Judgment) to be interpreted → However, you need to read and make your own decision.

## **ANALYSIS OF SECOND TRUMPET JUDGMENT:**

### **First→**

The ACTION PORTION of the Second Trumpet Judgment, I will use the NIV translation because the meanings of all three translations are the same, “...The second angel sounded his trumpet, and something like a huge mountain, all ablaze, was thrown into the sea.” (Indicating intense action)

The ACTION PORTION of the Second Bowl Judgment, again I will use the NIV translation because the meanings of all three translations are the same, “The second angel poured out his bowl on the sea...” Again the action portion

To me the meaning of these two events is the same, God’s intent in both of these ‘Two Judgments’ is to negatively affect the sea; either by sending something from the sky or sending something that is supernatural from heaven. Again, either way the seas of the earth will be negatively affected → which will in turn

**'Negatively Affect all of Humanity'**. Also, I base my belief that this is intended to be a negative action by God, because of the word **"thrown"** which we have already said indicates **'intense action'**.

### **Second→**

The **RESULTS PORTION** of the **Second Trumpet Judgment**, I will use all three translations, so we can compare word differences.

**NIV→** (1) **"A third of the sea was turned to blood,** (2) **a third of the living creatures in the sea died,** (The words in # 2 appear to be an assumption based on sea life cannot live (breath) in **"blood"**) (3) **and a third part of the ship were destroyed."**

**KJV→** (1) **"...and a third part of the sea became blood;** (2) **And the third part of the creatures which were in the sea, and had life, died;** (Again the words in # 2 appears to be an assumption) (3) **and the third part of the ships were destroyed."**

**Greek Translator→** (1) **"And the third part of the sea became blood and** (2) **the third part of the creatures having souls died in the sea;** (Words appear to be talking about the men on the ships) (3) **and the third part of the ships was destroyed."**

### **Conclusion→**

It is my opinion, as it relates to the **'Second Trumpet Judgment'** (which I already stated back in our study of the **'Second Trumpet Judgement'**) that God is telling us, the reader, **that he-God → is going to create and event → where something of "great" size "like a huge mountain all ablaze" → is going to be "thrown" from the 'sky' → "into the sea."** And this event will impact the earth and man in **FOUR** ways: 1) **"a third part of the sea became blood"**, 2) **"And a third part of the creatures which were in the sea, and had life, died..."** 3) **"and a third part of the ships was destroyed."** 4) **"the third part of the creatures having souls died in the sea..."** → **Meaning all the men on the ship that were destroyed.** If you read the verse you will find three events, however, in my interpretation I have listed four; one is an assumption, based on God natural laws: all sea life cannot live without

oxygen. Remember, this is my opinion; you need to read and make your own decision! We can discuss more in class if you want.

## **ANALYSIS OF SECOND BOWL JUDGMENT:**

**ACTION PORTION of the ‘Second Bowl Judgment’:** Again, the words within the ‘Action Portion’ of the ‘Second Bowl Judgment’ are basically the same, **“The second angel poured out his bowl on the sea...”** **The only difference is the word “on” vs. “onto”**

**RESULTS PORTION of the ‘Second Bowl Judgment’** and again I will provide all three translations because of wording differences.

**NIV**→ (1) **“...and it turned into blood like that of a dead man...”** (2) **“...and every living thing in the sea died.”** (Again appears to be an assumption based on the fact that sea life cannot live (breath) in blood.”

**KJV**→ (1) **“...and it became as the blood of a dead man...”** (2) **“...and every living soul died in the sea.”** (Same)

**Greek Translator** (1) **“And it became blood, as of a dead one...”** (2) **“...and every soul of life died in the sea.”** I will provide words by Clarence Larkin, which I think provides us with a good interpretation of the words, **“...and every living soul died in the sea.”** **“The Revised Version translates (in the margin) the word “soul” as the “soul of life” and we know that the word “soul” implies “self-conscious life” and this is common to all animal life.”**

### **Conclusion**→

It is my opinion that based on my ‘Conclusion Comments’ about the **‘Second Trumpet Judgment’** and the words of the **‘Second Bowl Judgment’** Gods intent for the **‘Second Bowl Judgment’** will impact man and the earth as follows:

**1) Turns 100% of the “sea” to “blood” which completes the actions started in the ‘Second Trumpet Judgment’,**

2) Kills 100% of all “living things in the sea” again, which completes the actions started in the ‘Second Trumpet judgment’

3) Destroys the remaining ships on the ‘sea’ → which completes the actions started in the ‘Second Trumpet Judgment’(I do not think ships can move in 100% blood so they will be stranded in place for ever, also, ships need salt water to cool their engines!)

4) And 100% of all the sailors on the ships on the ‘sea’ will die as they will eventually starve to death. You may think some of the men and women on these ships will be able to be saved from the air, and a few may be saved → if they are close enough to shore but given the amount of debris that will be in the air; it would appear at this point in time air plane movement will very much limit. Again, just an opinion!

Now we will analyze the ‘Second Bowl Judgment’ from another direction by comparing similarities with other scripture, which hopefully will allow us to determine how best to interpret the words in the ‘Second Bowl Judgment’.

Again, I will provide a little back ground information about this verse before we begin our word by word analysis of this verse.

**First →** There is no ‘plague in Egypt’ that exactly compares to the ‘second bowl judgment’ because the ‘blood plague’ in Egypt was to their ‘fresh water system-river’ and not the “sea”. However, it does complete the ‘second trumpet judgment’, Rev. 8:8-9. The “sea” is now 100% “blood”. Remember God is now delivering his last set of ‘seven judgments’ on man and the earth. These last seven judgments will be the most severe of all the judgments. This concept is made clear in this ‘second bowl judgment’ → Because the ‘second trumpet judgment’ only turned one third of the sea to blood, whereas → The ‘second bowl judgment’ turned ALL of the sea to blood.

**It appears to me God showing very little mercy at this point in the 'Seven Year tribulation Period', because time is short for unrepentant humans.**

**Second**→ There are scholars who compare the 'second bowl judgment' to the 'third plague in Egypt', however in my opinion this is incorrect. My logic or reasoning is simple: God is very specific in his judgments and how a specific judgment will affect man or the earth. In the 'second bowl judgment' God takes away → two specific thing or characteristics of the earth itself, which man needs to support life;

**First**→ **All international commerce that takes place on the sea will stop; no ships will be able to move in this liquid (blood);**

**Second**→ **100% of man's food source that comes from the sea will be removed from planet earth.** Then there will be many what I would call residual consequences for all humans and the earth itself, living during this period. I will list four below:

**One**→ Much of the weather is controlled by the sea, not sure how this will effected the weather but I know much of the moisture that falls as rain comes directly from the "sea" or what we call oceans, (evaporation) therefore I am sure it will have huge negative impact on the earth and all of humanity, as well as, all animals & vegetation.

**Two**→ The smell of all of the dead-sea life will create a very unpleasant odor and will certainly affect the quality of the air supply, world-wide. Again I am not sure how much of an impact this will be but believe it will have a major impact on man's ability to breath. Again, this type thing has never happened before so I am not sure **'What will be in the air that men will be breathing', but I do not think it will be good?**

**Three**→ I think the sheer amount of blood (sea) that will be on planet earth will created a lot of bacteria and disease, which will create wide spread outbreak of

deadly plagues on the earth. Again not sure of how big this impact will be but whatever it is will all be negative.

**Four** → **Overall environmental impact**; Again, I am not sure what this will be but I am very sure it will all be → **'very, very 'harsh and extremely negative' on all remaining life, both human and animal & vegetation!**

### **NOTE:**

**Keep in mind when trying to 'picture and evaluate these types of judgments' → These types of 'EVENTS' have never happened before in man's recorded history → except one → Noah & the Flood. To me this is our one example that God gave us to evaluate the 'MAGNITUDE' of these types of events. Again, just my opinion!**

And now we will begin our more detailed study verse 3, 'The Second Bowl Judgment'. Again, **this verse and the actions/events within verse 3 should be taken literally.**

### **VERSE 3:**

**"The second angel poured out his bowl on the sea, → and it turned in to blood like that of a dead man, → and every living thing in the sea died."**

- 1) **"The second angel poured out his bowl on the sea..."** Now we see the **'second angel →take action'** and **"pour out his bowl on the sea..."** And if you go back to verse 1 you will find that what is being **"poured out"** → it is **"...bowls of God's wrath..."** This appears to be the standard process that each angel goes through. However, there is one difference in the first angels actions and that of the other six angels: **In the action portion of the sentence talking about the first angel the word "went" is inserted, and in the other six angels 'action portion' this word is left out.** Most scholars believe that given it is in the **'action portion' of the 'first angel'**. It is implied that the other six angels also left heaven at the same time. Not sure it really

makes any difference because we know they all **"poured out"** their **"...bowls of God's wrath on the earth."** It could also mean that all **'seven angels'** -> **"went"** to the earth to pour out their **"...bowls of Gods wrath..."**.

- 2) **"...and it turned to blood like that of a dead man..."** Again, this is one of the results of this judgment. We have already discussed the impact of this on planet earth and man in general in the section above. The bottom line is there will no longer be any **'salt water on the earth'**.
- 3) **"...and every living thing in the sea died."** This is the **second results** of this judgment, which we have already discussed above. **The bottom line is anything living in or on the 'sea' at the yime of this judgment is dead.**

### **THIRD BOWL JUDGMENT→**

#### **Verses 4-7:**

The verses describing the **'third bowl judgment'** are similar in format to the **'first two judgments'**, except in this judgment extra words are added, which provides the reader with additional information supporting the justification for these judgments and the reasoning for them! **These words of justifications are coming from 'angelic beings' in heaven.** Also, I have added verse numbers to make it easier to follow.

**(4) "The third angel poured his bowl on the rivers and the springs of water, → and they became blood. (5) Then I heard → the angel in charge of the waters say: → 'You are just in these judgments, → you who are and who were, the Holy One, → because you have so judged; (6) for they have shed the blood of your saints and prophets, → and you have given them blood to drink → as they deserve'. (7) And I heard the altar respond; → 'Yes, Lord God Almighty, true and just are your judgments'."**

Now we will begin our detailed study of the **'Third Bowl Judgment'**.

**Verse 4:**

**“The third angel poured out his bowl on the rivers and springs on water, → and they became blood.”**

**Action Portion**→ **“The third angel poured his bowl on the rivers and the springs of water...”** Again, this should be considered the ‘action portion’ of this judgment. I will break this verse down into its basic sub-sets;

**NOTE**→ Also, keep in mind that the ‘Second Bowl Judgment’ was **“poured out...on the sea”** (combine this with the ‘Second Trumpet Judgment’) and now all of the → **SALT WATER ON PLANET EARTH IS GONE! This was just a ‘warm-up’ judgment!**

**One**→ **“The third angel...”** The ‘seven angels’ implement their judgments in sequential order and John through his words lets the reader know this is the ‘Third Angel/Events’ in this last sequence of **BOWL JUDGMENTS**.

**I am always taken-back when you really set down and look at the ‘PRESION & COMPLETENESS’ in which God → PRESENTS HIS WORD TO MEN.**

**I DO NOT THINK IT IS MANS INABILITY TO UNDERSTAND BUT HIS → LACK OF DESIRE TO WANT TO UNDERSTAND AND COMPLY?**

**Two**→ **“...poured out his bowl on the rivers and springs of water...”** Now the angel with the ‘third bowl judgment’ **“...poured his bowl on the rivers and springs of water...”** combine this with the ‘Third Trumpet Judgement’ → **“A third of the water turned bitter...”** and now all of the ‘fresh water’ is **GONE** on planet earth.

**NOTE**→ If you now combine these **FOUR WATER JUDGMENTS**,

**FIRST: Judgment on the sea /ocean → (1) Second Trumpet Judgment: “...a third of the sea turned to blood...” plus (2) Second Bowl judgment: “...on the sea, and it turned into blood...” → EQUALS→ THE ENTIRE “SEA” IS BLOOD.**

**Second:** Judgment on the fresh water & springs → (1) Third Trumpet Judgment: **“A third of the water turned bitter...”** –‘fresh water’ plus (2) Third Bowl Judgment: **“...poured out his bowl on the rivers and springs of water, and they became blood.”**

**CONCLUSION** → **All the ‘WATER’ on earth has been turned to BLOOD.**

Based on the ‘Literal Words’ within the ‘Third Bowl Judgment’ I believe this means that all of the water on the earth, both ‘salty & fresh’ has been supernaturally affected (meaning they do not exist any longer as water). Based on these words it would appear to me that the only (H<sub>2</sub>O-water) of any type left on the surface of planet earth would be the moisture in the atmosphere and given all that has gone on in the atmosphere → I would think ‘CLEAN MOISTURE’ would be very hard to find even there! Just an opinion

**Results Portion** → **“...and they became blood.”** The word **“they”** is referencing **“...rivers and the springs of water.”** Remember, this completes the process of turning all of the fresh water on planet earth’s surface in to something that will not support life, (which started back in Rev. 8:10, ‘Third Trumpet Judgment’, which turned **“...a third of the rivers and on the springs of water...bitter...”** **meaning poison and would not support human or animal life.**

Now the ‘Third Bowl Judgment’ is even more severe as it turns ALL of the ‘fresh water’ on the planet’s surface into blood, which now will not only not support human and animal life but will also not support vegetation of any type.

**By the end of the ‘Third Bowl Judgment’** I think we are somewhere around month **60-63** of the seven year tribulation period (84 months total) or half way through the last half of the seven year tribulation period, known as the **‘Great Tribulation’**. (Remember the seven year tribulation period is split into two halves of 42 months each: the first 42 months is known as the ‘Tribulation’ and the second 42 months are known as the ‘Great Tribulation’).

## NOTE:

My question has always been if 'All of the Fresh Water on the Earths Surface' has been turned to Blood at the 63th month of and 84 month tribulation period → How would the remaining people survive, without water for the next ~21 months?

## ANSWER:

I have found scripture that I believe points to a 'POTENTIAL' answer. If you go back to Exodus Chapter 7, verse 14-24 you will find the account of when God 'Turned the Nile in to Blood, when Pharaoh refused to let the Israelites leave Egypt. This event or judgment on Egypt encompassed the following actions, Ex. 7:19:

NIV → "The Lord said to Moses, 'Tell Aaron, Take your staff and stretch out your hand over the waters of Egypt—over the STREAMS and Canals, over the PONDS and all the RESERVOIRS'—and they will turn to blood. Blood will be everywhere in Egypt, even in the WOODEN BUCKETS and STONE JARS'."

However, if you notice the specific words being used by God to 'Describe the ACTUAL EVENT/JUDGMENT → they are only talking about the "FRESH WATER/WATER IN GENERAL → That is on the 'SURFACE OF THE EARTH' it never mentions the 'WATER' below the earth's surface.

I do not know why God → did it this way, except: By doing it this way He/God brought what I would call 'LIMITED JUDGMENT' on Egypt and → NOT TOTAL DESTRUCTION → (HE/God did—inflicted great harm & pain on the Egyptian people in general and 'Completely Destroyed the Egyptian Army). It is my opinion that HE/GOD did it this way because HE/God intended to use Egypt in future events. This event happened somewhere around ~ 1,490 to 1500 BC and based on scripture we know God used Egypt in many situations/conflicts involving all of the 'Great Empires': Babylonian, Medes/Persians, Greek and Roman, as well as, the 'End Times nations'.

## **NOW FOR THE SCRIPTURE THAT SUPPORTS MY OPINION:**

Exodus Chapter 7, verse 24, **“And all of the Egyptians dug along the Nile to get drinking water, because they could not drink the water of the river.”**

**Based on these words it would appear that God did not turn the water that was underground “to blood”. Therefore, it is my assumption that it will be the same during the times of the ‘Seven Year Tribulation Period’. The people of the earth will be able to survive the last ~21 months by digging along rivers and springs and even wells. I am not sure how effective this will be and how many people will die because of a ‘Lack of Fresh Water’ but it would appear to me that in the ‘Flat Lands’ of the country water would be very scarce?**

Again, I think it should be plain to everyone that this will truly be an awful time for anything that has ‘LIFE’ (human, animal or vegetation) to be on planet earth. I think that is why Jesus Christ himself made the following comment when talking about this period, Matt. 24:22, **“If those days had not been cut short, no one would survive, but for the sake of the elect those days will be shortened.”** This verse has been discussed by numerous scholars down through the years offering a variety of answers; however the answer, to me, is very simple and as always straight forward →

**If God-Jesus Christ had not “cut short... those days” → ‘meaning stopped this process of judgment’, no one would have been left alive (saved people) to populate ‘Millennial Earth’. Therefore, because of the “elect” or (“for the sake of the elect—saved”) that is being spoken of in this verse which are the men, women and children that will be saved during the ‘Tribulation Period’ and are still alive at the end of the seven year period, will be the ones that will inhabit and replenish the earth during Jesus Christ 1,000 year reign on planet earth, “...those days (will be) cut short”). As usual, God always takes the necessary steps or actions to ensure his plan stays on track → Creation to the New Jerusalem. Again, Gods plan has never changed and has always been ‘simple, straight forward and he has always communicated it to man ahead of time through prophecy’.**

Now I will break down verses 5-7 which provides the reader with additional information about 'The Third Bowl Judgment' → These verses speak about four specific areas as it relates to 'The Third Bowl judgment':

### **VERSE 5:**

**"Then I heard → the angel in charge of the waters say: → 'You are just in these judgments, → you who are and who were, the HOLY ONE, → because you have so judged..."**

**One →** **"Then I heard..."** Meaning, **"Then"** → the next thing in John's vision was; 'The angel who delivered the Third Bowl Judgment'.

**Two →** **"Then I heard—the angel in charge of the water says..."** This second portion of this opening statement appears to be talking about a 'second angel' and this angel appears to be in charge of the 'Worlds Water Supply'. We know that God uses angels as messengers but we also know He/God uses them as protectors and overseers of everything from nations to individual people. I think this verse now informs us that angels are also used to 'protect & oversee' specific portions of the earth and its unique physical attributes → like its water! I wonder what modern day environmentalist would have to say about this.

This angle that is **"in charge of the waters..."** now makes three specific statements about this judgment in the remainder of verse 5; he will also make additional statements in verse 6.

Again to me the remaining portion of verse 5 speaks to or reaffirms to all men why this (all) judgments are correct or justified, and provides three specific points in verse 5, which are as follows:

(1) **Judgments are JUST→** I will provide three translations so that you can compare specific words within this sentence:

NIV, **"You are just in these judgments..."**

KJV, **"Thou are righteous, O Lord..."**

Greek Translator, **"You are righteous, Lord..."**

To me this angel is making a statement of 'FACT' about the one bringing this specific judgment (in reality all judgments). To me the words the angel uses to legitimize his statement are: **"just"** & **"righteous"**. According to my Webster's Dictionary the word **"just"** means; **'having a basis in or conforming to fact or reason'** or **'acting or being in conformity with what is morally upright or good'** or I like this one **'Exactly—Precisely, Right'**. Next the word, **"righteous"** means; **"acting in accordance with divine or moral law"** or **"free from guilt or sin"**.

**(2) Reason or why the One making these judgments is just →** Again I will provide three translations so that you can compare specific words within the next part of this sentence:

NIV, **"...you who are and who were, the Holy One..."**

KJV, **"...which art, and wast, and shalt be..."**

Greek Translator, **"...the One who is, and who was, and who will be..."**

Actually I like all three translations because I think they all three clearly states make it clear that **"the Holy One"** which is actually the 'Triune God Head' is the only being which has always been → **"...who is, and who was, and who will be..."**. The bible actually tells us that there is no other like God, Deut. 4:35, **"You were shown these things so that you might know that the Lord is God; besides him there is no other."** Isa. 44: 6b-7a, **"...I am the first and I am the last; apart from me there is no other God. Who then is like me?"** Isa. 45:5, **"I am the Lord, and there is no other; apart from me there is no God."**

**(3) Judgments are "just" simply because God did them →** Again I will provide all three translations so that you can compare specific words within the sentence:

NIV, **"...because you have so judged..."**

KJV, **"...because thou hast judged thus."**

Greek Translator, **"You judged these things..."**

It appears to me that verse 5 ends by summarizing all of verse 5 by simply stating → **The 'Only God' is bringing these judgments on men and the earth.**

therefore, simply by his actions they are “just” & “righteous”, because he is the ‘One and Only God’.

#### **VERSE 6:**

**“...for they have shed the blood of your saints and prophets, → and you have given them blood to drink → as they deserve.”**

In verse 6 we find a continuation of this same thought process that was in verse 5, which is justification from heaven as to the judgments being brought by God. This verse is split into two main areas: Action & Results. We will discuss both. I will only use the NIV translation as there are no real translation differences.

**Action Portion→ “...for they have shed the blood of your saints and prophets...”**

In the ‘Action Portion’ of this verse the ‘angel’ is telling John and the future readers the ‘Reason’ God is bringing this and all judgments on the ‘unrepentant and unsaved world’ → Keep in mind when reading these words this is he ‘ACTIONS’ of the unsaved world that will bring the ‘RESULTS’, which is Gods JUDGMENT → THE ACTION OF THE UNSAVED WORLD ON GODS “...saints and prophets...”→ “...for they have shed the blood of your saints and prophets...”.

**Results Portion→ “...and you have given them blood to drink as they deserve.”**

In the ‘Action Portion’ of this verse we saw what the ‘unrepentant and unsaved world’ had done and continues to do to God ‘saints and prophets’ which is the reason for the ‘Results Portion’ or the judgment that God has brought on the ‘unrepentant and unsaved world’. Actually God will continue this process until the ‘Seconding Coming of Jesus Christ’, which in my opinion is the ‘**FINAL AND MOST DRAMATIC OF ALL THE JUDGMENTS**’ → **within the ‘Seven Year Tribulation Period’**.

#### **Verse 7:**

**“And I heard the altar respond: → ‘Yes, Lord God Almighty, true and just are your judgments’.”**

In verse 7 we find this same process of reaffirmation, except now it is heaven itself that is 'reconfirming that Gods judgments are correct'. I will again provide all three translations so that you can compare word differences:

**NIV, "And I heard the altar respond: 'Yes, lord God Almighty, true and just are your judgments'."**

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

**Greek Translator, "And I heard another out of the altar saying, Yes Lord God Almighty, Your judgments are true and righteous."**

Again, I think this verse needs to be split into two sections, (I will use the Greek Translator, translation), which are as follows:

**Section One** → **"And I heard another out of the altar saying..."** Most scholars believe that John is now telling us, the reader that he is hearing (words), **"And I heard..."** that are coming from something or someone other than the words of **"Then I heard the angel in charge of the waters say..."** Meaning this is now a new speaker. There are two schools of thought about 'who is actually speaking' even though both schools of thought believe the 'words being spoken are from the same source'. I will explain:

**First View** → **This group believes that the 'altar' has been given a 'tongue' and personal or human qualities.** They use Gen. 4:10 to support their view that this has been done before 'non-living things' can be given 'human or personal qualities', Gen. 4:10, **"The Lord said, 'What have you done? Listen! Your brother's blood cries out to me from the ground'."** We have talked about this same type of situation before; remember when Jesus Christ said, Luke 19:40, **"I tell you, he replied, if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out."** Also see Habakkuk chapter 2, focus on verse 11: **They also believe that the 'altar' was given this ability, 'tongue and human qualities' to speak for 'all of Gods children who have been slain or martyred for their faith'**. I will cover how they support their view in the 'second view' below. They both use the same support.

**Second View** → This group believes that the words coming from the “altar” is coming from the ‘Martyred Saints’ who are kept by God under the altar until the ‘Seven Year Tribulation Period’ is over. They use scripture like Rev. 6: 9-10, **“When he opened the fifth sea; I saw under the altar the souls of those who had been slain because of the word of God and the testimony they had maintained. They called out in a loud voice, ‘How long, Sovereign Lord, holy and true, until you judge the inhabitants of the earth and avenge our blood?’”** And Rev. 7:9-17, focus on 9a & 14a; **“...great multitudes that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and in front of the Lamb...These are they that came out of the great tribulation...”** Again, they believe that the remaining words being spoken in this verse (7) are from all of Gods children who have been murdered or martyred for their faith since the beginning of the **‘Tribulation Period’**.

**SUMMARY:** View ‘one’ believes the altar was given a ‘tongue and human qualities’ to speak on behalf of the murdered & martyred saints, whereas, the ‘second view believes the ‘murdered and Martyred saints’ are actually doing the speaking themselves. It is my opinion that this difference has no real bearing on the ‘meaning’ of this verse.

It is my opinion that this group speaking is more likely the saints that were **‘martyred’** during the tribulation period. My logic or reasoning is simple: These judgments will be carried out during the **‘seven year tribulation period’**; therefore, these words are more likely from people-saints from that period. Again, this is just my opinion based on my understanding of the scripture; however, I cannot see where either view makes any real difference in the meaning of this verse.

**Section Two** → **“Yes, Lord God Almighty, true and just are your judgments.”** Again, the last part of this verse contains the actual words being spoken by the **‘altar or martyred saints out of the tribulations’**, **“Yes, Lord God Almighty, true and just are your judgments.”** To me these words should be viewed as just another group or part of heaven **‘VALIDATING’** that the **“Yes, Lord God Almighty”** actions during the **‘Seven Year Tribulation Period’** are, **“...true and just are your judgments.”** Which is exactly, saying the same thing as the ones speaking in verse

5-6, “You are just in these judgments, you who are and who were, the Holy One, because you have so judged; for they have shed the blood of your saints and prophets, and you have given them blood to drink as they deserve.”

I do not think it really matters how you identify who is doing the speaking from heaven, because it appears to me and is my opinion → THAT IT IS ALL OF HEAVEN’.

### FORTH BOWL JUDGMENT→

Quick review→ Differences

Remember the words describing the ‘First & Second Bowl Judgment’ were very concise; they only provided the reader with ‘The Action & Results’ portion of the judgment. Then in the ‘Third Bowl Judgment’ God provided the reader with additional information from ‘heaven & the tribulation martyrs’, which was a change in format from the first two judgments. Now in the ‘Fourth Bowl Judgment’ God has decided to change his format again: This time God goes back to ‘The Action & Results’ format and provides the reader with a brief description of how this judgment will affect the humans on the earth. Then God concludes the words about this judgment by providing the reader with ‘how the humans on the earth reacted to this judgment as it relates to God’!

### Verses 8-9:

(8) “The fourth angel poured out his bowl on the sun, → and the sun was given power to scorch people with fire. (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.”

I know I have said this many times but keep in mind when reading any of the 20 judgments that all of these judgments bring some kind of ‘pain to unsaved humanity’; either ‘Directly or By Disassembling Creation’. This will truly be a time

when all of the humans on planet earth will know that there is a 'God of Creation' → **Therefore, there will be no excuse why they did not repent before they reach their final judgment, 'The Great White Throne Judgment', Rev. 20: 11-15.**

I will break this judgment down into its basic sub-sets to make it easier to understand.

**Verse 8:**

**"The forth angel poured out his bowl on the sun, → and the sun was given power to scorch people with fire."**

**Action Portion** → **"The fourth angel poured out his bowl on the sun..."** The 'action portion' of this judgment is very straight forward and does not have any symbolism involved. **My translation is as follows: 'The fourth angel poured out his bowl on the physical sun, which changed its current physical relationship to the earth (the bowl contained something of a 'Divine' nature from 'God the Father').** I also think the last part of this sentence makes it clear this change will **negatively impact all life, both human and animal.** And I think we can assume it will also equally affect animal and vegetation. The bible does not tell us how God will make this 'event happen', but given all of the other judgments that have happened → that will adversely affect the atmosphere I am sure they (all the other judgments) will play some role in this event. Again, this is just my opinion, but I think it is a safe bet!

**I think it is also worth noting just how many times the 'sun has been affected' up until now; during the 'Seven Year Tribulation Period'.** I will list them by judgment:

**Six Seal Judgment** → **Occurred during 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 7 yr. tribulation period**

Rev. 6:12, **"I watched as he opened the six seal. There was a great earthquake. The sun turned black like sackcloth made of goat hair..."**

**Fourth Trumpet Judgment**→ Occurred during the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of 7 yr. tribulation period

**Rev. 8: 12, “The fourth angel sounded his trumpet, and a third of the sun was struck...A third of the day was without light...”**

**Forth Bowl Judgment**→ Occurred somewhere around the end of the 3th quarter of the 7 yr. tribulation period

**Rev. 16: 8a, “The fourth angel poured out his bowl in the sun and the sun was given power to scorch people with fire.”**

The ‘sun’ is one of the main things in creation that ‘sustains all life’ and it appears to me that ‘God the Father’ has used it three times up until now in some way to get man’s attention and it does not appear to be working. I think this must truly be a time of very hard hearts; however keep in mind that Satan himself is walking on planet earth during this period. ‘During this period many men will reject God and believe the LIE!’

**Results Portion**→ NIV, **“...and the sun was given power to scorch people with fire.”** **I like the Greek Translator better because in this translation it has the ‘sun’ with human qualities, “And it was given to him to burn men with fire.”**

Again to me the meaning of the ‘results portion’ of this judgment is very straight forward and does not have any symbolism involved. Unless you are using the Greek Translator translation, which indicates that the ‘sun’ has human qualities. Again, I think this is another area where we see that ‘**ALL**’ of ‘**Creation**’ has a **relationship with God**. And as I have said before I do not understand how this relationship works→ A relationship with an inanimate object but God is the ‘Creator’ and his abilities and ways that have no limits so I take this at the face value of the words in scripture. Also, I need to make it clear that not everyone/scholars believe that ‘inanimate objects’ can have a relationship with ‘The God of Creation’.

Again I think the 'results portion' of this judgment is very straight forward and leaves little to the imagination. Again my translation → **'When the 'forth bowl judgment' is poured out it will have some type of 'super natural effect' on the sun (negative effect). The effects of this event will be that "men/people" (meaning human body) will be "scorched or burnt" like it would be with "fire".** It is also my assumption is that this event will have the same effect of animals and vegetation. But the scripture do not state this.

LAST → There are many comments within the Old Testament about this event, which are as follows:

**Deut. 32:24, KJV, "They shall be burnt with hunger and devoured with burning heat and with bitter destruction..."**

**Isa. 24:6, KJV, "Therefore hath the curse devoured the earth, and they that dwell therein are desolate: therefore, the inhabitants of the earth are burnt, and few men left."**

**Mal. 4:1, KJV, "For, behold, the day cometh, that shall burn as an oven; and all the proud, yes, and all that do wickedly, shall be stubble; and the day that cometh shall burn them up, saith the Lord of host, that it shall leave them neither root nor branch."**

This event is also talked about in the New Testament, as follows:

**Luke 21:25, KJV, "And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring."**

**Verse 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."**

In verse 9 God through John's words provides the reader with four specific pieces of information about these men, which are as follows:

**One** → **"They were seared by intense heat..."** The first part of verse 9 provides the reader with a more detailed description about the affects the **"sun"** was having on the human body,

**NIV**→ **"They were seared by the intense heat..."**

**Greek Translator**→ **"And men were burned with great heat..."**

Remember the original description in verse 8 was:

**NIV**→ **"...scorch people with fire."**

**Greek Translator**→ **"...to burn men with fire..."**

I do not know how the physics of this will work but it appears to me that God is going to somehow increase the sun's UV (**ultra-violate rays**) ability to penetrate our atmosphere or even remove the atmosphere or God could cause **'sun flares'** or God could move the **'sun closer to the earth'** or something we have never thought of? **Remember this is a time when the God of Creation is judging man through 'super natural events' so nothing is impossible. The actual words in this judgment only state 'HOW' God's judgment will affect men, but as I have stated above; my assumption based on our current physical laws is that animals, vegetation and land would be equally affected.** However, given the absence of words specifically stating that animals, vegetation and land are affected the same way → This would only be my assumption.

**My logic is simple**→ **Under the current physical law's which control our planet and universe if the sun (UV Rays) were to penetrate our atmosphere at a level that is described in this judgment; then all human, animals, vegetation and land things would be effected the same way, however, there are no specific words in this judgment indicating this! The bottom line is that the cause of this event could be either 'NATURAL or SUPERNATURAL'; however, we do know for sure that the one responsible for this event is—God the Father.**

## **CONCLUSION:**

The results of this event could affect only humans if that is God's plan: or it could affect all living things plus vegetation if that is God's plan.

**My opinion is that this judgment will affect all living things plus vegetation because God is bringing judgement on all of the unsaved world and 'THE EARTH'. Again, just my opinion!**

Before we move to the next piece of information in this verse I would like to point out **'just how effective God will be in applying these last seven judgments'** on the unsaved and unrepentant world. I will list below the chronology of Gods last seven judgments and its effect on humanity:

**First Bowl Judgment**→ **"...ugly and painful sores broke out on the people..."**

All unsaved humans will be covered in painful sores

**Second Bowl Judgment**→ **"...sea turned to blood..."** Removes most of the (H<sub>2</sub>O) from the planet

**Third Bowl Judgment**→ **"...rivers and springs...became blood..."** Removes all of the (H<sub>2</sub>O) from the planet

At this point all unsaved humans will be in **bodily agony** because of **"ugly and painful sores..."** and the only the moisture (water, H<sub>2</sub>O) that will be left on planet earth to be used to **'COOL' there now**→ **'dried up and burn sours'** would be that which is **'under the earth'** or **'in the air'** and based on the rest of the other judgments it would not appear to be a lot of moisture left in the atmosphere.

**Repeat**→ different translation: **KJV, "And men were scorched with great heat...from the sun..."** **It is my opinion that this judgment was put in at this point to create the maximum impact on humanity, both 'Physically & Mentally'.**

**LAST POINT**→ **The 'Forth Bowl Judgment'** will remove the remaining moisture, (H<sub>2</sub>O) from the atmosphere and **"sores or seared"** all of the people on planet earth that are not saved.

Think about how awful this time period will actually be on planet earth; people will be burning up from the 'intense sun rays' and → there will be NO WATER to drink or to cool and soothe their painful bodies! The scripture does not provide us with how God will deal with saved people during this period, therefore I would only be guessing if I commented. We can discuss in class.

**NOTE:** Again, as we have already discussed not sure if the 'forth bowl judgment' will affect animals, vegetation and land the same way it is affecting humanity, but if it does that will only add to man's suffering.

**Two→** "...and they cursed the name of God, who had control over these plagues..." In the next portion of this verse God through John states two facts very clearly.

**Fact One→** "...and they cursed the name of God..." To me this is a very specific statement made by God about how the people of the earth were reacting to Gods judgments. If you go back to Revelation Chapter 9, verses 20-21 you will find the same reaction from unsaved man after the 'Sixth Trumpet Judgment'.

I think there are two interesting points worth noting at this point in our study:

**Point One: Gods Desire for All Humanity→** Remember this is the God of Creation providing man with one last chance to repent before humanities time runs out and they will be separated from God for ever.

**Point Two: What Appears to be Humanity's Desire During this Last 'Seven Year Period'→** It appears to me that many, if not most, of the men, women and children living on the earth at this point in time are actually → reveling in and very much enjoying their sinful lifestyle and open rebellion against the God of Creation. I think a good example that can provides us with some good insight of what these unsaved people think of the God of Creation and his saints is in Revelation Chapter 11, verses 7-11, which is talking about the 'Two Witnesses Sent by God'; focus on verses 9-10, "For three and a half days men from every people, tribe, language and nation will gaze on their bodies and refuse them burial. The inhabitants of the earth will gloat over them and will celebrate by

sending each other gifts, because these two prophets and tormented those who live on the earth.”

Keep in mind when thinking about this period of time that Satan and his angel-demons will be walking the earth with humanity. Satan will no longer have access to heaven and Gods presence. They know their time of freedom is limited; therefore, it is my opinion that they will be even more intense and creative than ever in ways to lead all humans away from the ‘God of Creation’. Again, as I have said before; **‘this will truly be an awful time for all humans to be on planet earth’.**

**Fact Two**→ “God, who had control over these plagues...” God through John’s words makes it very clear that the people living during this period knew that it **‘was’** and **‘is’** and **‘always be’** the God of Creation that is in **“control”** of these **“plagues”**. Again, I think God wants to make it very clear for the reader that it is **‘THE GOD’** that is always in control of all of **‘HIS CREATION’**. And it is even more important that the people living on planet earth during this period understand this same message and I think we can say for certain that they do based on their responses in Rev. 9:20-21 & Rev. 11: 7-11.

**Three**→ “...but they refused to repent and glorify Him.” Again, I think the last portion of this sentence summarizes the attitude of the unsaved people on planet earth during this entire ‘Seven Years Tribulation Period’→ “...but they refused to repent and glorify him.” I think God through the words written by John, in the entire Book of Revelations, made the point very clear how unsaved humanity, during this period, feels about the ‘God of Creation’. Again, God is giving EVERY unsaved human, on planet earth, one last chance to repent and has made it very clear to all of humanity that this last chance is from HIM-GOD. Even with all of this being made very clear; much if not most of humanity continues to rebel and revel in their sin-nature. If you want to gain a better understanding of how unsaved humans react to God, read Romans 1:18-32.

Last → Now I am only stating my opinion, but it appears to me that if you read the Bible from Genesis to Revelation → NOTHING HAS CHANGED → men have been acting this way since the time of: Cain & Able and Pre-Noah and Nimrod and Israel and all of the gentile nations → and on it goes.

### FIFTH BOWL JUDGMENT →

#### Verses 10-11:

(10) “The fifth angel poured out his bowl → on the (throne) (KJV, “seat”) of the beast, and → (the) (KJV, “his”) kingdom was plunged into darkness. → Men gnawed their tongues in agony (11) and → cursed the God of heaven because of their pains and the sores, but → they refused to repent of what they had done.”

There has been much written about this ‘Judgment’ because it so closely resembles the ‘Ninth Plague’, which God brought on Egypt for not letting his people go, Exodus 10:21-22, “Then the Lord said to Moses, ‘Stretch out your hand toward the sky so that darkness will spread over Egypt—darkness that can be felt’.”

Again, I do not think there can be no question that the ‘Ninth Plague’ and the ‘Fifth Bowl Judgment’ are very similar if not identical in how they physically affect the earth and humanity. Seems simple to me that these words are saying there is a total absence of ‘PHYSICAL LIGHT’ (to a specific group of people). There are four schools of thought on → actually which part of the earth is dark:

- 1) They believe based on the word “throne” – it would be the capital city of Babylon – rebuilt in Iraq;
- 2) They believe based on the word “throne” it would be the city of Jerusalem, where the antichrist will sit on the throne of God in the rebuilt temple in Jerusalem,

**3) They believe based on the word “kingdom” it would be the entire world at this point in time given → at this point in time the antichrist will rule the entire world.**

**4) They believe based on the word “throne & kingdom” it would be based in Rome, as they believe → we are talking about the ‘Revived Roman Empire’ and the capital is ‘The City of Rome’.**

Note → More on this subject later!

**SEPERTAE VIEW: Symbolically →** There is another group of scholars that view the word ‘darkness’ → **symbolically**, therefore, they equate the word **“darkness”** to the **‘spiritual condition’** of the earth during this period. And based on the words in Rev. 16: 9b and 11, I would say this interpretation is certainly correct: 9b, **“...but they refused to repent and glorify Him.”** And 11b, **“...but they refused to repent of what they had done.”**

However, I do not think this is the primary meaning of verses 10-11. I believe the primary meaning carries a **‘literal meaning’, (and the symbolic meaning would be a secondary meaning)** which I believe has many attributes or elements, which I will list some of these below.

**Verse 10 Breakdown by Sub-set →**

**ACTION PORTION:**

**“The fifth angel poured out his bowl on the throne of the beast...”**

**RESULTS PORTION:**

**“...and his kingdom was plunged into darkness.”**

All of my discussion on verse 10 will be focused on these two issues: **ACTION PORTION** and **RESULTS PORTION**.

**ACTION PORTION:**

**One**→ “The fifth angels poured out his bowl...” God through John’s words is telling the reader that → The fifth bowl judgment has been implemented.

**Two**→ “...on the throne of the beast.” God through John’s words –now tells the reader → where the ‘Fifth Bowl Judgment’ was delivered.

### **SPECIFICS OF FIFTH BOWL JUDGMENT:**

**ONE**→ This is an ‘ACTUAL— PHYSICAL’ → JUDGMENT from GOD’, which God is using to try to get men’s attention in an effort to get them to ‘repent and return to him→ The God of Creation’, before it is too late. Both the ‘Ninth Plague in Egypt’ and the ‘Fifth Bowl Judgment’ were implemented by God to obtain the same results from man→ **Submission to their Creator & Obedience to the God of Creation & Man Understanding his position in Creation (man is the created being and God is the Creator and the eternal being).**

### **RESULTS PORTION:**

“...and his kingdom was plunged into darkness.” Before we begin our detail study of this statement I would like to point out that God through John’s words does not tell us ‘How This DARKNESS was Accomplished’. Most scholars believe that it will have something to do with the ‘Physical Sun’: And they base their opinion on scripture like: Joel 2:31 & Matt. 24:29 & Luke 21:25 → quoted below.

**TWO**→ This specific judgment was prophesied in both the Old Testament and New Testament.

### **Old Testament:**

**Isa. 60:2,** “See, darkness covers the earth and thick darkness is over the peoples, but the Lord rises upon you and his glory appears over you.” To me this passage is speaking to the issue of ‘spiritual darkness’ not ‘physical darkness’.

However, we know based on history, 'spiritual darkness' always leads to 'physical darkness'.

**Joel 2:1-2a,** "Blow the trumpet in Zion; sound the alarm on my holy hill. Let all who live in the land tremble, for the day of the Lord is coming. It is close at hand—a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and blackness." And verse 31, "The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord."

### New Testament:

**John 3:19-20,** The issue of 'spiritual darkness' is also discussed in John 3:19-20, "This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but men love darkness instead of the light because their deeds are evil. Everyone who does evil hates the light, and will not come into the light for fear that his deeds will be exposed." Again, 'spiritual darkness' always leads to physical darkness'.

**Matt. 24: 29a,** Speaks about 'Physical Darkness', "...the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light..." Same words are used in Mark 13:24.

**Luke 21:8-38,** also speaks about these events and times focus on verse 25, "There will be signs in the sun, moon and stars... (26) for the heavenly bodies will be shaken."

**Jude 8-13,** Focus on verse 13 "They are wild waves of the sea, foaming up their shame; wandering stars, for whom blackest darkness has been reserved forever." I think the words on Jude speak about the 'blackest darkness' that is prophesied for 'all unsaved' sinners → 'Great White Throne Judgment/The Lake of Fire'. And our words appear to be a → 'fore—shadowing' of the event Jude is speaking about. Both scriptures are talking about 'darkness so intense that it can be felt', which is the 'DARKNESS THAT WILL ENGULF ALL UNSAVED PEOPLE AT DEATH FOR ALL ETERNITY' → COMPLETE SEPERATION FROM THE LIGHT → GOD/JESUS; Rev. 22:5, → The New Jerusalem/Heaven/Earth → "There will be no more night. They will not need the light of a lamp or the light of the sun, for the Lod God will give them light. And they will reign for ever and ever."

**THREE→** Based on my knowledge of scripture there will be three groups of people who will experience this type of 'DARKNESS' and two of these groups will have the opportunity to experience this 'DARKNESS' twice:

**Group One→** The people living in Egypt at the time of the Ninth Plague and again, if they did not repent and be saved, while living, they will experience this type of 'DARKNESS' when they die and go to HELL.

**Group Two→** The people living during the Fifth Bowl Judgment and again, if they did not repent and be saved, while living, they will experience this type of 'DARKNESS' when they die and go to HELL and based on the words in 11b, it does not appear likely that they will repent and be saved, while still living → "...but they refused to repent of what they had done."

**Group Three→** All of the people who have ever lived and died without the 'Blood of Jesus Christ' to pay for their sins; the church calls this being 'saved by the blood of Jesus Christ'.

**All of these three groups will experience this type of 'DARKNESS' for all of eternity.**

**Separate View→** There have been a few scholars who have even compared this judgment to the 'Fifth Trumpet Judgment' in Rev. 9: 2, "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 of the Abyss." I cannot agree with these scholars view for the following reason:

**FIRST→** The 'Action Portion of the Fifth Trumpet Judgment' was to "...open the Abyss..." and → 'release the locust out of the Abyss', "And out of the smoke locusts came down upon the earth..." Which Resulted In→ "...torture them (humanity) for five months. And the agony they suffered was like that of the sting of a scorpion..."

**SECOND**→ Whereas the 'Action Portion of the Fifth Bowl Judgment' was to **"...plunge the kingdom ...of the beast into DARKNESS"** → Which Resulted In **"Men gnawed their tongues in agony..."**

**To me God intended these to be two different types of judgments with two different outcomes. Again this is just my opinion.**

### **CONTINUED DESCRIPTION OF THE RESULTS OF THE 'FIFTH BOWL JUDGMENT':**

**Verse 10b:**

**"...men gnawed their tongues in agony..."**

I am not sure how to describe these words any better than they speak for themselves. All of unsaved humanity will be in a 'STATE of UNCONTROLABLE PHYSICSL PAIN'. It will be a gut-wrenching pain and they will be doing anything to get→ any kind of relief!

**Verse 11:**

**"...and cursed the God of heaven → because of their pain and their sores, → but they refused to repent of what they had done."**

**I will break this verse down into its basic sub-sets, which are as follows:**

**One: "...and cursed the God of heaven..."** To me intent or meaning of these words is 'straight forward' however; I think to really understand there meaning you need to understand that → they are demonstrating a build-up of the 'feelings of unsaved humanity—about the God of Creation' for the 'First Five Bowl judgments'. To me these words by unsaved humanity appear to be where they come to a 'BREAKING POINT' after the 'Fifth Bowl Judgment'.

**I will list the first five bowl judgments:**

**First Bowl Judgment**→ **"...ugly and painful sores broke out on the people, who had the mark of the beast and worshiped his image."**

**Second Bowl Judgment** → **“...the sea, and it turned into blood like that of a dead man...”**

**Third Bowl Judgment** → **“...on the rivers and springs of waters, and they became blood.”**

**Fourth Bowl Judgment** → **“...and the sun was given power to scorch people with fire.”**

**Fifth Bowl Judgment** → **“... and his kingdom was plunged into darkness.”**

Again, I believe that the reaction that we are seeing by the unsaved people of the earth in verse 10b & 11a **“Men gnawed their tongues in agony and cursed the God of heaven because of their pains and their sores...”** is a culmination of the **‘First Five Bowl Judgments’**.

On page 607 I briefly talked about → ‘What Area of Land’ this “darkness’ will cover. We discussed three potential areas: now I will provide a few more facts—details about this subject.

### **QUESTION** →

**What part of the earth will be covered by this** → **“DARKNESS”**. There have been many scholars who have developed many views on this subject as we stated on page 607, but **‘to me’** it always comes back to → How you interpret the words in verse 10, (1) **“The fifth angel poured out his bowl** (2) **on the throne of the beast,** and (3) **his kingdom was plunged into darkness.”** To me there are several key issues which you need to develop an opinion on, before you can develop an overall opinion, which are as follows:

**One** → **At what point in time, during the seven year tribulation period, did the ‘Fifth Angel Pour out his Bowl Judgment’.** This will have a major impact on the next two issues.

**FIRST ISSUE** → It is my opinion that we are somewhere close to the **‘END of the SEVEN YEAR TRIBULATION PERIOD’**. I base my opinion on the fact that the

**'ACTION PORTION'** of the **'Sixth Bowl Judgement'** is **'Preparing the Earth for→  
'The Great Battle of ARMAGEDDON'.** Read Revelation 16: 12-16, focus on verse 16, **"Then they gathered the kings together to the place that in Hebrew is called Armageddon."** Again, to me there is no question that we are at the end of the **'Tribulation Period'** → My guess would be somewhere within the last 12 months; Just my opinion!

**SECOND ISSUE** → The **"...throne of the beast..."** could be located in different places or all four places (page 607) depending on the point in time during the seven year tribulation period that you are talking about. To me scripture is a little vague on the exactness of this issue but I will give you my opinion and my support for each 'Point'. Then you need to decide for yourself your view on this issue, not that it really matters in the total scope of the Tribulation Judgments.

### **Support for Opinion:**

**First Data Point**→ If this event happened during the 'First Half of the Seven Years Tribulation period' → It could be within the boundaries of the **'Revived Roman Empire'** as this was the 'Kingdom/throne' of the antichrist during this period. My logic is simple →

**1) The original capital of the first Roman Empire was Rome and so it will again be in Rome when the Roman Empire is revived;**

**2) Based on current events, where the Roman Catholic Church is trying its best to create a 'World or Global Religion' and base it in the city of Rome it only seems reasonable to believe that the 'antichrist' will be very close to this 'Religious Effort' again → 1<sup>st</sup> half! Also, remember that during the first half of the 'Seven Year Tribulation Period' the antichrist will only control → the 'Revived Roman Empire'. At this point in the 'Seven Year Tribulation Period' he has not yet taken over the entire earth. Most scholars agree that the initial capital of the Revived Roman Empire will be in the city of Rome:** Also, the concept that the antichrist will come from; and the location of the revived Roman Empire is confirmed in Daniel Chapters 2 & 7.

**Second Data Point → If this event happened after the 'First Half of the Seven Year Tribulation Period' it could be in Jerusalem.** I base my opinion on the following scripture: 2 Thess. 2:3-4, **"Don't let anyone deceive you in any way, for that day will not come until the rebellion occurs and the man of lawlessness is revealed the man doomed to destruction. He opposes and exalts himself over everything that is called God or is worshiped, and even sets himself up in God's temple, proclaiming himself to be God."** This verse confirms or makes several points:

**1) Gods temple will be rebuilt by the mid-point in the seven year tribulation period** (Dan. 9:27 confirms the temple has been rebuilt and the timing); **"He will confirm a covenant with many for one 'seven', but in the middle of that 'seven' he will put an end to sacrifice and offering. And one who causes desolation will place abomination on a wing of the temple until the end that is decreed is poured out on him."**

**2) The antichrist will break his treaty with Israel at the mid-point and set himself up as 'god' and set on Gods throne in the rebuilt temple,** again Dan. 9:27; see above quote

**3) The rebuilt temple will be built in the city of God, which is Jerusalem; see Rev. 11:2, "But exclude the outer court; do not measure it, because it has been given to the gentiles. They will trample on the holy city for 42 months."** To gain a better understanding of this issue go back and read Daniel chapters 7 and 9:20-27 & Matthew chapter 24. There are many more prophecies about this issue spread throughout scripture but these are some of the best.

Also, there are many scholars that believe that the **'image of the beast'** spoken of in Revelation chapter 13, verse 14b-15, **"He ordered them to set up an image in honor of the beast who was wounded by the sword and yet lived. He was given power to give breath to the image of the first beast, so that it could speak and cause all who refused to worship the image to be killed."** will be set up in the rebuilt temple in Jerusalem.

**Third Data Point** → it could be in the rebuilt city of Babylon. To me there are specific scriptural reference points that lead me to believe that the city of Babylon will be rebuilt (actually it is already partially rebuilt today) and will be the center of the 'antichrist → 'New World Government & Economic System'. Therefore, it would be reasonable to believe that the antichrist will be there most of the time. We also know from scripture that Babylon is the birth place of the 'spirit of the antichrist'. Analysis as follows:

**1)** In Genesis 11:1-4 the story of Babylonia begins, NIV, "Now the whole world had one language and one common speech. As men moved eastward, they found a plain in Shinar (Babylonia) and settled there. They said to each other, 'Come, let's make bricks and bake them thoroughly.' They used bricks instead of stone, and tar instead of mortar. Then they said, 'Come, let us build ourselves a city, with a tower.'" KJV "...and a tower, whose top may reach into heaven..." that we may make a name for ourselves and not be scattered over the face of the whole earth'." To the best of my knowledge this was man's first recorded attempt to 'Create a One World Order'. I found these words on the internet, which summarize this issue, "Historically and symbolically, Babylon is any organized system that replaces God's rule with human or demonic rule." Also if you go to Genesis 10:8-10 you will find that 'Nimrod 'was the first human to try to become a world leader— and a human god. Nimrod is also known as the 'FATHER' OF ALL 'FALSE RELIGIONS', to include Hinduism, Buddhism, and the Egyptian religions. When Nimrod died he became known as the 'Sun god' → Baal. Therefore, Babylon is also known as the 'Birth Place of Idolatry'.

**2)** There is one last reason that I believe that the city of Babylon will be rebuilt to its previous splendor and be the capital of the 'antichrist → 'One World Government and Economic System'. In the Old Testament God tells us that that he → God has a special judgment for this specific city: 'It will be destroyed to the same level that Sodom & Gomora was as recorded in Genesis 19:1-30. This event is prophesied in Isaiah 13:17-20, (17) "See, I will stir up against them the Medes, who do not care for silver and have no delight in gold. (18) Their bows will strike down your young men; they will have no mercy on young infants nor will they

look with compassion on children. (19) Babylon, the jewel of kingdoms, the glory of the Babylonians pride, will be overthrown by God like Sodom and Gomorrah. → Verse 20 is the prophetic portion of this scripture that is yet to be fulfilled → verse 20, “She will never be inhabited or lived in through all generations; no Arab will pitch his tent there, no shepherd will rest his flock there.” This prophecy has not yet been fulfilled but will be fulfilled during the seven year tribulation period. If you read Revelation chapters 17 & 18 you will see ‘when and how’ God keeps his promise; focus on Rev. 18:8 “Therefore in one day her plagues will overtake her; death, mourning and famine. She will be consumed by FIRE, for mighty is the Lord God who judges her.” This prophecy is also repeated in Jeremiah 50:39-40, except with a little more descriptive language, “So desert creatures and hyenas will live there, and there the owl will dwell. It will never again be inhabited or lived in from generation to generation. As God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah along with their neighboring towns, declares the Lord, so no one will live there; no man will dwell in it.”

Based on scripture the point is → This prophecy has never been completed or totally fulfilled in the past and we know this for sure because the city of Babylon is currently being rebuilt. It has not been completed but there has already been a lot of work done and more going on every day. For more see Jeremiah 51:37, “Babylon will be a heap of ruins, a haunt of jackals, an object of horror and scorn, a place where no one lives.” And Isaiah 13:21-22a, “But desert creatures will lie there, jackals will fill her houses; there the owls will dwell, and there the wild goats will leap about. Hyenas will howl in her strongholds, jackals in her luxurious palaces.”

## **SUMMARY:**

Based on the fact that God is now implementing the ‘Fifth Bowl Judgment’ and I believe that we are within the last 12 months of the 84 month tribulation period. Also based on scripture at this point in time I know that the antichrist is the ‘supreme world leader’ and therefore, his ‘capital’ or “throne/kingdom” could be at any or all of these places. However, many scholars argue and point to these Data Points in making their decisions: At what point in time does this happen

because the size of the “beast” kingdom varies depending on what point in the seven year tribulation you are talking about.

**1) At the beginning of the seven year tribulation period the “beast” controls one small kingdom, which then turns into three → which then the three and then turn into the entire revived Roman Empire,**

**2) Then during the second half of the seven year tribulation period his kingdom turns into the entire world. However, based on my understanding of this verse I believe that we are at the end of the seven year tribulation period, therefore, the kingdom of the antichrist will extend to the entire world.**

**NOTE 1: However, I do not believe that the “darkness” that is being talked about in this verse will cover the entire world, but limited to some portion of the earth that is in direct control of the antichrist & false prophet.**

**NOTE 2: How Long does this ‘Darkness → Last? The duration of this judgment is not defined. However, if you go back to Exodus 10:22, which speaks about the ‘Ninth Plague on Egypt → “So Moses stretched out his hand toward the sky, and total darkness covered Egypt—FOR THREE DAYS.” Also, I think it would be reasonable to assume that it would last no longer than the beginning of the ‘Sixth Bowl Judgment’ is poured out. Again, just my opinion!**

**NOTE 3: I also base my opinion that the “darkness” of the ‘Fifth Bowl Judgment’ would have to have a limited duration because the ‘Sixth & Seventh Bowl Judgment will require light for them to be effectively implemented. See Rev. 16: 12-21**

### **CONCLUSION:**

It is my opinion that this **‘Fifth Bowl Judgment’ will be reserved for the ‘direct kingdom of the antichrist’** and I believe this will be the original ten nations he controlled. It is possible that it could be the entire world but the scripture appears to be very specific that it is **“...the throne of the beast and his kingdom...”** that was the target of **‘Gods Fifth Bowl Judgment’**. I draw my conclusion from the following scripture:

Scripture that establishes the location of the antichrist kingdom → Daniel 7: 7-8, (verse 7) **“After that, in my vision at night I looked and there before me was a fourth beast—terrifying and frightening and very powerful. It had large iron teeth; it crushed and devoured its victims and trampled underfoot whatever was left. It was different from all the former beast, and it had ten horns.** (This is a description of the first Roman Empire in Daniels dream about the four great world empires.) (Verse 8) **“While I was thinking about the horns, there before me was another horn, a little one, which came up among them; and three of the first horns were uprooted before me. This horn had eyes like the eyes of a man and a mouth that spoke boastfully.”** (This is the description of the **‘fifth empire’** → the revived Roman Empire which will be led by the **‘antichrist’ or the “little horn”**).

Scripture that establishes the antichrist will have a throne, Revelation 13: 2b, **“The dragon gave the beast his power and his throne and great authority.”** We can discuss this more in class.

**LAST QUESTION →** Does this judgment of **“darkness”** apply to all of humanity or just the portion OF humanity that have the **‘Mark of the Beast’**? **To answer this question I think you need to decide how you are going to view this judgment.**

We have seen in the past how some people view most if not all of these judgments as **‘symbolic’** and other believe them to be **‘literal’**. However, with many of the **‘Trumpet & Bowl Judgments’** I think you need to determine if you believe they are also **‘SUPERNATURAL’**. Remember the **‘Seal Judgments’** of Revelation Chapter 6 were for the most part God allowing man to harm and destroy himself. **Then the Trumpet Judgments were a mixture of judgments including natural events and ‘supernatural’ events or actions.** To me this is one of those **‘Judgments’** that should be considered **‘Supernatural’**, just like the **‘Fifth Trumpet Judgment’** where we saw **‘Demonically Possesses Locusts’**. I base my opinion on the fact that this type of **‘EVENT’** has already happened in the past and God created these past event just as he will create these future events → like the **‘Fifth Bowl Judgment’**, Exodus 10:21-23, **“Then the Lord said to Moses, ‘Stretch out your hand toward the sky so that the darkness will spread over Egypt—darkness that can be felt.’ So Moses stretched out his hand toward the sky, and**

**total darkness covered all of Egypt for three days. No one could see anyone else or leave his place for three days. Yet all the Israelites had light in the places where they lived.**

I have no idea how God will perform or make this happen but I know he did in the past and he will do it again in the future. Remember, this is the God of creation and he can do anything he wants **to his created beings or physical creation**. I will list several ways I can see this happening:

**1) God will stop the sun from shining on people who have the 'mark of the beast' → you talk about location control,**

**2) God could 'completely blind' all of the people who have the 'mark of the beast';**

**3) Or God could use some other "Supernatural Method" which we are not told about.** I think you get the idea → Our God is the God of Creation and can do as he pleases.

#### **SOME ADDITIONAL THOUGHTS:**

I believe that God created the 'Seven Year Tribulation Period' to;

**1) Complete Daniels Seventy Week Prophecy (Israel), and**

**2) Provide the unsaved world (Jew & Gentile) with firsthand knowledge that there is a God of Creation and one last chance to be saved given: living through this 'first—hand knowledge'.**

Also, to me the judgments appear to be getting more and more '**harsh and lethal**' to all living things and specifically—humans. I think to get the full gravity or impact of this judgment we need to stop and think about this specific situation → one second you are living during a time where "**...the sun was given the power to scorch people with fire.**" → and in the very next second you were "**...plunged into darkness.**"

**This would be the change that unsaved humanity would have to go through or endure → between the 'Fourth Bowl Judgment' and the Fifth Bowl Judgment'.** These verses do not specifically say so, but when God created this '**Physical**

creation' He/God put in to place certain → 'PHYSICAL LAWS' which 'Governed ' how this creation would work and one of these was that the sun would be man's source of light which is also man's primary source of heat (second being fire).

Also think about the 'pain and torment that humans and all living things would go through' if one second they were in "scorching heat" and the very next second they were in 'freezing cold' → because they were in total "darkness".

Again, I believe that this will be a time when God will be implementing judgments designed to get man's attention and try to get him to → 'Repent' and be saved and HIS/GOD'S judgments will be increasingly harsh to get humanities attention!

The last part of verse 10b states, "Men gnawed their tongues in agony ..." To the best of my knowledge this is the only place in the scripture that uses these words to describe human pain. Therefore, it is my opinion that God is telling us that this 'pain' is the most severe 'pain' that any human, that has ever lived, has experienced or endured since the creation of the earth. I also believe this 'pain' should be viewed as → THE ACCUMULATED PHYSICAL & MENTAL' pain from all of the previous 'Seal & Trumpet & Bowl Judgments'.

If you stop and think about it→ The 'Accumulated Physical & Mental Trauma to the Human Body' that humanity has suffered in the last 'six' (estimated) years is inconceivable to any human that has ever lived. Approximately 5.8 billion (estimated) people have been killed during this six year period. Death and mental stress/sadness will be the 'STANDARD STATE OF MIND' for all unsaved people.

Verse 11:

"...and cursed the God of heaven because of their pains and their sours, but they refused to repent of what they had done."

As previously stated in verse 10b, we see how unsaved men react on a personal/physical level to God's judgments → **"Men gnawed their tongues in agony..."** Now in verse 11 God through John's words provides us with a description of unsaved humanities direct react to Gods in His/God's effort to cause the unsaved world to **'repent and be saved'**. Remember we are closing in on the **'LAST DAY'** in which **the men living on the earth at this point in history** will have this opportunity to repent and be saved. Their reaction: **"...and cursed the God of heaven because of their pains and their sores, but they refused to repent of what they had done."**

If you go back and read the entire **'fifth bowl judgment'** you will find a definitive order in which God presents to future readers how this judgment will unfold. I will list this process below:

**Step One**→ **God states who is delivering this judgment**→ **"The fifth angel poured out his bowl..."**

**Step Two**→ **God states where the judgment is to be delivered**→ **"...on the throne of the beast..."**

**Step Three**→ **God states the results of the judgment**→ **"...and his kingdom was plunged into darkness."**

**Step Four**→ **God states how men personally/physically react to Gods judgment**→ **"Men gnawed their tongues in agony..."**

**Step Five**→ **God states how men react toward God because of the judgment**→ **"...and curse the God of heaven..."**

**Step Six**→ **God states how men react to him specifically because of their physical pain**→ **"because of their pain and their sores..."** (As previously stated, the words **"pain and sores"** appears to indicate that this reaction by humanity is a cumulative one based on the **'Second, Fourth and Fifth Bowl Judgments'** or could be all five, not sure.) We will talk more about this in class.

**Step Seven**→ **God states how men physically and spiritually react to him because of his judgments**→ **"...but they refused to repent of what they had done."**

**Based on the way God presents this judgment (as well as all others) → I think this shows the → 'TOTAL ARROGRANCE' of men toward the GOD OF CREATION. However, I do not think this reaction from men is any different from that of today or even since time began.**

**The difference is the men living during this time period will know for sure that God is causing these judgments, whereas, today and in the past men did not have 'FIRSTHAND' knowledge that God was involved in the events of earth. (See note below) The scripture is not specific as to how God will make this 'KNOWLEDGE' to men known but it says it is and to me that makes it a 'FACT'.**

**NOTE: I am aware that there are many places within scripture that tell us that we are without excuses; in knowing that there is a God of Creation because He has made it plain to all who seek Him → however, this is a different level of knowledge. Again, not sure 'How God will make this Knowledge Known' but He does!**

Also, I think it is interesting that the structure of the fourth bowl judgment is almost actually the same as the fifth bowl judgment. And if you go back and look at the first three bowl judgments they are also very similar in structure except they leave off the reaction of man. (They appear to focus on ACTION & RESULTS only.)

### **SIXTH BOWL JUDGMENT:**

The sixth bowl judgment is covered in only three verses; verse 12, 13 & 14 but is a good preview of **'A WORLD COMING TOGETHER TO FIGHT JESUS CHRIST'** in a battle known as **ARMAGEDDON**. All of the major players are mentioned and also **'demonic beings'** that indwell the bodies of unsaved humanity. We will discuss these three verses in some detail and reference scripture from all parts of the Bible to provide more details about this battle that occurs when Jesus Christ returns to planet earth → Again, **THE BATTLE IS KNOWN AS → ARMAGEDDON.**

## Verses 12-14:

(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. (13) → Then I saw three evil 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. (14) → They are spirits of demons performing miraculous 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.”

However, before we start our detailed study of the ‘Sixth Bowl Judgment’ I would like to provide you with some additional data, facts or information that I think will help you better understand the ‘situation on planet earth’ at this point in history’. I will also provide comparative facts as to how America would be impacted by similar judgments. These are my thoughts and I only share them with you to try to stimulate your thoughts as to conditions on earth because of these very harsh judgments.

### POINT ONE →

In verse 12 “...the great river Euphrates and its water → was dried up to prepare the way for the king’s form the East.” God is very ‘Specific as to what this Judgment is’ and → ‘The Reason for This Judgment’. Therefore, the unsaved humans living on the earth at this point in time cannot say → ‘What is this Judgment About’ and ‘Why is it Happening’.

### POINT TWO →

My second thought was that this would be the biggest ecological disaster this area of the world his ever seem. The Euphrates River provides much of the fresh water supply to this region of the world. It starts in Turkey on the slopes of Mount Ararat and dumps into the Persian Gulf about 1,800 miles away. Other facts:

- 1) It runs southeast through Syria and Iraq
- 2) It runs parallel to the Tigris River;

3) Its two Head Rivers are in Turkey and today are called the 'Karous River' & the 'Murat River', however, in the Old Testament, Gen. 2: 10-14, they were called 'Pishon' & 'Gihon'.

The volume of the Euphrates River is 12,570 cu. ft. per sec. and is one of the major fresh water sources in the region. To put this into some perspective for you the Mississippi River in America is about 2,320 miles long. It starts in Canada and travels through Minnesota, Wisconsin, Iowa, Illinois, Missouri, Kentucky, Tennessee, Arkansas, Mississippi & Louisiana. It also has many Head Rivers: St. Croix River, Wisconsin River, Rock River, Illinois River, Kaskaskia River, Ohio River, Minnesota River, Des Moines River, Missouri River, & White River and it passes by many large cities: Minneapolis, MN. & St. Paul, MN., La Cross WI., Quad Cities, IA/IL., St. Louis MO., Memphis, TN., Baton Rouge, LA., New Orleans, LA.; just to name a few of the larger cities. Its discharge rate is somewhat volatile because of seasonality: Maximum = 3,065,000 cu. ft. per sec.; Average = 593,000 cu. ft. per sec.; Minimum = 159,000 cu. ft. per sec. The Mississippi is the 'Drainage Basin' for over 60-70 % of the land mass in the entire United States. It is in a 'V' shape from Montana to Pittsburgh down to New Orleans. I think you can see the importance of these types of 'Natural Resources' as it relates to sustaining human life.

**The problem with all this information is that at this point in the 'Seven Year Tribulation Period' NONE OF THIS INFORMATION MAKES ANY DIFFERENCE → IT IS IRRELEVANT!!!!!!** **THERE IS NO FRESH OR SALT WATER SOURCES LEFT IN THE RIVERS, SPRINGS AND SEA'S ON PLANET EARTH!!!**

Remember way back in the 'First Half' of the seven year tribulation period, when we studied the Trumpet Judgments in Chapter 8 & 9 → God began the process of 'Reversing Creation'.

**FIRST HALF OF THE SEVEN YEAR TRIBULATION → EVENTS:**

**STEP ONE →** In the; Rev. 8:8-9, 'Second Trumpet Judgment', "A third of the sea turned into blood..." **A THIRD OF ALL THE SALT WATER ON EARTH IS GONE.**

**STEP TWO**→ In the; Rev. 8:10-11, **'Third Trumpet Judgment', "A third of the water (rivers & springs) turned bitter..."** **A THIRD OF THE FRESH WATER TURNED POISON.**

**SECOND HALF EVENTS OF THE SEVEN YEAR TRIBULATION THAT HAVE ALREADY HAPPENED:**

**STEP THREE**→ In the; Rev.16: 3, **'Second Bowl Judgment', "The second angel poured out his bowl on the sea, and it turned into blood..."** **AT THIS POINT**→ **"ALL OF THE SALT WATER ON THE EARTH IS BLOOD'.**

**STEP FOUR**→ In the; Rev. 16: 4, **'Third Bowl Judgment', "The third angel poured out his bowl on the rivers and springs of water, and they became blood."** **AT THIS POINT**→ **ALL OF THE FRESH WATER ON PLANET EARTH IS EITHER BLOOD OR POISON OR BOTH."**

**NOTE:**

I it is interesting that God used the same numbering sequence to implement these judgments:

- 1) The **'Second Trumpet and Second Bowl Judgment'** took out all of the **'SALT WATER'.**
- 2) The **'Third Trumpet and Third Bowl Judgment'** took out all of the **'FRESH WATER'.**

**My point is God is always a God of 'ORDER' in all that he does. He was a God of order in earth's first creation and he will be a God order when he dissembles his creation and again when he creates his new creation.**

Again, I write this so that we can better understand **'How Harsh & Awful'** theses times will be for all of humanity that is still alive and living on planet earth. **Man can only live a short time without water to drink so we know based on the timing of when the above judgments happened God must have provided some other form of fresh water for men to drink and grown at least the bare amount of food to stay alive.**

## POSSIBLE WATER OPTIONS:

**ONE→ The Water in the Atmosphere, which could turn into 'RAIN',**

**TWO→ The Frozen Water in the North & South Poles.** Also, keep in mind that the '**Fourth Bowl Judgment**' was; Rev. 16: 8, "**The fourth angel poured out his bowl on the sun, and the sun was given power to scorch people with fire.**"

**Which to me indicates the earth will be heating up and this kind of temperature rise would certainly melt much of the North & South Poles.** Also, keep in mind that God appears to implement the '**Fourth Bowl Judgment**' on the entire earth and not limit it to any one area like he did in the '**Fifth Bowl Judgment**', where he **limited this judgment to a specific area**, Rev. 16: 10, "**The fifth angel poured out his bowl on the throne of the beast, and his kingdom was plunged into darkness.**"

**THREE →** Not sure about the first two options but this last option is something that I think is a sure bet, which we talked about previously in: Exodus 7: 24, "**And all the Egyptians dug along the Nile to get drinking water, because they could not drink the water of the river.**"

## **POINT THREE →**

**If you read verses 12-14 closely you will see that there are 'MULTIPLE STEPS' involved in this judgment.** Again, I will outline these to make it easier to follow and understand. Also keep in mind that there are **NINE→ 'BEINGS or HUMAN GROUPS' involved in this Judgment.**

**STEP/GROUP ONE→ "The sixth ANGEL poured out HIS bowl on the great river Euphrates, and its water was dried up..."**

**STEP/GROUP TWO→ "...to prepare the way for THE KINGS OF THE EAST."**

**STEPS/GROUP: THREE, FOUR & FIVE→ "Then I saw THREE EVIL SPRITS that looked like frogs..."**

**STEP/GROUP SIX→ "...they came out of the mouth of 'THE DRAGON'..."**

**STEP/GROUP SEVEN→ "...out of the mouth of 'THE BEAST'..."**

**STEP/GROUP EIGHT**→ **“...and out of the mouth of ‘THE FALSE PROPHET’**

**STEP/GROUP NINE**→ Is all of verse 14, **“They are ‘SPIRITS OF DEMONS’ → performing miraculous 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.”**

NOTE:

**Verse 14 provides a more detail description of the “three evil spirits” or the third, forth & fifth being/group. The reason I point this out is based on the wording in verse 14, to me, appears to indicate there are more than “three evil spirits”, as “spirits and demons” are both plural, meaning more than one. Also, it would take more than three “spirits and demons” to cover all of → “the kings of the whole world.” Just my opinion!**

**POINT FOUR**→

**Also in these three verses we can clearly see how God is the one who is in control → God is the one ‘controlling the actions/opening the doors’ → “drying up the water in the great River Euphrates” → so that Satan and his followers (antichrist, false prophet, and evil/unclean spirits) can do their best to destroy the souls of humanity.**

**To me there is no question that God is ‘ALLOWING’ Satan to do these evil things on and to humanity and not that Satan is powerful enough to do them based on his own power. I say this based on my scriptural knowledge about where Satan is getting his power and → How this power is being transferred during the ‘Seven Year Tribulation Period’ → God (Creator, Gen. 1:1) → Satan (Is a created being, Ezek. 28: 13b-14a, “...on the day you were created, they were prepared. You were anointed as a guardian cherub, for I/God ordained you...” ) → antichrist (human—Satan Rev. 13:5,7a & 7b, “The dragon gave the beast his power...” → false prophet, (One World Religious Leader, Rev. 13:12, “He exercised all the authority of the first beast on his behalf...”)).**

Based on the **'FACT THAT WE KNOW GOD IS IN TOTAL CONTROL OF ALL OF THESE ACTIONS/JUDGMENTS'** I have split these three verses/this judgment into what I see as a **'Two Step'** process, which is as follows:

**STEP ONE**→ God the Father delivers to the earth through his **'angel'** a **(supernatural judgment)** that will make it possible for → **Satan and his followers to 'easily' bring/pull the "kings of the East" into the final battle between Jesus Christ and Satan** → **'all of the unsaved kings, nations and people of the earth':**  
Verse 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."**

**STEP TWO**→ Once God the Father delivers his supernatural judgment → **'drying up the water of the River Euphrates'; making it easy for Satan to entice the "kings of the East" into this great battle** → **Armageddon.**

After the Euphrates River is dried up Satan waste no time in putting **'His Evil Spirits'** to work. There is no question in my mind that God the Father is **'PLAYING SATAN JUST LIKE YOU WOULD A BASE FITTLE AT SQUARE DANCE'**.

There has been much scripture written about how much God loves his created beings (humanity) and how he has made every effort or provision for every human to be saved and not perish; **"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."** John 3:16. I think we can also see from our verse, 12—just how much Satan really hates God and his children (humanity).

Just like we do, Satan knows based on scripture that **'all of these people coming to this battle will be lost for eternity'. If he/Satan can cause them to be killed without God they will spend eternity separated from God and that has always been his MISSION**→ **Even before creation of humanity, remember the angels who Satan took with him when he sinned! And based on the words in the next two verse it appears he waste no time in making this happen,** verse 13→ **"Then (the very next then to happen) I saw three evil spirits that look 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.** Verse 14→ **They are the spirits of**

demons performing miraculous signs, → and they out to the kings of the whole world → to gather them for battle on the great day of God almighty.”

Based on these verses I think we can truly understand why Satan is considered the ‘Greatest of Deceivers & Liars’ that has ever been created. I cannot understand why Satan would have such intense ‘HATE’ for God, his creator, given how much God blessed him and made him the ‘Greatest of All the Angels’.  
However, I guess it is also hard for God to understand how → ‘HIS CREATED BEINGS—MAN—COULD ALSO HATE HIS AS WELL’ → Rev. 16: 21b, “And they cursed God on account of the hail, because the plague was so terrible.”

I hope the above analysis has helped put some perspective into our discussion about this and other ‘Judgment’. These will truly be ‘Harsh & Awful’ time which no man has even seen before or will ever see again. The Bible is clear about the fact that there will be many supernatural events happening during this period: And they will be from both God the Father—Jesus Christ and Satan, his antichrist, his false prophet and all of his ‘evil spirits & demons.

From God the Fathers & Jesus Christ standpoint → Creating a situation or condition where men will repent and be saved is ‘Their Mission’. From Satan’s standpoint → Creating a situation or condition where men will either reject God’s free offer of ‘Salvation and be Saved’ or killed before they can repent and be saved → thereby dooming them to spend eternity in hell → is his mission.

Now we will analyze each verse in its basic sub-sets, which is as follows:

## Verse 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.”

### ACTION PORTION OF THE SIXTH BOWL JUDGMENT → DELIVERED BY GOD:

**POINT ONE:** Verse 12, “The angel poured out his bowl...” starts by informing the reader that God’s sixth angel is actually implementing the sixth bowl judgment on the earth.

**POINT TWO:** Verse 12 providing the reader with: ‘STEP ONE of the ACTION PORTION of this JUDGMENT, Which is Being Delivered by→ God’s Angel’, “The sixth angel poured out his bowl→ (on the great river Euphrates...)”

**POINT THREE:** Verse 12 describes what the ‘physical effects’ will be on the earth because of this “...pouring out of the sixth bowl on the great river Euphrates” and the ‘PHYSICAL EFFECTS’ ARE EXTREMELY SEVERE→ “...its water was dried up to prepare the way for the kings from the East.”

**POINT FOUR:** Remember at this point in during the ‘Seven Year Tribulation Period’ → ‘The actual liquid content of the Great River Euphrates will be BLOOD’, see Rev. 16:4.

**POINT FIVE:** Again the last portion of verse 12 records the ‘RESULTS’ of the ‘ACTION’ PORTION’ of ‘STEP ONE’, which is Gods part of this judgment, “...to prepare the way for the kings from the East.” Remember we are drawing very near the end of the ‘Seven Year Tribulation Period’, which ends with the ‘Second Coming of Jesus Christ’ → THE BATTLE OF ARMAGEDDON.

## Verse 13:

“Then I saw three evil 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.”

## **ACTION OF THE SIXTH BOWL JUDGMENT → DELIVERED BY SATAN:**

### **POINT ONE →**

Verse 13 records for the reader how Satan 'Reacts to Gods Sixth Bowl Judgment'. Keep in mind Satan also has an 'Action Portion' and a 'Results Portion' in his response to Gods Judgment. (NOTE: I think it is interesting to watch how Satan tries to 'emulate' the actions of 'God the Creator'. Remember Satan is the **'great counterfeiter'** → God/Jesus Christ vs Satan/antichrist.

### **POINT TWO →**

God through John's words actually splits this verse into four sections and uses both **'symbolism and literal language'** to describe what he was seeing in this portion of his vision. I will separate each to make it easier to understand.

**SECTION ONE →** John starts the verse out with the word, **"Then..."** meaning the next words will record what John saw next in his vision.

**SECTION TWO →** John then tells us what he saw → **"...I saw three evil spirits..."** There can be no question that these **"spirits"** are not from God because they are described or defined as **"evil spirits"** and could only come from or be part of **Satan's army of 'demonic beings'**.

I think the other thing we can draw from this is that Satan has unleashed **"three"** of these **"evil spirits"** on to planet earth. Also, many scholars believe that there will actual be many (thousands/millions) of **"evil spirits/demons"** released at this time given the job that they have been assigned by Satan, **"...and they go out to the kings of the whole world, to gather them for the battle on the great day of God Almighty."** This specific event has been discussed in many places within scripture. I will use the one in 1 Tim. 4:1 because I believe it clearly defines the 'overall concept' of what will be happening during this time period, **"The Spirits clearly say that in later times some will abandon the faith and follow deceiving spirits and things taught by demons."**

**SECTION THREE →** Now John tries to tell the reader or describe for the reader what these **"three evil spirits"** looked like, **"...that looked like frogs..."** John is

now using 'symbolic language' to describe what he was seeing given I am sure he had never seen anything like this before 'in his life time on physical earth'.

I do not know why God through John's words used **"frogs"** to describe these **"evil spirits"** except for the fact that **'Physical Frogs'** can be described as **'cold blooded and ugly creatures; some have poison on their skins and are able to change colors (deception) and leap large distances and normally come out in the darkness'**. Frogs are also described in Lev. 11:10-11 & 41-42, in this scripture **'frogs'** are defined by God as being **'unclean & detestable creatures'** and not suitable for 'eating'. However, there are some scholars who believe that there were 'literally three frogs' involved in this judgment and they point to: 'The Second Plague on Egypt' as support for their view, Exod. 8:6, **"So Arron stretched out his hand over the waters of Egypt, and frogs came up and covered the land."**

I do not think there is any dispute that the 'Frogs' in the 'Second Plague in Egypt' were actual physical frogs given the remaining language in the scripture describing the 'Second Plague in Egypt'. However, in our current verse the word **"like"** is used to notify the reader that **'symbolism'** is going to be used because there was no current word that would describe what John was seeing: And because the remaining portion of verse 13-14 describe the actions of these **"evil spirits"** which are actions that could only be performed by → **'beings' with intelligence' and not 'physical frogs' or other non-intelligent animals.**

Therefore, it is my conclusion that John is using **'frogs'** to describe these **"evil spirits"** because they would be an animal that people of his time would clearly understand as being **'unclean creatures'** and his choice of words would also transcend time in terms of their meaning.

Therefore, it is my opinion that these **"frogs"** that John is describing for readers throughout all time periods are **'Cold Blooded Spirits (many) → who are Detestable to God (evil—God haters) with a Mission of Deceiving the Hearts & Souls of all Humanity to → Believe the LIE (Satan is god) and THEY are Covering the Entire World with this LIE' → Appears to me John did a very good job of conveying to men the INFORMATION that God intended them to receive.** To see how this actually works for the men of the earth → go to verse 14.

**SECTION FOUR →** The last portion of this verse clearly states 'Where these "three evil spirits" come from', "...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."

To correctly interpret this statement, I believe you need to use both a **'Literal & SYMBOLIC'** approach to this verse. Also, you need to look at the entire context of verse 12-14. Below I will explain → how I believe sentence should be interpreted.

**POINT FOUR: SPECIFIC SYMBOLIC WORDS →**

**First →** "...that looked like frogs..." discussed above.

**Second →** The word "MOUTH". Again, I believe that the scripture is quite clear about the importance & power that the **'mouth & tongue'** has in terms of indicating: If a man's **HEART & SOUL** is part of→ **'Gods Family'** or are part of→ **'Satan's Family'**. See above discussion: however, The scripture I like best which I believe describes this very same type of situation is recorded in 1 Kings 22:20-28, quoted 20-23, "And the Lord said, 'Who will, lure Ahab into attacking Ramoth Gilead and going to his death there?' One suggested this, and another that. Finally, a spirit came forward, stood before the Lord and said, 'I will lure him.' 'By what means?' The Lord asked. I will go out and be a lying spirit in the mouth of all the prophets,' he said. 'You will succeed in luring him', said the Lord. 'Go and do it.' So now the Lord has put a lying spirit in the mouth of all these prophets of yours. The lord has decreed disaster for you."

Again, I think these verses from 1 Kings are quite clear who it was that was "luring...Ahab" into this situation, it was a "lying spirit". Proverbs 18:21, actually tells us that the tongue has, "The tongue has the power of life and death, and those who love it will eat its fruit." For other examples of scripture that speaks about the **'power of the mouth & tongue'** see→ Matt. 12: 33-37 & 15:11; Proverbs chapter 15, & 18:21; James chapter 3.

**Third→** Now let's look at how God describes His/Gods use of the 'Mouth & Tongue'. My favorite place in scripture to demonstrate the real **'POWER OF THE MOUTH & TONGUE'** when used by the **'ONE & ONLY GOD'** is chapters 1 & 2 of the Book of Genesis; "And God said, 'Let there be..." six times and all of creation

was formed and put into place. Then on the seventh time God spoke man was created. There is no question that this is the most powerful example of the use of the **'MOUTH & TONGUE'** ever recorded in where → in any book. Other scripture that describes this issue is; Rev. 1:16, 2:16 & 19:15; 2 Thess. 2:8. However, In our verse the 'Symbolic Power of the Mouth & Tongue' are going to be used for very evil purposes.

POINT FIVE → Both **'Symbolic & Literal'** language is included in this verse, which I will list below → **"Then I saw three evil 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."**

**Symbolic Language** → As we have already said the **"mouth"** speaks to the issue of the **'lies & deception'** that these **"spirits"** will be spreading throughout the earth: see verse 14.

**Literal—Meaning of Language** → This same type of **'lying & deception'** will be used throughout the seven year tribulation period by the antichrist & false prophet to **'lure men in to destruction'**.

**Literal—Meaning of Language** → To the best of my knowledge this is the only place in scripture where the three members of the **unholy trinity** is named in one verse; **"dragon→beast→false prophet"**. Revelations chapter 19, verse 19-20 speak about the **"beast & false prophet"** but there is no mention of **"the dragon or Satan"** until Revelation chapter 20.

**Both Literal & Symbolic—Meaning to the Language** → Even though the verse uses the word **"mouth"** symbolically to describe the actual **'lies & deception'** that are coming out of the **"mouths"** of the **"dragon, beast and false prophet"**. The word **"mouth"** is also actually describing the **literal event**, which is that **'lies & deception'** are coming out of the **"mouths"** of the **"dragon, beast & false prophet"**. I think the other way to say this is → The **"mouth"** is used symbolically to demonstrate the **'Magnitude'** of the **'lies & deception'** and the **"mouth"** is also used to indicate from where → **the 'lies & deception' are coming.**

I think the last issue concerning the “mouth” is that in scripture the “mouth” is used many times to denote ‘POWER or PHYSICAL & SPIRITUAL STENGTH’.

**VERSE 14 CONTINUES TO DESCRIBE IN MORE DETAIL → THE OUTCOME OF SATANS PORTION OF THE SIXTH BOWL JUDGMENT:**

**Verse 14:**

“They are spirits of demons performing miraculous 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.”

To me verse 14 brings Satan’s → ‘ACTION PORTION’ of the Sixth Bowl Judgment in to clarity. I think it provides the reader with the real key to what Satan is striving to accomplish during the ‘Seven Year Tribulation Period’. I believe there are two key points to this verse which I will separate and discuss below:

**POINT ONE → “They are spirits of demons performing miraculous signs...”** As we have already stated the word “frog” was used symbolically to describe something ‘evil & unclean’; and remember they were defined as “...evil spirits...” in verse 13. However, verse 14 provides more details about these “frogs or evil spirits” → now they are actually defined as “...spirits of demons...” → which we all know are ‘UNCLEAN & OF SATAN.

I think the other issue worth pointing out is → In verse 13 they are described as “...The evil spirits that looked like frogs...” and we now know that they are ‘MANY’—as they are described in verse 14 as “...spirits of demons...” . Again, both words are plural meaning more than one and if you read the rest of verse 14 you will see that they will cover the entire world, which in my mind means ‘A LOT of “spirits of demons”. Just an opinion!

Also, I think it is important to note how much power that God has allowed these “...spirits of demons...” to possess. They are able to “...perform miraculous

signs...” and base on the rest of this verse it would appear that these “...miraculous signs...” are being “...performed...” all over the world; remember “...they go out to the kings of the whole world...” and not just “...the kings of the East.” To me there are several questions which I think need to be answered:

**Question One →** Does Satan and his demons actually have this kind of power at this point in time—on the earth? The simple answer is ‘Yes’. We are told in the Book of Exodus that the Pharaoh’s magicians performed the same miracles as Moses, Ex. 7:11, “Pharaoh then summoned wise men and sorcerers, and the Egyptian magicians also did the same thing by their secret arts.” This same event is repeated in verse 11 and again in Ex. 8:7.

**Question Two →** Were these types of end times events prophesied in previous scripture? Again, the simple answer is ‘Yes’. There are many places within scripture that speak to this issue, however, I will only quote 2 Thess. 2:9-12, because I think it speaks directly to the issue at hand: “The coming of the lawless one will be in accordance with the works of Satan displayed in all kinds of counterfeit miracles and wonders, and in every sort of evil that deceives those who are perishing. They perish because they refuse to believe the truth and be saved. For this reason God sends them a powerful delusion so that they will believe the lie and so that they all will be condemned who have not believed the truth but have delighted in wickedness.” To me these are very harsh words to hear but they are ‘Gods Prophecy’. Also, see Matt. 24:24 & Mark 13:22.

#### MORE DETAILS ABOUT 2 Thess. 2:9-12:

Before we move on I would like to point out that 2 Thess. 2:9-12 is what I call—‘A DOUBLE EDGED SWORD—PROPHECY’. Remember it is talking about the ‘Time of the Seven Year Tribulation Period’ as I discuss this scripture. I will outline below how this ‘DOUBLE EDGED SWORD—PROPHECY’ works:

SATANS SIDE OF THE DOUBLE EDGED SWORD OF PROPHECY → Talks about how Satan will deceive the world with his counterfeit miracles → “The coming of the lawless one → will be in accordance with the works of Satan → displayed in all kinds of counterfeit miracles, signs and wonders → and in every sort of evil that DECEIVES those who are perishing.” I do not think these words could be any plainer as to → Who is being talked about and → What his agenda is → DECEPTION LEADING TO SPIRITUAL DEATH.

THE REASON FOR SATANS SUCCESS → In the middle of these verses God provides us with the ‘REASON’ for Satan’s success, “They perish because they refused to love the truth and so be saved.” Again we see prophecy that speaks to → ‘HUMANITIES OPEN REBELLION to THE GOD OF CREATION’. Notice the word “REFUSED” in this verse, which I believe describes most man’s attitude toward God since Creation began.

GODS SIDE OF THE DOUBLE EDGED SWORD OF PROPHECY → “For this reason God sent them a powerful delusion → so that they will believe the lie and → so that all will be condemned who have not believed the truth but have delighted in wickedness.” Based on these words it is my opinion that these men & women are passed the point of being saved! I base my opinion on the fact that this group of humanity has committed the ‘Unforgiveable Sin’ they have rejected the Holy Spirits Last Call to be Saved.

I believe that they have → ‘PHYSICAL CONFIRMED’ their ‘SPIRITUAL COMMITMENT’ to Satan, as their god: and the way this commitment is confirmed is by: Rev. 14: 9b-10a; “If anyone worships the beast and his image and receives his mark on their forehead, or on the hand, he too, will drink of the wine of God’s fury, which has been poured full strength into the cup of His wrath.”

POINT TWO → “...and they go out to the kings of the whole world...” The command by Satan has been given to his ‘Army of Evil Spirits & Demons’ → “...go out to the kings of the whole world...” and gather them for Battle. These are the ones spoken of in 2 Thess. 2:9-12 above → ‘Satan’s side = “...those who

are perishing...” God’s side = “...God sent them a powerful delusion so that they would believe the lie...”

If you stop and think about it; the really interesting thing about this → Is God enticing Satan ( by drying up the Euphrates River) to do exactly what HE/God wants → ‘COME WITH ALL UNSAVED HUMANITY TO THE FINAL BATTLE OF— ARMAGEDDON. I think this is a good example of → How God is always in control of HIS CREATION & keeps it on HIS PLAN!

POINT THREE → “...to gather them for the battle on the great day of God Almighty.” Again, the last part of this verse just confirms → What God wanted to happen by enticing Satan and his army into “...the battle on the great day of God Almighty.” This is the battle that will be fought at the ‘SECOND COMING OF JESUS CHRIST’, between → ‘JESUS CHRIST AND THE ARMIES OF HEAVEN & SATAN, HIS DEMONIC ARMIES PLUS THE ARMIES OF UNSAVED HUMANITY. This battle will usher in the Millennial Reign of Jesus Christ.

#### SUMMARY FACTS:

ONE → Does the Book of Revelation speak about Satan having this kind of power & deception anywhere else? The answer is ‘Yes’. Satan’s power over the earth and its people is well documented in Revelation Chapter 13, through the power granted ‘The Beast’ & The False Prophet’ by Satan (remember this power was given to Satan, by God the Father, who then granted it to the beast who then granted it to the false prophet). Rev. 13: 13-14a, “And he performed great and miraculous signs, even causing fire to come down from heaven to earth in full view of men. Because of the sins he was given power to do on behalf of the first beast, he deceived the inhabitants of the earth.”

Conclusion: These “evil spirits” are real and have the ‘authority’ to “perform the miraculous signs” that will bring all nations to the ‘Final Battle of Armageddon’ on “...the great day of God almighty”.

**TWO → “...and they go out to the kings of the whole world, to gather them for the battle on the great day of God Almighty.”** As I have already stated; to me the words in the last portion of verse 14 make Gods intent for Gods ‘Six Bowl Judgment’ very clear for all to see → Draw Satan and his followers into the ‘Battle of Armageddon. I also think God broke his words down into two sections or subsets so there could be no mistake in interpretation→ the two sections are; again, **ACTION & RESULTS**. I will discuss below:

**ACTION → “...and they go out to the kings of the whole world...”** If you go back and read all of the words in verse 12-14 you will find that they all support this one **ACTION**. Again, this is the **‘PRIMARY PURPOSE OF THE SIXTH BOWL JUDGMENT’**. This **ACTION** is what God had intended to happen in this **SIX BOWL JUDGMENT**. **God is allowing Satan and his demons to ‘DRAW the Unsaved World in to one FINAL BATTLE,** which is exactly what the remainder of this verse and verse 16 states. Also, **if you read ahead you will see that the words in ‘The Sixth Bowl Judgment’ set-up the ‘Seventh Bowl Judgment’ and ‘The second Coming of Jesus Christ’.**

Satan has always thought he was **‘Smarter than the God of Creation’** but **‘THE GOD OF CREATION’** has always been in control of every move Satan has made → **all the way back to ‘CREATION’!**

Many men all down through the ages have asked the question→ **Why did ‘The God of Creation’ allow Satan to have this kind of freedom or power:** The answer is **simple → Satan and many (maybe all) other angels were created as beings which had ‘FREEWILL’ just like all humans were and God provided both with this (authority or power) to see if they would bow the knee and love Him/God for who he was ( creator and sustainer) of everything and not because he forced them to love him.** This to me is the most ironic situation that has or ever will exist→ **It appears that the God of All Creation desires the LOVE of his created beings more than most of his created being desire his LOVE. This to me is impossible to understand??????**

**RESULTS→ “...to gather them for the battle on the great day of God Almighty”**

Again, this is actually what God knew would happen → not that he wanted or desired this ‘RESULTS’ but he knew the ‘Hard and Rebellious Hearts of Men’ and how they would react because they have reacted this way since creation. The battle that is being spoken about in this verse is the ‘Battle of Armageddon’. I think this has been one of the most talked about or anticipated events in all of human history. Many books and movies have been made about this one event and most people associate the word “Armageddon” with disaster or destruction, which would only be true if you were unsaved.

**Some scholars view this battle as ‘symbolic’ of the Great War of good and evil that has existed since the creation of the world.**

**Some believe that this conflict will be settled or end at some future period when men evolve into perfect being, which will then usher in the ‘Second Coming of Jesus Christ’.**

**I do not agree with this view and see no evidence that this has or will ever happen. For the last six thousand years of recorded history there has never been any indication that men have ever or will ever be able to control their ‘Sin Nature’.**

I believe this verse should be taken as a foreshadowing or prophecy about the ‘Battle of Armageddon’. Below is a list other scripture that speaks about this battle. The scripture that records the actual ‘Battle of Armageddon’ is covered in Revelation Chapters 19: 11-21 & 20: 1-3.

**MINI-SUMMARY→ CHAPTER 16:1-14**

Up until now all of the words spoken or actions taken in chapter 16 are by:

**1) God the Father, (who is always in total control), verse 1,**

**2) Six of God the Fathers Seven Angels delivering his Bowl Judgments, verses 2-14,**

**3) The unholy trinity (Satan, antichrist & false prophet) and their 'spirits of demons', (who is always being controlled by God) verses 13-14,**

**Verse 15:**

**"Behold, I come like a thief! → Blessed is he who stays awake and keeps his clothes with him, → so that he may not go naked and be shamefully exposed."**

As I have said before → **God and Jesus Christ both insert words** or additional information within many of the judgment. The scripture does not tell us specifically why Jesus Christ decided to **'insert these words'** between the **'Sixth & Seventh Bowl Judgment'**; **nor—why they picked this specific point in time to insert these words.**

However, I think there are several general points we can draw from these specific words from Jesus Christ → **remember all of Jesus Christ words are important to all humanity, also THEY ARE DEVINE & HOLY.** I will list below the primary points that I believe Jesus Christ is trying to make to the people of earth (the list should not be considered to be all inclusive); **to both the saved or unsaved people, and which would apply equally from the time they were written until 'YOU ACRUALLY SEE HIM or TIME IS NO MORE!**

**First Point→** Jesus Christ opens this verse by stating, **"Behold, I come like a thief!"** which to me carries with it several implications or implied meanings based on what has been written in all previous scripture and the remained of this book. **Also, keep in mind this is about 93 AD and the last book of the Bible to be written or the last general communication that humanity will receive form God that will be included in the Holy Bible.** (We all know that God can communicate with individuals on specific matters but that is not what we would consider a general announcement to all humanity.)

**1) The first thing that comes to my mind (and should come to ever Christians mind) when reading these words, "Behold, I come..." is that Jesus Christ is making this statement to 'REASSURE HIS SAINTS' that he has not forgotten them and he**

knows that life in a world filled with evil has been hard maybe even to the point of death for some but he is coming because 'JESUS CHRIST IS OUR SAVIOR' and with him will be our 'REWARD' as promised in scripture. There are many verses in scripture that we could use but I like these: Rev. 22:12, **"Behold, I am coming soon! My reward is with me, and I will give to everyone according to what he has done."** & John 14:1-4, **"Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in me. In my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you; I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. You know the way to the place where I am going."**

Also see: Matt. 5:12, Phil. 3:14 & 20-21, Luke 6:22-23, 2 Tim. 4:8, 1 John 3:2 & Rev. 21:1-14

**2) Again, to me this should be a → GENERAL REASSURANCE FROM OUR SAVIOR, JESUS CHRIST—THAT HE IS COMING BACK FOR HIS SAINTS→** which would apply equally to both the church and tribulation saints. I think the main point is that these words written in 93 AD, **"Behold, I come..."** would have the same meaning to the saints living in the days this book was written up until the last person is saved prior to the **'Second Coming of Jesus Christ'**, as stated in Rev. 19: 11-21.

**3) Even though these words, "Behold, I come..." are meant to be a reassurance for those who have 'confessed their sins before God and trust in the blood of Jesus Christ to redeem them to God' as stated above → these words should also be taken as a 'Doubled Edge Sword' for → those who are not saved.**

I do not think there can be any question about the outcome for unsaved people when Jesus Christ returns to earth: Because we know (based on scripture) that when Jesus Christ returns to earth it will be to reclaim the earth for God the Father and rule all of creation. Revelation 19:11-21 describes this event but the verse that I think makes it very clear of how this will go for the unsaved; Rev. 19: 21, **"The rest of them were killed with the sword that came out of the mouth of the rider on the horse, and all the birds gorged themselves on their flesh."**

I know that there are many people living in the world today who believe that the **'God of Creation is only a God of Love'** but he is also a **'God of Justice'** and **this will be the day that he will begin to apply His Justice that He/God has with-held since the 'CREATION OF THE EARTH'**. However, in reality → **'PHYSICAL DEATH' will not be the worst part of 'THIS DAY' for the unsaved—Rev. 19:21—but → 'The FACT that they will be 'Separated from God and His Lamb for All of Eternity'**.

The **'VERY NEXT'** thing these men and women are going to **'experience or fell or see'** after being **physically killed** at the **'Second Coming of Jesus Christ'** is the **'Wrath of the God of Creation→ unbuffered by the Blood of Jesus Christ' → at the Great White Throne Judgment' → at which time they will answer for their sins and be separated from God the Father and Jesus Christ for all of eternity → they will be sent to Hell for all eternity, Rev. 20:11-15. This will truly be the worst day in all of eternity for these unsaved people. Again, the words spoken by Jesus Christ; "Behold, I come..." are truly a 'Double Edged Sword' for the people living on the earth at the time of 'Jesus Christ—Second Coming'.**

4) **My second main point about the words, "Behold, I come" is that we need to understand the timing of this event.** Again, I believe we need to kept in mind there are **'TWO POINTS IN TIME IN WHICH JESUS WORDS WOULD APPLY to these words "BEHOLD, I COME", but → not too all the people groups of the world and certainly not for the same reason to each of these people group. FACT → These words "Behold, I come..." would apply to both times Jesus Christ returns to planet earth. I will explain the way I see this, 'two point in time concept'.**

1) From the time of Johns writing **THERE WILL ACTUALLY BE TWO POINTS IN TIME IN WHICH JESUS CHRIST WILL COME BACK TO THE EARTH OR ITS ATMOSPHERE→ EXCEPT FOR VERY DIFFERENT REASONS.** This event will be just as it was at Jesus Christ **'First Coming'**.

## First Coming Defined→

'First Event in First Coming' → in -0- AD Jesus Christ came to earth as a man/God to live a sinless life, die for the sins of all humanity (shed His Holy Blood)

'Second Event in First Coming' → in 33 AD→ Raised from the dead by the power of God the Father and walked among men in an immortal—glorified body. Then ascended into heaven and set at the right hand of God the Father. Again, **Jesus Christ physically came to the earth twice at His 'First Coming'**. My point is that this will be the same number of times he will come at what is known as **'The Second Coming of Jesus Christ'**.

## Second Coming Defined→

'First Event in Second Coming' → The 'first point in time' when Jesus Christ returns for what is known as His 'Second Coming' will be when → **Jesus Christ will return to the earths clouds or atmosphere to 'Rapture His Church' (both alive & dead)**. And the group or people involved in this event will be 'saved people' or his Jesus Christ church. (Pre-tribulation rapture) These people (church) will be the only ones that will see him or know what happened. The unsaved people of the earth will not see Jesus Christ in the clouds and will not know what happened to the missing saved people of planet earth. To me two of the best places in scripture that speaks about the 'Rapture of the Church' is 1 Cor. 15:50-58 and 1 Thess. 4: 13-18. However, I like Matt. 25:1-13 to clarify this concept. The actual time Jesus Christ will return for his church is unknown to all of humanity even to the church; Matt. 25:5, **"The bridegroom was a long time coming..."** I also believe that 1 Thess. 5:1 points to the fact that no one will know the 'time when Jesus Christ will return to claim his church/bride', **"Now, brothers, 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."** Some scholars believe that this verse speaks about the 'Second Coming of Jesus Christ' at the end of the **'Seven Year Tribulation Period'** but that is not possible because 'that date is well documented in scripture' → **It will occur seven years to the second after**

**the beginning of the ‘Seven Year Tribulation Period’. See Rev. 19: 11-21 for details.**

**‘Second Event in Second Coming’ → The ‘second point in time’ when Jesus Christ will return to earth for what most people call ‘The (actual) Second Coming of Jesus Christ’ is when Jesus Christ will actually or physically return to planet earth to → end the ‘Seven Year Tribulation Period’ and begin the 1,000 year reign of Jesus Christ on planet earth.**

Again, the timing of this event is documented in many places within scripture but the actual event (Seven Years After the beginning of the—‘Seven Year Tribulation Period’) is recorded in Revelation 19:11 through 20:10. Again Revelation is the best place to read about this event but there are 100’s of places within scripture that either speak directly about these events or reference them: Acts 1:11, 3:19-21, 17:31 & 1 Cor. 1:7, 4:5, 11:26, 15:23-24 & Phil. 3:20 & 1 Thess. 1: 9-10, 2:19-20, 3:13, just to name a few.

**Second Point → On opening words: “Behold, I come → like a thief!” With a focus on “...like a thief!” The next part of this sentence is presented by Jesus Christ as a ‘STATEMENT OF FACT’ → “...like a thief!” Which I believe speaks to the manner in which He will return to the earth. Again, Jesus Christ is making a statement that when He returns → it will be ‘Suddenly’ or ‘Without Notice’ or ‘Quickly’. This is exactly how a “...thief...” would “...come...” Also, I think it is worth mentioning that God through John’s words is using ‘Symbolism’ within this statement to describe → How Jesus Christ will Return’—both times → “...LIKE a thief.”**

The word “like” is inserted to let the reader know that the phrase “Behold, I come—LIKE a thief!” is presenting a word picture (symbolism) for men as to → How Jesus Christ will return—Suddenly or Without Notice or Quickly’ and not that He/Jesus Christ is a “thief”. I only put this in because some non-believers have tried to make a case → That the Bible is saying that Jesus Christ was or will be a ‘thief’!

## **Verse 15b:**

**“Blessed is he who stays awake and → keeps his clothes with him, so that he may not go naked and be shamefully exposed.”**

**PART ONE → “Blessed is he who stays awake and...”**

The second part of verse 15 is another **‘STATEMENT OF FACT’**, which tells the reader **‘WHY’ you must always be “awake” or ‘BE READY or PREPARED’ → for ‘The Return of Jesus Christ’**. It is because the next time Jesus Christ returns to earth it will be **‘Suddenly or Without Notice or Quickly’** as stated in the first part of verse 15. It is also my opinion that these words would only fit the specific conditions when the **‘Church of Jesus Christ is Raptured From the Earth’**. I like the words in Matt. 25:6 to describe this event, **“At midnight the cry rang out: ‘Here’s the bridegroom! Come out to meet him’.”** To me this verse speaks to **‘Suddenness of the Rapture event & also notice the unlikely time in which it will happen’**. I think scripture makes it very clear that the people of the earth will not have any inkling of what is about to happen. I think the words in Matt. 24:36-39 make this concept very clear, **“No one knows about the day or the hour, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son but only the Father. As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. For in the days before the flood, people were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day Noah entered the ark; and they knew nothing about what would happen until the flood came and took them all away. That is how it will be at the coming of the Son of man.”** Luke 17: 26-35 speaks to this same example but adds additional examples and words of clarification in verses 28-35, **“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 roof of his house, with his goods inside, should go down to get them. Likewise, no one in the fields should go back for anything. Remember, Lot’s wife! Whoever tries to keep his life will lose it, and whoever loses his 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."**

We know the actual 'Second Coming of Jesus Christ' to reclaim the earth for God the Father and rule for a 1,000 years is well documented and the appointed time is also well documented → Seven Years to the Second after the beginning of the Tribulation Period.

**Side-Note:** Based on my understanding of the scripture I believe that everyone on the earth during the Tribulation, 'Seven Year Time Period' will know for sure that it is God the Father and Jesus Christ that is brings these judgments on planet earth and its inhabitants. However, it also appears to me that there will be some unsaved people living during this period who's 'Minds, Hearts & Souls' are so 'Evil & Depraved' that they will either: Not care or not realize that the Battle of Armageddon is actually going to be between 'Gods, Jesus Christ and the Armies of Heaven' & 'Satan and human armies of the nations of the earth' → **which will end with them being condemned to hell for all ETERNITY → How Sad that people will be so blinded as to their eternal future!**

The other point that I believe is implied in the word "**thief**" is that something that you have or is available to you can be stolen by a "**thief**". There have been many scholars down through the ages who have presented their views about the meaning of this word, "**thief**". They have ranged from 'Satan can steal away your salvation' to 'Satan can steal away your joy'. My opinion is, that the word "**thief**" has nothing to do with any of these views and speaks only to the issue of the 'Suddenness or Without Notice or Quickly' in which Jesus Christ will return. Just for your information.

PERSONAL NOTE: **I think it is interesting how Jesus Christ has devoted the last sixteen verse (7-21) → of the last chapter (Ch.22) → of the last book of the Bible (Revelation) → to letting his saints and also the entire world know he is going to return.** If you look the last sixteen verse of Revelation chapter 22 you will see it is devoted to informing the church of Jesus Christ and the world in general, "**Behold, I am coming soon!**" These words are

repeated three times in these sixteen verses → (Verses: 7, 12, and 20). I think the other message within these verses is→ **“My reward is with me, and I will give to everyone according to what he has done.”** Again, I believe this will be a ‘Doubled Edged Sword’ for the people of the earth: **For the saved it will be a time of great Joy & Reward and for the unsaved it will be eternal separation from God.**

**PART TWO → “...and keeps his clothes with him so that he may not naked and be shamefully exposed.”**

**I believe speaks to the issue that you as a Christian need to be ready all the time for the return of Jesus Christ.** To me that would mean:

- 1) Constantly doing Gods works,**
- 2) Living a Christ like lifestyle,**
- 3) Being in Gods will as much as possible,**
- 4) Staying constant to your faith,**
- 5) Evangelizing constantly**

I think Paul recaps this idea very well in 2 Tim. 4:7, **“I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.”** I also like Acts 20:23-24, **“I only know that in every city the Holy Spirit warns me that prison and hardships are facing me. However, I consider my life worth nothing to me; my only aim is to finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me—the task of testifying to the good news of God’s grace.”** I also think this verse speaks to the issue of **‘The Need for Each Christian to Stay Focused on Self-Discipline in Living the Christian Life’**. Again, I think Paul in 1 Cor. 9:23-25 speaks to this issue very well, **“I do all this for the sake of the gospel that I may share in its blessings. Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize? Run in such a way as to get the prize. Everyone who competes in the games goes**

into strict training. They do it to get a crown that will not last, but we do it to get a crown that will last forever.”

### Conclusion:

Someday Jesus Christ will return to earth to take his saints-church (both dead & alive) to heaven. This is the ‘Frist of the Two Remaining Times Jesus Christ will Return to the Earth’; It is known as the Rapture of the Church and Will Happen Suddenly or Quickly’. The ‘Second Time Jesus Christ Returns it Will be to Reclaim the Earth for God the Father’. The timing is well documented; however, the actual event will also happen very ‘Quickly’.

Jesus Christ also encourages all Christians to make every effort to live a very productive Christian life ever day so that they will be ready at any time for Jesus Christ return.

### Verse 16:

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

FIRST → “Then...” The opening word is “Then” meaning → What is to follow after the completion of the ‘Second Bowl Judgement’.

God now through John’s writings once again begins to speak about the original reason or intent for the ‘Sixth Bowl Judgment’. The meaning of this next event has already been recorded or prophesied in verse 14, “They are the spirits of demons performing miraculous 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.”

However, in verse 16 we are provide with the specific location of, “...the battle on the great day of God Almighty.”, which is “...the place that in Hebrew is called Armageddon.”

Many scholars have spent a great deal of time discussing in great details the location where this battle will be fought, however, in my opinion that is not what

makes this verse important. To me the importance of this verse is that 'God the Father and Jesus Christ' are telling → all of humanity that 'THEY—God the Father & Jesus Christ' will gather the kings of the earth back to Israel and specifically back to Gods Holy City of Jerusalem to finally deal with → THE OPEN REBELLION OF ALL THE NATIONS OF THE EARTH!

God has delivered this type of justice once before during the time of Noah. God provided the people-nations of the earth with a prophet and his name was Noah. He preached to the people of the earth begging them to repent and stop their outright rebellion against God → They openly refused and continued their open rebellion for an additional 140 year. Then Gods Judgment came and they were all destroyed! The 'Second Coming of Jesus Christ' will be exactly the same situation and conditions except this time the period of opportunity for people to repent will be 'SEVEN YEARS' and then swift judgment will come → 'SUDDENLY or Quickly' or **"like a thief in the night"**.

#### BASIC FACTS ABOUT ARMAGEDDON:

- 1) This is the only verse in the Bible where the actual word **"Armageddon"** appears; however it is referenced many times.
- 2) The word **"Armageddon"** means **'Mount of Megiddo'**.
- 3) It is 60 miles north of Jerusalem.
- 4) It is a compound word made up of the Hebrew words **'Har'**, meaning **'mountain'** and **'Megiddo'** which is a foot hill in the Plain of Esdraelon.
- 5) A more literal meaning would be **'mountain of destruction'** or **'slaughter'**.
- 6) Again, from an actual geographical standpoint **'Megiddo'** is the name of a foot hill in a **'plain'** and at the foot of **'Mount Carmel'**.
- 7) This mountain, foot hill, plain, vally has a history of many very bloody battles. In the Old Testament & even some in New Testament times:

a) **Gideon** and his men defeated the 'Midianites the Amalekites and all other eastern people', in this area; Judges 7: 12, "**The Midianites the Amalekites and all the other eastern people had settled in the vally, thick as locusts.**" in the general area, however God had other plans for the land: Verse 22 → "**When the three hundred trumpets sounded, the Lord caused the men throughout the camp to turn on each other with their swords.**" For the whole story read Judges Chapters 6 & 7.

b) **Saul** was defeated by the Philistines at Mount Gilboa; (Saul and his three sons were killed) which is nearby, 1 Samuel Chapter 31.

c) **Barak & Deborah defeated Sisera's forces there**: The actual battle is recorded in Judges Chapter 4; however, the specific location is identified in 'The Song of Deborah' Judges 5:19, "**Kings came, they fought; the kings of Canaan fought at Taanach by the waters of Megiddo, but they carried off no silver, no plunder.**"

d) **Josiah king of Judah** was killed at 'Megiddo' because he would not listen to God; 2 Chronicles 35:20-27, focus on 21b-22, "**... so stop opposing God, who is with me, or he will destroy you. Josiah, however, would not turn away from him, but disguised himself to engage him in battle. He would not listen to what Neco had said at Gods command but went to fight him on the plain of Megiddo.**"

e) **Ahaziah king of Judah** was killed at Megiddo by Jehu's arrow: 2 Kings 9:28.

f) Megiddo is used as an example of how Israel will mourn just before the '**Second Coming of Jesus Christ**', Zech. 12:10-11, "**And I will pour out on the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem a spirit of grace and supplication. They will look on me, the one they have pierced, and they will mourn for him as one mourns for an only child, and grieve bitterly for him as one grieves for a first born son. On that day the weeping in Jerusalem will be great, like the weeping of Hadad Rimmom in the plain of Megiddo.**" Many scholars use 2 Chronicles as an example of this type of mourning in Jerusalem; when Josiah king of Judah was killed. Jeremiah composed a 'lament' for him.

g) Scripture actually tells us that the Battle of Armageddon will be fought in a larger area that I believe will include most of what was once **called Palestine**; Rev. 14:20, **“They were trampled in the winepress outside the city, and blood flowed out of the press, rising as high as the horses bridles for a distance of 1,600 stadia (180 miles).** To me there are two word groups within this verse that provide us with some idea as to the → **Land mass that will be covered in the Battle of Armageddon:**

**ONE → “...outside the city...”** to me indicates the Battle **will be fought not just in the city of Jerusalem but also outside the city;**

**TWO → “...for a distance of 1,600 stadia (180 miles).** Based on this I do not think there can be any question that the Battle will rage in all of the surrounding areas/countries, as the area called Armageddon is not this large?

Again, there are many prophecies within scripture about what is the underlying cause of this Battle, however, I really like this one, Psalm 83:1-5, **“O God, do not keep silent; be not quiet, O God, be not still. See how your enemies are astir, how your foes rear their heads. With cunning they conspire against your people; they plot against those you cherish. Come, they say, let us destroy them as a nation, that the name of Israel be remembered no more.”** To the best of my knowledge Psalm 83 was written about 588 BC or 2,604 years ago.

## **SEVENTH BOWL JUDGMENT:**

In verses 17-21 God through John's words provide us with a description of the **‘Seventh Bowl Judgment’** and:

- 1) In verses 17-21a, the actual **‘Seventh Bowl Judgment’** and **certain details about how the earth will be affected by this judgment** and
- 2) In verse 21b, **how men in general will react to this last judgment.**

Remember this is the last judgment, from God the Father and Jesus Christ during the 'Seven Year Tribulation Period'. There will have been 20 judgments in all and now the only 'MAJOR EVENT' left to occur during this seven year period is the 'Second Coming of Jesus Christ', which is recorded in Rev. 19:11-21. The reason I use the word 'Major Event' is because remember we have said Chapters 17, 18 & 19: 1-10, are 'interlude chapters' which provide more details about what is happening on planet earth and heaven.

- 1) Chapters 17 talk about the 'Physical Destruction' of → The Physical Capital of Spiritual Babylon' and**
- 2) Chapter 18 talks about the 'Physical Destruction' of → The Physical Capital of the Governmental/Economic Babylon,**
- 3) Chapter 19:1-10 provides more details about → How Heaven is Reacting to the Events on Planet Earth (verses 1-5) and The Wedding & Wedding Supper of the Lamb and his Bride', (verses 6-10).**

Now we will begin our study of the actual verses that records the 'Seventh Bowl Judgment'.

### **Verses 17-21:**

**Verse 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!'"**

**Verse 18→ "Then there came → flashes of lightning, rumblings, peals of thunder and a severe earthquake. → No earthquake like it has ever occurred since man has been on earth."**

**Verse 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 wine of the fury of His wrath."**

**Verse 20**→ **“Every island fled away and the mountains could not be found.”**

**Verse 21**→ **“From the sky huge hailstones of about a hundred pounds each fell upon men. → And they cursed God on account of the plague of hail, because the plague was so terrible.”**

I will break these verses down into their major elements or concepts to make it easier to understand. Remember this is the last of 20 judgments. However, before we actually begin our study of the **‘Seventh Bowl Judgment’** I would like to share with you a comparison between the; **‘Seventh Seal Judgment’ & the ‘Seventh Trumpet Judgment’ & the ‘Seventh Bowl judgment’**. I will begin by quoting various pieces of scripture that speak to the similarities between these judgments as well as the differences. I will quote scripture on all three judgments first to make it easier to compare:

## **Seventh Seal Judgment**→

**Implementing the Seventh Seal Judgment**→ Rev. 8: 1a, **“When he opened the seventh seal...”**

**Reaction in Heaven**→ Rev. 8:1b, **“...there was silence in heaven for about half an hour.”**

**Additional or Specific Details**→ about the **“censer”** referenced in verse 5, Rev. 8:3-4 is split into two thought processes: **One**→ **Specific Action**, **“Another angel who had a golden censer, came and stood at the altar. He was given much incense to offer, with the prayers of all the saints, on the golden altar before the throne.”** **Two**→ **Interaction with God**, **“The smoke of the incense together with the prayers of the saints went up before God from the angel’s hands.”**

## **Results & Action Portion of the Seventh Seal Judgement**→

**Results**→ Rev. 8:2, **“And I saw the seven angels who stand before God, and to them were given seven trumpets.”** The next set of seven judgments.

**Action**→ Rev. 8:5, “Then the angels took the censer, filled it with the fire from the altar, and hurled it on the earth; and there came peals of thunder, rumblings, flashes of lightning and an earthquake.”

## **SEVENTH TRUMPET JUDGMENT**→

**Implementing the Seventh Trumpet Judgment**→ Rev. 11:15a, “The seventh angel sounded his trumpet...”

**Reaction in Heaven**→ Rev. 11: 15b, “...and there were loud voices in heaven, which said: Statement by Heaven, “The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and his Christ, and he will reign forever and ever.”

**Additional or Specific Details**→ about Rev. 11:15b, ‘Heavens Statement’: Rev. 11:16-18, “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, 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 and prophets and your saints and those who reverence your name, both small and great—and for destroying those who destroyed the earth’.” These three verses appear to be focused on providing the reader with the words being spoken by the ‘twenty four elders on their thrones in heaven’. Their words appear to be focused on “worship & thanks” to God and also additional details about what will be happening on earth and in heaven.

### **Results and Action Portion of the Seventh Trumpet Judgment**→

**Results**→ Rev. 11:19a, “Then God’s temple in heaven was opened, and within his temple was seen the ark of his covenant.” This is the original temple that resides in heaven; the copy was on earth. In Exodus 25: 9 God talks about the issue of producing the temple on earth after a ‘pattern’, “Then have them make a sanctuary for me, and I will dwell among them. Make this tabernacle and all its

furnishings exactly like the pattern I will show you.” We know this because Hebrews 8: 5 makes this point very clear, “They serve at a sanctuary that is a copy and a shadow of what is in heaven. This is why Moses was warned when he was about to build the tabernacle; ‘See to it that you make everything according to the ‘pattern’ shown you on the mountain’.” Also see Heb. 8:2, 9: 11, 24 & 2 Sam. 22:7 & Psalm 18:6

**Action Portion**→ Re. 11:19b, “And there came flashes of lightning, rumblings, peals of thunder, an earthquake and a great hailstorm.”

This is almost exactly the same ‘Action’ that occurred in the ‘Seventh Seal Judgment’→ See rev. 8:5 above.

## **Seventh Bowl Judgment**→

**Implementing the Seventh Bowl Judgment**→ Rev. 16:17a, “The seventh angel poured out his bowl into the air...”

**Reaction in Heaven**→ Rev.16:17b, “...and out of the temple came a loud voice from the throne saying, ‘It is done!’”

**Additional or Specific Details**→ about Rev. 16: 18a & 20 are recorded in Rev. 16: 18b-19, “No earthquake like it has ever occurred since man has been on earth, so tremendous was the quake.”

## **Results and Action Portion of the Seven Bowl Judgment**→

**Results**→ Rev. 16: 19-20, (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.” (20) “Every island fled away and the mountains could not be found.”

**Action**→ Rev. 16:18, 21→ (18) “Then there came flashes of lightning, rumblings, peals of thunder and a severe earthquake.” (21) “From the sky huge hailstones of about a hundred pounds each fell upon men.” Again, this

is almost exactly the same **'Action'** in the **'Seventh Seal Judgment'**, Rev. 8:5 & the **'Seventh Trumpet Judgment'**, Rev. 11:19b, except in this judgment we now have **'hundred pound hailstones'**.

### **SUMMARY:**

#### **Implementing→**

- 1) **Seventh Seal Judgment:** **"opened"**
- 2) **Seventh Trumpet Judgment:** **"sounded"**
- 3) **Seventh Bowl Judgment:** **"poured"**
- 4) **Conclusion**→ All three involve some type of **'implementation or announcement'**

#### **Reaction in Heaven→**

- 1) **Seventh Seal Judgment**→ **"silence in heaven for about half an hour"**
- 2) **Seventh Trumpet judgment**→ **"loud voices in heaven"**
- 3) **Seventh Bowl Judgment**→ **"loud voices from the throne saying. 'It is done!'"**
- 4) **Conclusion**→ Seal's speaks to **'sorrow for what is happening'**; Trumpets & Bowls speak to **'immense judgment or destruction'**; Bowls also speak to completion→ **"It is done"**

#### **Additional or Specific Details→**

- 1) **Seventh Seal Judgment**→ **"worship"**
- 2) **Seventh Trumpet Judgment**→ **"worship and thanks"**
- 3) **Seventh Bowl Judgment**→ **"judgment and destruction"**
- 4) **Conclusion**→ Seal & Trumpet→ **"worship and thanks"** ; Bowls → **"only judgment and destruction"**

#### **Results→**

- 1) **Seventh Seal Judgment**→ **"seven more judgments"**

- 2) **Seventh Trumpet judgment** → **“God’s temple in heaven was opened & seven more judgments”**
- 3) **Seventh Bowl Judgment** → **“no more judgments just the return of Jesus Christ”**
- 4) **Conclusion** → Seals → **“seven more judgments”**; Trumpets → **“begin the reclaiming process”**; Bowls → speaks to **“the END of the reclaiming process”**

### **Action** →

- 1) **Seventh Seal Judgment** → **“hurled on the earth...peals of thunder, rumblings, flashes of lightning and an earthquake”**
- 2) **Seventh Trumpet Judgment** → **“flashes of lightning, rumblings, and peals of thunder an earthquake and a great hailstorm”**
- 3) **Seventh Bowl Judgment** → **“flashes of lightning, rumblings, peals of thunder and a severe earthquake...from the sky huge hailstones of about a hundred pounds each fell upon men”**
- 4) **Conclusion** → **All three speak to ‘judgment & destruction’, however the Trumpet & Bowl are more severe because they include “hail storms/stones” and it appears to me that even these are increasing in severity between the Trumpet and Bowl Judgments because the words describing these events changes from “great hail storms” to “huge hailstones of about hundred pounds each fell upon men.” Remember in scripture one of the ways people were put to death for ‘sin or wrong doing’ was to be ‘stoned to death’ in the public and by the public.**

**I have provided all of the above comparative analysis so that you can see → How God is increasing His level of judgment as time progresses throughout the ‘Seven Year Tribulation Period’.**

Now we will begin our detailed study of the **‘Seventh Bowl judgment’**, starting at the beginning of;

## Verse 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!’”

1) “The seventh angel poured out his bowl...” Again this is the ‘seventh of seven angels’ that God the Father commanded to pour out these last seven judgments, 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’.” And he is preforming his task as commanded.

2) “...into the air...” Many scholars believe that these three words carry a triple meaning and to—two different groups: people and spiritual beings, as well as, it speaks to a ‘method of application’.

First→ Before, we talk about the ‘Different Groups’ I will talk about the ‘method of application’; Remember this is the last of 20 judgments and I believe God is indicating by his ‘method of application’ that He/God intends for this judgment to be ‘applied across the entire earth equally and at the same time’. “The seventh angel poured out his bowl into the air...” or → ‘in the atmosphere of earth which is all of the surrounding space above the earth’. Again, this type of event would affect equally all of human life, animal life including birds, plant life, earth or water including sea life and the global weather. Everything on earth and in the atmosphere or in the water would be affected equally. The other way to look at this is that no one physical or geographical location would be excluded.

Last, if you remember from past judgments this judgment would complete Gods process of either: → taking all of nature away from humanity (in terms of sustaining life) or → turning all of nature against humanity→earth, sea, fresh water, (sun, moon & stars) (animal, sea, bird and plant life) and now the “air”. This appears to complete God almost completely reversal of ‘creation’.

Second: Impact by Different Groups→

First group→ All living things; human, animal, bird, plant or sea life requires “air” to survive→ without air there is no life?

**Second group** → Satan is known as “...the prince of power of the air...” Eph. 2:2, KJV. It would appear that God is making a statement to Satan → That He/God is letting Satan know that he-Satan is only being allowed to rule the earth for this seven year period because → God is allowing it to happen. **And now God is going to bring Satan’s rule to an end. He-Satan will ‘no longer be a prince of anything’!**

Last, there are some scholars who believe that the words “the air” is in some way connected to or references Jesus Christ triumphs over Satan. They point to 1 Thess. 4:17, “After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air.” when Jesus Christ takes his church off the earth (Rapture) by meeting them in “the air”. I am not sure this view makes a lot of sense because it would be speaking about something that had already happened almost seven years prior to this judgment. Remember the church will be Raptured prior to the beginning of the Seven Year Tribulation Period. Again, based on the context of the **‘Seventh Bowl Judgment’** it does not seem reasonable to talk about something that has already happened seven years ago. Also, one event is a ‘blessing’ to one group of people and the same event can be a ‘judgment’ to an entirely different group of people.

**3) “...and out of the temple came a loud voice from the throne...”** If you compare these words with the ones in the **‘Seventh Trumpet Judgment’** you will see they are very similar → **‘Seventh Trumpet Judgment’** Rev. 11:19, “Then God’s temple in heaven was opened, and within his temple was seen the ark of his covenant.” Rev. 11:15, “The seventh angel sounded his trumpet and there were loud voices in heaven...” Again, the wordings of the seventh trumpet judgment are similar in many ways but they are also different. I will discuss:

**a)** In both the **‘Seventh Trumpet and Seventh Bowl Judgment’** there are “loud voices” (meaning there is going to be an important announcement) → coming out of the “...temple/throne of God – in Heaven...”

**b)** Again the wording in both speak about the “temple of God in heaven”, however in the **‘Trumpet Judgment’** the temple “was opened”, and John could see what was in the **‘TEMPLE’** → “...and within His temple was seen the ark of

**His covenant...** whereas, in the **'Bowl Judgement'** something came **"out of the temple came a loud voice from the throne, saying, 'It is Done!'"**

**c)** In both the **'Seventh Trumpet Judgment'** and the **'Seventh Bowl Judgment'** there was a **"loud voice"**, however, in the **'Seventh Trumpet Judgment'** this **"voice"** was speaking to heaven, **"there was a loud voice in heaven"** and if you read the remainder of verse 15 thru 18 you will see it is only heaven that is involved and reacts to the **"loud voice"**. However, in the **'Seventh Bowl Judgment'** it appears to me that the words of this judgment are for everyone in **'CREATION'** to hear and get ready for → **"It is done!"**

**d)** Also, the **"loud voice"** in the **'Trumpet Judgment'** is actually many voices, **"there were loud voices in heaven"**. Notice that the word **"voices"** in this judgment is plural and if you read the rest of verse 15a thru 18 you will see there are many participants involved in the → **worshiping and giving thanks to God.** However, the word **"voice"** in the **'Seventh Bowl Judgment'** is 'singular' because it comes from the **"throne"** → **"...and out of the temple came a loud voice from the throne..."** In my opinion there can be no question who this voice is from; **The God of Creation.**

Note: However, there are some scholars believe that this **"voice"** is from → **God the Father and some believe it is from Jesus Christ.** I do not think it make any difference to the meaning of these verses because God the Father and Jesus Christ have always been interchangeable. At different points in time they have appeared to men in different capacities, however they have always been ONE BEING. Men never have been able to understand this concept because there are no examples on earth for us to gain or obtain a mental picture from and be able to envision in our minds.

**e)** From both the → **'Seventh Trumpet Judgment and the Seventh Bowl Judgment' the temple of God in heaven has made something known to men:**

**One:** From the **'Seventh Trumpet Judgment'** men were able to see **"...the ark of the covenant."** (At least now we know where it is being kept)

**Two:** In the **'Seventh Bowl Judgment'** men were made aware that all 20 judgments of God were complete and the **'Second Coming of Jesus Christ'** was going to be the next thing to happen on the earth, **"It is done!"** **God is now going to repossess his creation and all that is in it.**

You may be thinking has this type of wording ever been used by the **'Triune God Head'** before → and the simple answer is **YES**. These are words spoken by Jesus Christ at his death, John 19:30, **"When he had received the drink, Jesus said, 'It is finished.' With that, he bowed His head and gave up His spirit."** I believe that these two words phases: **"It is finished"** and **"It is done"** both speak to **'The Two Major Milestones' in God's plan for his CREATION.**

**In the first → "It is finished" Jesus Christ is announcing that Gods plan for providing man with the ability to redeem himself to God has been completed.**

**In the second → "It is done" God is announcing that his judgment of men is complete and he is getting ready to have his Son Jesus Christ reclaim his creation.**

### **Conclusion:**

Even though there are many similarities between these two judgments → **'The Seventh Trumpet Judgment and The Seventh Bowl Judgment'**, there is also three big differences.

**1) God is the one making the announcement in the Seventh Bowl Judgment and not heavenly beings. I think this is because 'God the Father' is the source of all POWER, therefore it should be Him making this statement.**

**2) God's announcement is really going to be the next thing to happen → In time His Creation and that is → 'The Second Coming of Jesus Christ. "It is done!" Creation has been reclaimed!**

**3) In terms of how each judgment affects the earth, if you read both the 'Seventh Trumpet Judgment' Rev. 11:19 & the 'Seventh Bowl Judgment' Rev. 16: 18- 21a, you will see that the level of intensity and tone has increased**

**dramatically. Just the sheer volume of words in the description is greatly increased.** Again just my opinion!

Note: Before studying the remaining verse within this chapter: keep in mind that verses 18, 19, 20 & 21a all describe the 'Action Portion' of this judgment → and verse 21b describes the 'Results of these Actions'. **(The Actions are numerous and the Results are SAD.)**

**Verses 18-21a:**

(18) "Then there came flashes of lightning, rumblings, peals of thunder and a severe earthquake. → No earthquake like it has ever occurred since man has been on earth, so tremendous was the quake." (19) → "The great city split into three parts, and the cities of the nations collapsed. → God remember Babylon the great and gave her the cup filled with the wine of the fury of his wrath." (20) → "Every island fled away and → the mountains could not be found." (21a) → "From the sky huge hailstones of about a hundred pounds each fell upon men."

**I have underlined some of the words and word groups above that I believe provide us, the reader, with some idea about the severity of the destruction that the earth and all humanity will go through during this judgment. We will now begin our more detailed study of each of these 'Actions' & 'Results of the Actions'.**

**Verse 18:**

**ACTION PORTION →**

**Verse 18a:**

**"Then there came flashes of lightning, rumblings, peals of thunder and a severe earthquake.**

If you go back to our analysis of the 'Action Portion' of the 'Seventh Seal Judgment' the 'Seventh Trumpet Judgment' the 'Seventh Bowl Judgment' you will

see that all three use many of these same ‘action words’ within their specific ‘Judgment’. They all speak about, **“...flashes of lightning, rumblings, peals of thunder and an earthquake...”** However, in the ‘Seventh Bowl Judgment’ we are told this **“earthquake”** will be **“severe”** which was not in the other two judgments. Based on this I believe this earthquake is ‘more severe’ than the others and because this is → the final judgment delivered to the earth by God the Father. Remember because of the original sin committed by Adam & Eve the earth was also cursed, Gen. 3: 17b, **“Cursed is the ground because of you...”**

Also, keep in mind that this type of Power Demonstration → **“...flashes of lightning, rumblings, peals of thunder and earthquakes...”** **is just part of the power that surrounds God (the triune God-Head) all the time.** I think the words in Rev. 4: 5 make this very clear, **“From the throne came flashes of lightning, rumblings and peals of thunder.”** To gain a better understanding of this concept; the power that surrounds God all the time, you will need to read Rev. 4:1-11.

Note: I think God puts these types of words in to scripture to → **‘Paint a Mental Word Picture’** for men so that they can begin to somewhat understand **‘The Infinite Power and Enormity of God’**.

The second sentence in this verse provides the reader with more specific details about its ‘severity’ or ‘impact this specific earthquake had on the earth’.

### **Verse 18b:**

Additional Details describing this specific earthquake → **“No earthquake like it has ever occurred since man has been on the earth, so tremendous was the quake.”**

Many scholars believe that this **“severe earthquake”** was prophesied in Haggai 2:6-7, **“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 the nations, and the desired of all nations will come, and I will fill this house with glory,” says the Lord Almighty.”** This same prophecy is repeated by Paul in the

Book of Hebrews 12:26, “At that time his voice shook the earth, but now he has promised, ‘Once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heavens.’” Or this day is being described in 2 Samuel 22:8, “The earth trembled and quaked, the foundations of heaven shook; they trembled because he was angry.”

There are also many scholars, who believe that this event is the event being described in Zechariah Chapter 14, focus on verse 4, “On that day his feet will stand on the Mount of Olives, east of Jerusalem, and the Mount of Olives will be split in two from east to west, forming a great valley, with half the mountain north and half moving south.” This would mean that this specific earthquake being described in the ‘Seventh Bowl Judgment’ would coincide with or be one and the same event as the ‘Second Coming of Jesus Christ’. I think it is true there are some similarities between these two events but there are also some big differences:

**ONE**→ In Zechariah 14, the ‘Mount of Olives’ is split into **‘TWO PARTS’**, “On that day...the Mount of Olives will be split in two from east to west...” whereas in the ‘Seventh Bowl Judgment’ “The great city split into three parts...”

**TWO**→ In Zechariah 14 it is the feet of Jesus Christ that stand on Mount Olives and split the Mountain; whereas in the ‘Seventh Bowl Judgment’ it is God the Father (or it could be Jesus Christ) **ORDERING or COMMANDING** His angel to “Pour out the seventh bowl...” 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’.” which is an order for the last angel to implement the last of the ‘Seven Bowl Judgments’. Also, this ‘command’ is given from heaven and not when Jesus Christ feet hit earth!

**Conclusion:** to me based on the overall outcome of these two events they should be considered two separate events. Just my opinion!

Last, there are a few scholars that believe this is God the Fathers way of ‘Cleaning Up & Restructuring the Surface of the Earth’ because of the **‘DESTRUCTION THAT TOOK PLACE ON THE EARTH DURING THE SEVEN YEAR TRIBULATIO PERIOD’** before the ‘Second Coming of Jesus Christ’ and his millennial reign. Again, their

reason would be to 'RESTORE THE EARTH TO ITS PREVIOUS GLORY', before the fall of man (Gen. 3: 6-7) which brought about the curse on the ground, Gen. 3: 17b, **"Cursed is the ground because of you..."** They also point to **'The Great Flood During the Time of Noah'**; the destruction of this event is recorded in Genesis Chapters 6-7 focus on Gen. 7:11-24.

### **Conclusion:**

To me both of these events (**Seventh Bowl & Flood**) appear to be God the Father still in → **JUDGMENT MODE and not RESTORATION MODE.** Just my opinion!

**Side Note About the Flood**→ I have never really thought about the destruction that must have occurred during the 'flood' until I was thinking about our discussion of this verse. Have you ever really thought about how much water was actually moving around on the surface of the earth and how it must have 'restructured the entire surface of the earth' → Again, I do not think there is any question that this event would fall under the **'CURSE of GOD'** in Gen. 3:17b.

### **Basic Facts About the Flood During the Time of Noah**→

Currently the tallest mountain on dry land (surface of the earth) is Mount Everest, which is 29,035 feet above sea level. The lowest point on the earth, on dry land, is the 'Dead Sea Depression', which is 1,360 feet below sea level. Therefore, the difference between the two is 30,395 feet. Then add 20 feet because the bible tells us that the flood waters rose 20 feet above the tallest mountain, Gen. 7: 20, **"The water rose and covered the mountains to a depth of more than twenty feet."** Therefore, the total distance would be 30,415 feet. **That is a lot of space which was previously called 'air'**. However, during the days of the 'flood' all this space that the people of that day enjoyed as air, to breath, is now **'WATER'**.

### **Additional Facts**→

All of these numbers are average → The earth has a diameter of 7,926 miles; a radius of 3,963 miles; a circumference of 24,903 miles and a surface area of 197 million sq. miles. (The formula for calculating Volume is  $V=4/3 \pi r^3$ ). However, I think a better way to imagine this is; we know the water was to a

height of 30,415 feet above the average surface of the earth or 5.76 miles (30,415/5,280 ft.). Imagine a ring of water around the entire earth that is 5.76 miles high; that is a lot of water and according to scripture all this water came from: Gen. 7:11b, **“...on that day all the springs of the great deep burst forth, and the floodgates of the heavens were opened.”** You know the rest of the story! Also, based on the numbers above I would think this would fall under the **‘SUPERNATURAL’** category!

### **More Facts About End-Times Earthquakes→**

In verse 18 God has told us through John’s writings that this earthquake will be the most severe the earth has ever seen, **“No earthquake like this has ever occurred since man has been on the earth, so tremendous was the quake.”** And we know the location of **‘CENTER’** of this earthquake→ It is **“The great city split into three parts...”** The **“great city”** being referenced in this scripture is Jerusalem. We also know that **“...Babylon the great...”** is referenced in this judgment, which is in the same general area as Jerusalem. Last, remember we said the lowest point on earth is located in ‘The Dead Sea Depression’ which is also in this same area of the world. All three of these cities or locations are located in or around Israel. Now can you guess why the **“Dead Sea Depression”** is the lowest place on planet earth? It is because it is sitting **‘dead center on top’** of one of the longest **‘TECTONIC PLATES’** on the planet. This plate begins in the middle of the North Atlantic Ocean moves eastward through southern Europe and the Middle East then down through Indonesia and the Philippines- Australia and back up through Eastern China. Also, it connects with the ‘tectonic plate’ known as the ‘ring of fire’ → which surrounds the Pacific countries. If you look at a map of all of the ‘tectonic plates’ of the earth you will find they are all interconnected and the ‘Force that will be Unleashed’ when they move is normally directed toward ‘LAND’. Also, remember the **‘Six Bowl Judgment’** just dried up the Euphrates River. **And men say God does not have a PLAN TO RESTRUCTURE His creation!**

### Verses 19-20:

(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. (20) Every island fled away and → the mountains could not be found.”

I believe that verses 19 & 20 should be viewed as the **‘RESULTS’** portion of the **‘Seventh Bowl Judgment’** as they actually describe the destruction the earth sustained because of this **‘JUDGMENT’**. **NOTE:** I think it is worth pointing out that God inserted these two verses in to the words of the ‘Seventh Bowl Judgment’ → BEFORE he completed describing the JUDGMENT. If you continue reading the words within this judgment you will find → verse 21 talks about an ‘ADDITIONAL—Judgment Events’ related to the ‘Seventh Bowl Judgment’. Again I am not sure why God separated the **‘Action Portion of this Judgment’** with the **‘Results Portion’**, unless he wanted to stress the importance (in terms of there is almost no time left to repent) of this **‘Specific judgment’**. Keep in mind—this is the ‘final judgment’ before the ‘Second Coming of Jesus Christ’. Just my thoughts—opinion!

### Verses 19:

(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.

Most scholars believe that verse 19 is split into three separate events: **all of which speak to the ‘RESULTS PORTION’ of this judgment,** which are as follows:

**Event One** → “The great city split into three parts...” Every scholar that I have ever read believes that **‘Event One’** is **speaking about the city of Jerusalem, and many reference Zechariah 14 to justify their view.**

**Event Two** → “...and the cities of the nations collapsed.” Also they believe that **‘Event Two’** is **speaking about All the cities of All the nations on the earth.** If you look up the actual data on **‘Exactly how many cities there are on the earth’** you

will find the number is determined by 'How you define a city'. The best number I could find is: There are 4,416 cities with population over 150,000 people. Based on this I would imagine that there are tens of thousands of cities if you include all cities on the earth. That is a lot of cities and a lot of people with → No Place to Sleep; No Food; No Water to Drink; No Place to get in Out of the Weather; No Communications; No Heat; No Place to Hide from the street Gangs, you get the idea!

**Event Three** → "God remembered Babylon the Great and gave her the cup filled with the wine of the fury of his wrath." Last they believe that 'Event Three' is speaking about the 'Rebuilt City of Babylon'. I think it is worth keeping in mind two specific issues when thinking about 'The Great City of Babylon':

**One** → It has been known as the 'Mother of Idolatry' & 'False gods' since the 'Tower of Babel'. In Revelations 17:3, God through John's writings describes 'Spiritual Babylon' this way, "This title was written on her forehead: MYSTERY BABYLON THE GREAT THE MOTHER OF PROSTITUTES AND OF ABOMINATION OF THE EARTH."

**Two** → And it was also the beginning of the concept of 'A One World Government/Economic System'. In Revelation 18:2b-3, God through John's words describes 'Governmental/Economic Babylon' this way, "Fallen! Fallen is Babylon the Great! She has become a home for demons, and a haunt for every evil spirit, a haunt for every unclean and detestable bird. For all the nations have drunk the maddening wine of her adulteries. The kings of the earth committed adultery with her, and the merchants of the earth grew rich from her excessive luxuries."

**NOTE:** If you go back to Genesis 11:1-9 and read the story about the 'Tower of Babel'; then follow the related stories through the entire Old Testament you will find two central themes:

**One** → That all of the 'False gods/religions' of old and today came from this one event—group of people,

**Two**→ Also, these 9 verses speak directly about man trying to → **CREATE A ONE WORLD GOVERNMENT and KICK THE GOD OF CREATION OUT OF THE PICTURE**. This is exactly what Satan and his followers will try to do during the **'Seven Years Tribulation Period'** → **'A False god will rule the earth during this period & there will be a 'One World Government/Economic System'—lead by this false god. However, remember the God of Creation will only allow this to remain for seven years**→ **THEN JUDGMENT.**

### **MY—MODIFIED VIEW:**

I have described for you above the most commonly accepted views about verse 19, much of which I agree with; however, now I would like to offer my opinion which has a little different twist in how to interpret verse 19. Keep in mind when reading any ones opinion on scripture; read it for yourself and make up your own mind as to what it is saying.

**POINT ONE** → I would like two make it clear that the words **"the great city"** has been used to describe both **'Jerusalem & Babylon'**. Therefore, it is not these words that I believe define which city it is we are talking about in verse 19.

**EXAMPLE FOR: Jerusalem**→ Rev. 11:8, **"Their bodies will lie in the street of the great city, which is figuratively called Sodom and Egypt, where also their Lord was crucified."** **EXAMPLE FOR: Babylon**→ Rev. 17:18, **"The woman you saw is the great city that rules over the kings of the earth."** As you can see scripture records both cities being called, **"the great city"**. Therefore, my primary objection to the above interpretation is with **'Part One'**. I am not totally convinced that these words are speaking about Jerusalem, **"The great city split into three parts..."** If you go back a read **'Part One'** you will see most scholars believe this event in the **'Seventh Bowl judgment'** is the same events as being described in Zech. 14:4. I will restate my two primary objections to set the framework for our discussion:

**ONE**→ In Zechariah 14, the **'Mount of Olives'** is split into **'TWO PARTS'**, **"On that day...the Mount of Olives will be split in two from east to west..."** whereas in the **'Seventh Bowl Judgment'** **"The great city split into three parts..."**.

**TWO**→ Also in Zechariah 14 **it is the feet of Jesus Christ that stand on Mount Olives and split the Mountain;** whereas in the 'Seventh Bowl Judgment' → **it is God the Father (or it could be Jesus Christ) ORDERING or COMMANDING,** 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'."** that the last 'Seven Bowl Judgments' be implemented. This 'command' is given from heaven and not when Jesus Christ feet hit earth! Also, to me based on the overall outcome of these two events they should be considered two separate events.)

Also, I think it should be pointed out that the 'Seventh Bowl Judgment' is just that, it is the '**Seventh' & Final 'Judgment from God'** on 'unrepentant man & the earth'. Whereas the scripture in Zechariah Chapter 14 is talking about the 'Second Coming of Jesus Christ', which is recorded in Revelation 19:11-21, which very simply stated is God Sending His Son—Jesus Christ to Reclaim His Creation.

**It is also the event that will put an end to the time available for the men living during the tribulation period to be saved.**

Therefore, again as I have already stated these are two separate events and in my opinion the words in Rev. 16: 19, **"the great city split into three parts"** → **is actually speaking about the city of Babylon, which is also referenced in the latter part of verse 19.** Now I will provide you with additional logic as to why I believe these words are referencing Babylon rather than Jerusalem.

**POINT TWO**→ Base on scripture there is no question that during the 'Seven Year Tribulation Period' God is applying his judgment to and unrepentant world. Also, based on scripture there can be no question that this same seven year period is the completion of 'Daniels Seventh Week Prophecy', therefore Gods judgment would equally apply to the entire world, which would also include '**Gods Chosen People**'→ **Israel and Jerusalem.** Note: When reading any of the books of the Bible which discuss 'End Times Prophecy', especially like the 'Book of Revelations' we need to read it understanding that Gods primary intent during this seven year period is to:

a) → First create a situation on planet earth that will open the eyes of the Jewish nation so that they will understand that Jesus Christ was & is their Messiah. Zechariah Chapters 12-14 clearly describe the critical points of how god implements this event; focus, 12:10, “And I will pour out on the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem a spirit of grace and supplication. They will look on me, the one they have pierced, and they will mourn for him as one mourns for and only child, and grieve bitterly for him as one grieves a firstborn son.” The results of this action by God is as follows: Zech. 13: 9b, “They call on my name and I will answer them; I will say, ‘They are my people’, and they will say, The Lord is our God’.”

b) → First to the Jew then to the gentile → Create a situation on planet earth that will force ‘ALL UNSAVED PEOPLE’ to make a conscience decision or choice between who they will ‘Worship’ → God or Satan. There will be no middle ground during this seven year period. Actually Satan will force all of humanity to make this decision; you will either receive his mark or you will not be able to buy or sell. And if you receive his mark you will be condemned to hell for all of eternity. The power that God grants Satan that will allow this to happen is explained in revelation Chapter 13. Also, people who chose God will be ‘SEALED’ with his mark, see Rev. 7:1-8 & Rev. 14: 1-5.

c) → Create a situation on planet earth for Satan to have somewhat direct control of the earth and the people who live on it. During this seven year period known as the ‘Tribulation Period’ Satan will be granted more direct input into the affairs of men than ever before. However, keep in mind during this same seven year period God will be bringing judgment after judgment on the earth, its people and Satan and his demons.

d) → Create a time where the last ‘SOUL’ is born on planet earth that will be granted ‘Freewill’ to choose to either worship God or reject God and worship Satan.

e) → Create a situation that will lead to the ‘Creation of a New Heaven and Earth/ New Jerusalem’ & permanently put a ‘VOID’ between Heaven & Hell.

I keep repeating these issues because I think we need to always keep in mind what the Book of Revelation is trying to communicate to the reader and how it completes both the Old & New Testament.

**POINT THREE** → If you read Zechariah Chapters 12-14 → you will find the story of how the eyes of the Jewish people will be opened to the fact that Jesus Christ was & is their awaited Messiah, Zech. 12: 10b-11, “They will look on (to) me, the one they have pierced, and they will mourn for him as one mourns for and only child, and grieves bitterly for him as one grieves for a firstborn son. On the day the weeping in Jerusalem will be great...” (To get the full impact of this event you need to read all three chapters) Therefore, it is my opinion that Zechariah Chapters 12-14 are primarily written to & for the Jewish nation of Israel. Also, when you read all of Zechariah Chapters 12-14 you will find the results of Israel repenting and returning to the God of Creation is explained in Zechariah Chapter 14, focus on verse 3-5, “Then the Lord will go out and fight against those nations, as he fights in the day of battle. On that day his feet will stand on Mount olives, east of Jerusalem, and the Mount of Olives will be split in two from east to west, forming a great valley, with half of the mountain moving north and half moving south. You will flee by my mountain valley, for it will extend to Azel. You will flee as you fled from the earthquake in the days of Uzziah king of Judah. Then the Lord my God will come, and all the holy ones with him.” Therefore, based on the words in Zechariah Chapters 12-14 I believe that there are three primary biblical concepts within this scripture, that will ‘FULFILL MANY END TIMES PROPHECIES’, which are as follows:

**One** → This scripture speaks to Israel’s Repentance and Return to their God of the Old Testament.

**Two** → This scripture speaks to the ‘Second Coming of Jesus Christ’ which is actually a ‘Blessing’ and not a Judgment.

**Three** → This scripture specifically speaks about Mount Olives → SPLITTING. Then God through Zechariah’s words tells the Jewish people that this event will be LIKE

an event that they could reference because it was an event that had happened in their history, **"You will flee as you fled from the earthquake in the days of Uzziah king of Judah."**

Again, none of these events or actions has anything to do with the 'JUDGMENT' described in the 'Seventh Bowl Judgment' and specifically Rev. 16: 19.

**POINT FOUR**→ Again, it is my opinion that there is a direct connectivity between verses 18 & 19: First we have a → **"severe earthquake"** spoken of in verse 18b and then described in some detail in verse 18c, **"No earthquake like it has ever occurred since man has been on earth, so tremendous was the quake."** Next in verse 19a God tells us the specific damage the **"severe earthquake"** did to a city, → **"The great city split into three parts..."** Then last, (verse 19c) scripture names a city which God is specifically bringing judgment to, **"God remembered Babylon the Great and gave her a cup filled with the wine of the fury of his wrath."** We know base on the reading of all scripture and the 'Creation Process Itself' **our God is a God of**→ **'ORDER' and does not try to confuse or trick people when they read his word.** Therefore, I believe that if you read verses 18b, 19, 20 & 21a you will see the flow of these verse speak about one topic→ **'Judgment'** with **TWO SPECIFIC LOCATIONS MENTIONED** → **'Babylon & Nations'**.

#### **Chronological Order of Events:**

- a) Verse 18b, **"...and a severe earthquake."**
- b) Verse 18c, **"...no earthquake like it has ever occurred since man has been on the earth, so tremendous was the quak."**
- c) Verse 19a, **"The great city split into three parts..."**
- d) Verse 19b, **"...and the cities of the nations collapsed."**
- e) Verse 19c, **"God remembered Babylon the Great and gave her the cup filled with the wine of the fury of his wrath."**
- f) Verse 20, **"Every island fled away and the mountains could not be found."**
- g) Verse 21a, **"From the sky huge hailstones of about a hundred pounds each fell upon men."**

To me if you separate these verse as I have above and looked at the flow of the topics or events I believe it is obvious that the **'Seventh Bowl Judgment'** is Gods last judgment on planet earth before the **'Second Coming of Jesus Christ'** and is specifically directed at the **'Great City of Babylon'** and **'Secondarily at all the Nations of the earth which are led by the antichrist'**.

Then, if you read Revelation Chapter 18 you will see it is focused on **'THE ACTUAL DESTRUCTION OF → THE CITY OF BABYLON'**, which is the **'CAPITAL OF THE ONE WORLD GOVERNMENTAL/ECONOMIC SYSTEM'**. Keep in mind this will be one of the last things to happen before the **'Second Coming of Jesus Christ'** → Order of Chapters → 18 speaks about **'The Destruction of Capital Babylon'** and chapter 19 speaks about **'The Second Coming of Jesus Christ'**.

**POINT FIVE →** Also, to uncover more details about what is going on during this **'Seven Year Period'** I think we need to look at some of the **'Interlude Chapters'** in which God provides us, the reader, with more → **specific details about what is going on, on planet earth during this seven year period → ABOUT THIS SAME SUBJECT!**

**ONE:** Revelations Chapter 14 is an interlude chapter, which provides further details about events primarily in the last half of the **'Seven Years Tribulation Period'**. If we look at Rev. 14: 8 we see Gods prophecy about what is going to happen to Babylon in the very near future (no more than 3 ½ years), **"A second angel followed and said, → 'Fallen! Fallen is Babylon the Great, which made all the nations drink the maddening wine of her adulteries'."** Even though this is an interlude chapter → **I think all words in scripture which are spoken like this, with 'like this' meaning in a 'Prophecy Format' should be taken 'Literally'. Which means to me that this angel, speaking at the mid-point in the 'Seven Year tribulation Period' is → saying that "Babylon the Great" will fall, at least within the next 3 ½ years.**

**NOTE:** I think this event will be carried out in a → **TWO STEP METHOD:** **FIRST:** the **"GREAT CITY OF BABYLON"** will be destroyed by 'God the Father' → see

**chapter 18. SECOND: Then at the 'Second Coming of Jesus Christ'—He will destroy → Satan's, One World Government/Economic System and all the nations of the earth that supported it.**

**TWO:** Revelations Chapter 14, verses 14-20 speak about the 'Harvest of the Earth'. These verses in Revelation are actually a more detailed account of the words spoken by Jesus Christ in Matthew 25, verses 31-46, which speaks about the 'Separation of the Sheep and the Goats'.

In Revelation Chapter 14, verses 14-20 you will find that there are 'TWO ANGELS' involved in the harvest of the earth:

**FIRST ANGEL/HARVESTER**→ Verses 14-16, based on the wording this angel appears to be → **Jesus Christ**, "**I looked and there before me was a white cloud, and seated on the cloud was one 'like the son of man' with a crown of gold on his head and a sharp sickle in his hand.**" Then another angel came out of the temple and called in a loud voice to him who was sitting on the cloud, '**Take your sickle and reap, because the time to reap has come, for the harvest of the earth is ripe**'. So he that was seated on the cloud swung his sickle over the earth, and the earth was harvested."

**SECOND ANGEL/HARVESTER**→ **Revelation Chapter 14, verses 17-19 records the 'Second Harvesting of the Earth'**—quoted below—this '**Second Harvesting**' would complete God's Judgment Process'—next would be the '**Battle of Armageddon**'. "**Another angel came out of the temple in heaven, and he too had a sharp sickle. Still another angel, who had charge of the fire, came from the altar and called in a loud voice to him who the sharp sickle, 'Take your sharp sickle and gather the clusters of grapes from the earth's vine, because its grapes are ripe.'** The angel swung his sickle on the earth, gathered its grapes and threw them into the great winepress of God's wrath. They were trampled in the winepress outside the city, and blood flowed out of the press, rising as high as the horses' bridles for a distance of 1,600 stadia (180 miles)."

These 20 Judgments (two harvestings) by 'God the Father and His Son—Jesus Christ' are the 'Beginning of the Process' first talked about in Matt. 25:31-46, which speaks about 'THE SEPERATION OF THE SHEEP & GOATS' and now is explained in more detail in Revelation Chapter 14, verses 14-20, which speaks about the 'Harvest of the Earth from the 20 Judgments' implemented during the 'Seven Year Tribulation Period'. These events will → 'PERMANTENTLY FIX where all of the humans involved in these events will reside for ever—Heaven or Lake of Fire'. NOTE: I believe that all people, saved & unsaved, should take these verse as saying that 'The Sheep of Jesus Christ' should not consider these events as a 'HARVEST' but as 'A REWARD—BEING TAKEN TO THE HOME OF GOD THE FATHE & HIS SON JESUS CHRIST'. However, for the 'unsaved' the event will not be as good→ For these people (GOATS) it will be a time of great sadness→ I think it speaks to the → 'Goats' which do not belong to God the Father & His Son, Jesus Christ and will be the ones going into the "wine press of Gods wrath". Actually if you read the last verse in each of these two accounts of this event you will find the following: Matt. 25:46, **"Then they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life."** Rev. 14:19, **"The angel swung his sickle on the earth, gathered its grapes and threw them into the great wine press of God's wrath."** Now let's compare with Rev. 16:19, **"God remembered Babylon the Great and gave her a full cup filled with the wine of the fury of his wrath."**

The reason I recapped Matt. 25: 31-46 and Rev. 14: 14-20 again—is to continue to point out for you 'HOW GODS WORD IS TOTALLY INTERCONNECTED' at every level and in every word. I also believe that God does this so that 'His Sheep' will feel comfort in knowing He is always looking out for them→ I have noticed 'That Humans Always require –REASSURANCE' if they are to remain HAPPY for any length of time! Just my opinion!

**Now back to the verse we were discussing:**

My point in all this is that the words in Rev. 16: 19, **“The great city was split into three parts, and the cities of the nations collapsed. God remembered Babylon the Great and gave her a full cup filled with the wine of the fury of his wrath.”**

I believe should be viewed as part of the **‘OVERALL PROCESS’** that God will implement in the final days of the ‘Seven Year Tribulation Period’. Remember the **‘Seven Year Tribulation Period’** is part of a **Master Plan** that God put together before the world was created. Also, keep in mind that the **‘Seventh Bowl Judgment’** is the last judgment before the **‘Second Coming of Jesus Christ’**, which could actually be the very next second. Again, all of these events or words should be viewed as connective! I know this is a little wordy but I believe this issue is important.

Now I will provide you with the historic flow of scripture that I believe will lead you to the same conclusion.

**1)** Babylon is the first city mentioned in the Bible. It was called **Babel** or better known as the **Tower of Babel**. It was located on the **‘plain in Shinar’** better known today as Babylonia, Gen. 11:1-9. It was also known as the **‘Mother of Idolatry’** & man’s first attempt at **‘A One World Government’**, the antichrist will complete this during the **‘Seven Year Tribulation Period’**. **I think it is also interesting that the first city mentioned in the scripture was ‘evil’.** We know this by the way God reacted and how it is portrayed in the rest of scripture and what He did to disperse it.

**2)** Next in the Book of Daniel, Daniel interprets King Nebuchadnezzar’s dream about a **‘large statue’** of a man, Dan. 2:32-33, **“The head of the statue was made of pure gold, its chest and arms of silver, its belly and thighs of bronze, its legs of iron, its feet partly of iron and partly of clay.”** Then God through Daniels words tells Nebuchadnezzar that he is the King that is the **‘Head of Gold’**, Dan. 2:36-37a, **“This was the dream, and now we will interpret it to the king. You, O King, are the king of kings. The God of heaven has given you dominion and power and**

might and glory; in your hands he has placed mankind and the beast of the fields and the birds of the air. Wherever they live, he has made you ruler over them all. You are the head of gold.” God provides more details about the meaning of this verse in verse 39, “After you, another kingdom will rise, inferior to yours.” The meaning of this dream was that the Babylonian Empire lead by King Nebuchadnezzar would be the ‘greatest or purest’ of the world empires until that of the antichrist. (Notice the words in verse 37b, “Wherever they live, he has made you ruler over them all.” This was the first world leader (as defined by God) and out of this came what is called the ‘Spirit of the Antichrist’ → Better known as ‘One World Government & One World Religion’. We know this because verse 39 speaks about the ‘purity’ of the following empires, “inferior to yours”.

**3)** Now let’s look at Rev. 13:7b which describes the power of the antichrist during the last three and one half years of the ‘Seven Year Tribulation Period’, “And he was given authority over every tribe, people, language, and nation.” I think you can see the meaning is the same as verse 37a in Daniel, “Wherever they live, he has made you ruler over them all.” There are many more points within scripture that we could reference that would show the ‘power that God granted these two world leaders’ but I think you get the point and can see the flow of power down through history.

**NOTE: The physical or mortal world will actually have ‘FOUR’ world leaders; I have listed two above (Nebuchadnezzar & the antichrist) the → First was actually ‘Nimrod’—the Tower of Babel’ and → The last will be Jesus Christ at his ‘Second Coming’ and it will last 1,000 years.** See Revelations 19:11-21 & 20:1-10 for the details of this event.

### **CONCLUSION:**

Babylon was the ‘Birth Place of Idolatry’ & ‘A One World Government’ & ‘The Spirit of the Antichrist’ → all of which totally reject God as Creator and believe man should not have to ‘bow the knee to God’. For this God has decreed that they will be totally destroyed never to be seen again just like Sodom & Gomorrah. In the Book of Isaiah, Chapter 13 God speaks to the issue of how he will deal with Babylon for their ‘rejection’ of him. Many scholars believe this prophecy has

already been completed when the Persian Empire destroyed the Babylon Empire in about 530 BC. However, if you read the prophecy in Isaiah chapter 13 closely you will find it was not completed as God said: verse 19) “...will be overthrown like Sodom & Gomorrah...” meaning it will never be found or seen again. We know this is not true as Babylon has already been partially rebuilt. Verse 20) “...she will never be inhabited or lived in through all generations...” Again, we know this cannot be true as it is already partially rebuilt. The ‘Complete Destruction of Babylon’ does not take place until the very end of the ‘Seven Year Tribulation Period’; the details of which are recorded in Revelation Chapters 17 & 18. This destruction will include both the ‘Religious (Ch.17) & Governmental (Ch. 18)’ portion of Babylon. Always keep in mind that there are two parts to the concept of ‘Babylon’; there is the ‘Spiritual or Religious’ side, which is discussed in Rev. 13:11-18 & there is the ‘Economic or Governmental’ side, which is discussed in Rev. 13:1-10. I think it is worth noting that God devoted an entire chapter to defining ‘Religious & Economic Babylon’. **HOWEVER, I THINK IT IS EVEN MORE IMPORTANT THAT WE RECOGNIZE THAT GOD DEVOTED TWO FULL CHAPTER IN THE BOOK OF REVELATION TO THE DESTRUCTION OF SPIRITUAL & ECONOMIC BABYLON → REVELATION CHAPTERS 17 & 18.** **I believe this makes it very clear how God feels about Babylon and the anti-God concepts that were birthed there and to this continues to supports.**

Babylon has and will continue to play a big role in Gods overall plan for humanity because it was the birth place for so many anti-God concepts. I will list for you how God has used Babylon through much of Israel’s history; first as the one doing the ‘punishing’ & then as the one ‘being punished’.

**FIRST** → God used Assyria to punish/destroy Israel (Ten Northern tribes) for their sin & unrepentant heart in 722 BC.

**TWO** → God then used Babylon to destroy/punish Assyria for their ‘harsh & cruel treatment of Israel’, in 610 BC.

**THREE** → God then used Babylon to punish/destroy Judah (two southern tribes) for their sin & unrepentant hearts in 586 BC.

**FOUR**→ God then used Persia (Medes & Persia) to punish/destroy the original Babylon Empire for their 'harsh & cruel treatment of Judah', in 530 BC.

**FIFTH**→ Per scripture God will suspend his direct dealings or direct use of Babylon from the period around 530 BC to whenever the 'Seven Year Tribulation' period begins. At which time 'Spiritual Babylon' will be revived and become the **'Religious Center of the One World Religion under the False Prophet'** & **'Physical Babylon'** will also be rebuilt and become the **'Economic & Governmental Center for the antichrist 'One World Government'**.

**SIXTH**→ Even though God suspended his direct dealings or use of Babylon in the development of human history, as stated in #5 above, many if not all of the **'Root Concepts'** behind a world that has **'Rebelled & Hates God'** came out of this **'Great City→ Babylon'**.

**Seventh**→ God will resume his use of Babylon during the 'Seven Year tribulation Period'. I believe that the 'Great City of Babylon' will be rebuilt during the first half of the seven year tribulation period and completed by the mid-point of that seven year period. My logic is simple: **ONE**→ During the first half of the seven year tribulation period the antichrist will be solidifying his control and leadership position of the **'Revived Roman Empire'** and his capital will be somewhere in that land mass. **TWO**→ At the middle of the seven year tribulation period the antichrist will become the world leader as described in Rev. 13: 1-10 & his false prophet will become the world religious leader as described in Rev. 13:11-18. **THREE**→ At this point, the middle of the seven year tribulation period, the antichrist will move his world capital to Babylon & his false prophet will move the world religious center to Rome, which is actually 'Spiritual Babylon'. This is validated in Revelation Chapter 17 & 18 which speaks about the destruction of Babylon the **'Religious Center of the World'—Chapter 17** & the **Economic Center of the World'—chapter 18.**

**EIGHT**→ If you look at the flow of scripture as it relates to the issue of Babylon you will find that right after the **'Seventh Bowl Judgment'** God through John's words describes **'IN DETAIL' the 'TOTL DESTRUCTION OF BABYLON'** just as he said he would in Isaiah 13, focus on verses 19-20, **"Babylon the jewel of kingdoms, the**

glory of the Babylonians pride, will be overthrown by God like Sodom & Gomorrah. She will never be inhabited or lived in through all generations...” and again in Jeremiah 51: 61-64, “He said to Seraiah, ‘When you get to Babylon, see that you read all these words aloud.’ Then say, ‘O lord, you have said you will destroy this place, so that neither man nor animal will ever live in it; it will be desolate forever’. When you finish reading this scroll, tie a stone to it into the Euphrates. Then say, ‘So will Babylon sink to rise no more because of the disaster I will bring upon her. And her people will fall’.”

**NINTH**→ If you continue on reading chapter 19 in the Book of Revelations you will find God now shifts our attention to events in heaven and not on earthly events. Revelation Chapter 19, verses 1-10 speak about the ‘Rejoicing that is going on in Heaven’ because of “For the wedding of the Lamb has come, and his bride has made herself ready...” However the rest of Revelation Chapter 19 (verses 11-21) records the ‘Second Coming of Jesus Christ’ to planet earth. My point is → this is the very next event to take place on planet earth. God through Johns words moves from Revelation Chapters 17 & 18→ the ‘Total Destruction of—Spiritual & Governmental/Economic Babylon’ to the ‘Second Coming of Jesus Christ’→ Revelation Chapter 19, verses 11-21.

**TEN**→ If you continue reading the rest of Revelation, Chapters 20-22 you will find or not find the ‘Great City of Babylon’ ever mentioned again in the Book of Revelations. It has been removed from the face of the earth just as God prophesied in Isaiah Chapter 13 & Jeremiah Chapter 51→ It is gone, just like Sodom & Gomorrah. My personal opinion is that they have been physically ‘UNCREATED’. We can talk more about this in class; just my opinion!

My last point on why I believe that they are ‘totally gone’ is that when Satan is released after the 1,000 year reign of Jesus Christ on planet earth (recorded in rev. 20:7-10) the name Babylon is not mentioned. The only words or names used to describe who Satan brings to this last fight is, Rev. 20:7, “When the thousand years are over, Satan will be released from his prison and will go out to deceive the nations in the four corners of the earth—Gog and Magog—to gather them for battle.” There are only three words used to describe who is

involved in this battle; **“nations”—“Gog”—‘Magog’**. **There is no mention of Babylon because ‘THEY’—both ‘Spiritual & Governmental/Economic’—is ‘GONE’.**

### **My Conclusion**

Is that Rev. 16:19, **“The great city split into three parts...”** is the city of Babylon. Even though it took a lot of scripture to validate my opinion I believe the city is Babylon and not Jerusalem.

### **Verse 20:**

**“Every island fled away and the mountains could not be found.”**

Based on my understanding of how ‘earthquakes’ work, I think verse 20 should be considered the **‘RESULTS’** of and ‘earthquake’ of this magnitude. Remember in verse 19 it states, **“...and the cities of the nations collapsed.”** Therefore, to me the ‘Seventh Bowl Judgment’ would be like a **‘THREE STEP or THREE SPECIFIC EVENTS → JUDGMENT BY GOD’**. I will explain below:

### **THE ACTION BY GOD:**

**Verse 18a, “Then there came flashes of lightning, rumblings, peals of thunder and...”** Part of the **‘Results Portion’** of this judgment could be because of these beginning events, but these types of events—**I do not think would generate the events described in the ‘Results Portion’ of these verses.**

**Verse 18b, “...a severe earthquake → No earthquake like it has ever occurred since man has been on the earth.”** However, to me verse 18b speaks to the type of event that could cause these types of **‘RESULTS’**.

## RESULTS OF GODS → JUDGMENT—ACTION:

FIRST RESULTS→ Is defined in verse 19a, **“The great city split into three parts...”** Which I have stated above, I believe is the rebuilt ‘City of Babylon’, however, many scholars believe it is Jerusalem.

SECOND RESULTS→ Is defined in verse 19b, **“...and the cities of the nations collapsed.”** As I have said before this is a lot of cities being destroyed and a lot of people being killed: and I would certainly consider this event as a → ‘Major Result’ of a Judgment.

THIRD RESULTS→ Is defined in verse 20, **“Every island fled away and the mountains could not be found.”** Again, I do not think there can be any doubt in any one’s mind that these words would be describing an event of Biblical Proportion’ → And it certainly would be ‘JUDGMENT—EVENT’.

FOURTH RESULTS → There is a possible ‘Fourth Results’, depending on how you view the words: **“God remembered Babylon the Great and gave her the fury of His wrath.”** To me this would be a ‘Fourth Results’ as it speaks to the destruction of ‘The Great City of Babylon’—‘The Capital of the One World Government/Economic System’. Just my opinion!

If you stop and think about the picture that God through John’s words is painting for us, it is a pretty bad or ugly scene. All of the buildings on the entire face of the earth have been reduced to ‘rubble’ in one very short period of time. As best I can determine, the average duration of an earthquakes is about is about 15 to 40 seconds; the longest duration I could find is 5 minutes. However, there are many variables that can affect this number; one of which is the magnitude of the earthquake, and the depth, and the connectivity of the tectonic plate to other tectonic plates. We know this earthquake will involve ‘All of the Tectonic Plates’ because it will be a worldwide event. Again, we know this earthquake will be off the chart, **“No earthquake has ever happened like this since man has been on the earth, so tremendous was the quake.”**

**NOW A MORE SPECIFIC DETAIL PICTURE ABOUT THE ENTIRE JUDGMENT' →**

**There are 'NO' building left standing on all of planet earth. Which means there are no: Homes to take refuge in from the HARSH WEATHER.**

**All Food will be gone as it was in the building that were destroyed.**

**There are no businesses left standing to buy anything that is produced,**

**There will be no → power plants (electrical, gas, coal, wind, thermal, etc.), gas stations, telephone or any other communication service, → there will be no transportation because there will be no way to get gas and even if you did there will no roads left.**

**There will be little or no 'Medical Help' for people who are hurt and even if there is; it would need to be within walking distance.**

**The movement of all of humanity will pretty much be limited to 'How Far They Can Walk'.**

**Regardless of your conditions locally there will be no help coming except what is within walking distance of your location. All Local, State & Federal government agencies will be stranded at their current location.**

**At this point in the 'Seven Year Tribulation Period' all of the 'Governmental Infrastructure' that is left will be gearing-up for the 'Great Battle at Armageddon' → Between the antichrist and Jesus Christ.**

**As I said at the beginning of this verse/event, this is the picture of a world on its knees. However, they still will not repent: man's reactions is recorded in Verse 21b. "And they cursed God on account of the plague of hail, because the plague was so terrible." The interesting part of this statement is we have not even talked about the "hail" portion of this judgment—yet.**

**As I have said before there are many scholars who believe that this 'Seventh Bowl Judgment' is Gods way of 'RESHAPING the EARTH' before the 'Second Coming of Jesus Christ and His Millennial Reign'. I do not think there can be any question in any one's mind that after seven years of almost constant 'WAR' and GOD'S**

**JUDGMENTS'** that the surface of the earth will be for the most part **'DESTROYED & UNINHABITABLE'** by any Human, Plant or Animal. Again, many scholars believe that this is Gods way of restoring or returning the earthy to its previous condition **'During the Time of the Garden of Eden'**, which they believe will be the condition of the earth during **Jesus Christ Millennial Reign on Earth.**

Base on the events described in the **'Seventh Bowl Judgment'** → **I believe that these scholars are incorrect.** To me the time period of the **'Seven Year Tribulation Period'** is a time **'OF PURE DESTRUCTION'** caused either by → **Men themselves or Satan & his demons or Gods Judgments.** **This will not a time of rebuilding the earth for Jesus Christ—Millennial Reign.**

However, I do know for sure that the next event to happen on planet earth after the **'Seventh Bowl Judgment'** is completed → and it is the **'Second Coming of Jesus Christ'** → **to sit up his Millennial Kingdom on planet earth.** However, **based on my knowledge of scripture I do not think we can be sure how long of a time interval it will be between these two events but my opinion is it will be relatively quick!**

**Verse 21:**

**"From the sky huge hailstones of about a hundred pounds each fell upon men. → And they cursed God → on account of the plagues of hail, because the plague of hail was so terrible."**

**Verse 21a: "From the sky huge hailstones of about a hundred pounds each fell upon men."**

Remember the words at the beginning of the **'Seventh Bowl Judgment'**, 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!"** → Meaning the **'Judgments by God'** are complete. And verse 21a (quoted above) actually records the last part of the **'Seventh Bowl Judgment'** which is the **'FINAL JUDGMENT'** by

God. This event is it, → there are no more judgments only the ‘Second Coming of Jesus Christ’.

The original text describes the weight of these hailstones as “a talent” and scholars down through the ages have tried to decide what exactly is the definition of a ‘talent’ was when John wrote these words. A Greek ‘Talent’ was defined as 56 pounds and a Jewish ‘Talent’ was defined as 114 pounds. My NIV translation uses one hundred pounds.

However, to me the words within the ‘Book of Revelation’ describing this ‘Seven Year Tribulation Period’ was written →

First → To ‘Gods People’, which are the → Jewish people and people saved during this period?

Second → To the Gentile People of the earth living during this period who are unsaved.

**NOTE:** God always provides **‘POSITIVE WORDS’** to reassure **‘HIS PEOPLE’** that HE/God is always in control and HE/GOD will always **‘WIN’** in this struggle between **‘GOOD & EVIL’**. In Revelation Chapters 19-22 we see just how big or complete Gods victory really is, which means how **‘Big & Complete’** our victory really will be! However, He/God also provides ‘Words’ that will allow unsaved humans to see the ‘TRUTH AND BE SAVED’.

Therefore → I will go with the Jewish definition of ‘talent’ → meaning it will weight one hundred & fourteen pounds. However, in my calculations I will use 100 pounds to make the math easier.

### **BASIC DATA:**

I looked up some basic data about falling objects to give you some idea of the magnitude of this one event → **HAILSTONES**

### **SPEED →**

A normal sky diver with his arms and legs extended will reach ‘Maximum Velocity’ after 15 seconds with a speed of 122 MPH.

A normal sky divers with his arms and legs retracted into a ball can reach speeds of 200 MPH.

Competition sky divers in the head down position → can reach speeds of 330 MPH.

“The current record held by Felix Baumgartner who jumped from a height of 128,000 feet reached a top speed of 834 MPH, however, not at sea level air pressure.”

### SIZE →

To give you some idea or way to visualize a 100/114 pound hailstone I looked up the following data on the largest hailstone recorded in the United States: It was 8.0 inches in diameter & 18.5 inches in circumference → And it only weighed 1.9375 pounds. (Note: Normal hailstones range from BB size to Compact disc/DVD size) Therefore, a 100 pound hailstone would be a little more than 50 times bigger than our largest recorded hailstone and a 114 pound hailstone would be even bigger. I do not know if the calculation to determine the actual size is linear but if it is the simple multiplication is as follows: (diameter equals 8 inches & 1.9375 pounds, therefore a 100 pound hailstone would be ~ 50 times this size → (8 inches X 50 times the size = 400 inches/ 12 inches per sq. ft. = ~ a hailstone 33 ft. in diameter which is a really big hunk of ice.

Note → Just so you can have some type of comparative range I also looked up the diameter & weight of a Marble/mothball size hailstone → Diameter= ½” & Weight=1/8 or .125 pounds. Same calculation → 100 lb. hailstone / by .125 lbs. hailstone, (which has a diameter of ½”) = 800 times the original size; The to get diameter → 800 times the size X ½” = 400”/ 12 = again ~ a 33 foot in diameter hailstone.

### STORM DURATION →

The average hailstorm last somewhere between a few seconds to 30 minutes, however, there have been hailstorms which lasted much longer → many hours. Our scripture does not state how long this hailstorm will last but I would imagine,

given→ this is the last portion of the last judgment it would last longer than a normal hailstorm.

### **ACCUMULATION→**

The amount of accumulation that can occur during an average 'Hailstorm' can range from 'Almost Zero to ~ 18 inches deep'. The timing involved during one of these events can be from 'A Few Seconds to 30 Minutes'. The Bible does not provide us with any information about the 'Accumulation or Duration' of this 'Seventh Bowl Judgment' event.

### **DENSITY→**

**The density of the hail falling is normally measured in the number of hailstones that fall in one square foot per occurrence. The range of 'density' of a hailstorm can be from 'Almost Zero to Very Large'.**

### **FIRST DENSITY CALCULATION→**

Some of the larger occurrence would be→ **1,726 hailstones in one square foot in 16 minutes** or→ **1,726 hailstones/16 minutes = ~108 hailstones per minute** or→ **108 Hailstones per minute /60 seconds = 1.8 hailstones per second per sq. foot.**

We know that our hailstones are about 33 feet in diameter; therefore measuring at the one square foot level would not work.

### **SECOND DENSITY CALCULATION→**

My 'First Density Calculation' did not appear to be reasonable so→I think we would need to look at this in terms the number of hailstones per 'one square mile'. I will try to convert this relationship→ here goes:

**First→ One sq. mile equals→ (5,280 ft. X 5,280 ft.). = 27,878,400 sq. ft. in one sq. mile**

**Next→ Times 1,726 stones in one sq. foot (27,878,400 X 1,726 = 48,118,129,400 hailstones per sq. mile; Note→ This number is over 48 Billion hailstone per sq. mile in 16 minutes with an average diameter of almost zero to ~33 feet**

Next → 48,118,129,400/ 16 minutes = ~3 billion per minute per sq. mile.

Next → 3.0 billion hailstones per minute / 60 seconds = 50 million hailstones per second

Last → Therefore, this would mean that an average of 50 million hailstones with an average size of almost zero to ~ 33 feet would hit the earth's surface within one sq. mile every second & this would be every sq. mile of the entire earth's surface and the 'DURATION IS UNKNOWN!'

I think if you do the math you will find that this means that a 'hailstone' has the potential to be hitting every sq. inch of the earth's surface every second. I know this is the 'Seventh Bowl Judgment' and is within the most sever judgment group but it appears to me that the 'Hailstones' involved would have to be 'Smaller' or the entire earth would be destroyed.

RESULTS→ Again, I do not know if any of these calculations are exactly correct but I think they give you some idea of the magnitude of this ONE PART OF THE 'SEVENTH BOWL JUDGMENT' EVENT FROM GOD.

Also, when reading and studying this 'Seventh Bowl Judgment' keep in mind it is the last part of the last judgment from God the Father before the 'Second Coming of Jesus Christ'. If my calculations are even close; then I believe that this one event would:

One→ Sweep every thig out of the air (birds or planes),

Two→ Destroy & sink everything on the ocean's surface (blood),

Three→ Completely destroy all vegetation on the face of the earth,

Four→ Completely destroy the remains of any building left after the "great earthquake",

Fifth→ KILL any living thing (air breathing) that is on the earth's surface,

Sixth→ Not sure how the oceans & seas & rivers & streams would be affected but I know it would not be good→ Comment: Just so you will know this event

falls under the category of **'Miracle or Supernatural Event'** → Think about this: all the water on the earth has now been turned to "blood" and 'Hailstones' are made up of 'Fresh Water' → so where did the 'FRESH WATER' come from and in 'GREAT ABUNDANCE? I THINK IT IS CALLED SUPERNATURAL

If you go back to the last words in verse 17, **"It is done!"** I think these words really clarify for us what God really meant when he spoke them.

As I said above in our discussion of verse 20 many scholars believe that the events of **'Seventh Bowl Judgment'** are Gods way of not only bringing judgment on unrepentant (see verse 21b) man but also **'RESHAPING the EARTH'** prior to the **'Second Coming of Jesus Christ'**. To me there can be no question → **The 'Seventh Bowl Judgment' will in Fact "RESHAPT & RESTRUCTURE' the face of the earth, → However, I also do not think there can be any doubt in ANY ONES mind that this 'RESHAPING of the EARTH' will not be POSITIVE!**

Also, based on the level of destruction in just this **'One Judgment'** I believe that the **'Second Coming of Jesus Christ'** would need to very closely following this event or everyone on planet earth would die of exposure or starvation or disease. Just an opinion!

Verse 21b:

**"And they cursed God on account of the plague of hail, → because the plague was so terrible."**

The last part of this verse 21b describes how humanity reacts to this last judgment from God, **"And they cursed God on the account of the plague of hail, because the plague was so terrible."** This type of reaction seems to be pretty normal for the majority of the people living on the earth during this seven year period.

**Note** → we know many people will be saved during this tribulation period → these will be the people who do not: worship the beast or take the mark of the beast → Actually they will be the ones who are hiding and running for their lives. The group of people that we are hearing from in verse 21b: are the ones who

worshiped the beast and took the mark of the beast and are still living in open society.

God concludes **'His 20 Judgments Process'** on a primarily unrepentant world with the closing of verse 21 in Revelation Chapter 16. It is also the completion of the **'Seventh Bowl Judgment'**. The next step will be the **'Second Coming of Jesus Christ'**, in chapter 19:11-21. I think one of the somewhat hidden **'macro'** messages that God has provided us within this book is **'Just How Rebellious and Stubborn'** men can become toward God even with over whelming prove that God not only exist but is our creator. And this **'Rebellion or Stubbornness or Human Sickness'** is known as **'SIN'** and is not just limited to the unsaved but is also within the **'Church of Jesus Christ'**. Each time God brought judgment on the earth (Seal, Trumpet or Bowl Judgments) during the **'Seven Year Tribulation Period'**, God recorded for us the reaction of men:

**First the Seal Judgments → Rev. 6:16-17, "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 has come, and who can stand'."** These are the words—attitudes of the people who survived the **'Seal Judgments'**. To me these words only indicate that people are sorry they were caught sinning but there is **'NO INDICATION THAT THEY ARE REMORSEFUL'** or **'THAT THEY ARE GOING TO REPENT'**. They will continue to sin at the same or an even greater level: than at the beginning of this period → **'REBELLIOUS & STUBBORN'**.

**Second the Trumpet Judgments → Rev. 9: 20-12, "The rest of mankind that were not killed by these plagues still did not repent of the works 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."** By this time in the **'Seven Year Tribulation Period'**, which I believe is at about the mid-point; men appear to have changed their **'Words & Attitude'** a little bit more to the **'Rebellious Side'**. These people who have survived the first half of the seven year tribulation period are now not trying to hide from God and his Lamb. It appears

**to me that they are now openly rebelling against God and his Lamb.** They are making a point to 'not to repent' of their sinful acts → Verse 20, spiritual and verse 21, physical. My opinion is that unsaved people at this point in the seven year tribulation period are becoming more and more aggressive against God, his Lamb and his people (saved people).

**Third the Bowl Judgments** → Rev. 16:21b, **"And they cursed God on account of the plague of hail, and the plague was so terrible."** By this time in the seven year tribulation period we are in the latter days of this seven year period; just prior to the 'Second Coming of Jesus Christ'. And the people who have survived all of God Judgments → **'Words and Attitudes'** have now moved from a 'Rebellious Stage' to one of **'OUTRIGHT HATE'**. I think the key words in this verse that describe peoples **'ATTITUDE TOWARD GOD'** at this point in the seven year tribulation period are **"THEY CURSED GOD"**. **I think these three words say it all.** These remaining people are totally lost and will be lost forever. I know there could be some people saved before the 'Second Coming of Jesus Christ' but I believe the time between these two events is down to days or even hours. And Rev. 19:21 makes it very clear how Jesus Christ will deal with this group of people, **"The rest of them were killed with the sword that came out of the mouth of the rider on the horse, and all the birds gorged themselves on their flesh."** **All unsaved people will be killed or put to death just prior to the beginning of the Millennial Reign of Jesus Christ.** Only saved people will enter the Millennial Kingdom.

As I said above this 'Rebellion & Stubbornness' is not just limited to the unsaved world: It is and always has been in the Church of Jesus Christ. Remember during the time of the Apostles the scripture records that there were false teachers and wolves dressed in sheep's clothing. We also know from the Book of Revelation itself, Chapters 2 & 3, which record specific sins that could be within any of the churches or all of the churches. It also represents the history of the church. In the church letter to the churches at Smyrna & Pergamum we see Jesus Christ condemning these churches for allowing false doctrines to enter the church; Nicolaitans & Balaamism and Thyatira for the 'Teaching of Jezebel'. All of this weakening of the Gospel of Jesus Christ leads to the Luke Warm Church at

Laodicea and eventually the Global Church of the antichrist & false prophet, Revelation Chapter 13.

**So ends the scripture on the judgments of the 'Seven Year Tribulation Period'.**

The next two chapters 17 & 18 are 'interlude chapters' and will provide us with a more detail description about the destruction of '**Spiritual & Governmental/Economic Babylon**'.

### **END TRIBULATION JUDGMENTS:**

Again the last five verses of chapter 16, verses 17-21, bring to an end the '**Seven Seal Judgment & the Seven Trumpet Judgments & the Seven Bowl Judgments**'.

We have now come to a point in the Book of Revelation where God has implemented all 20 of His judgments on planet earth and → **provide all of unsaved humanity with 7 years to either accept him as God & Savior or reject Him and side with Satan for 'all of eternity'**. From this point forward the only thing left to happen within the 'Seven Year Tribulation Period' is the **Battle of Armageddon**, which is recorded in Rev. 19:11-21.