

The 7th Bowl Armageddon!

Revelation 16:16-21

Last week I was so excited about getting to the end of the judgements that I skipped the 7th bowl and went straight to the Millenium...but we have to wait for the Millenium and wrap up the 7th bowl judgement first.

We are wrapping up the section on the bowl judgements over this and next Sunday with:

3. The Seven Bowl Judgements Revelation 15:1-18:24

h. The 7th Bowl Revelation 16:16-21

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

So, the 10 rulers of the world under the anti-Christ gather at Armageddon. Armageddon in Hebrew is actually har megiddo. Har means mount or hill and in this case most likely refers to the hill country around the city of Megiddo.

Megiddo is a city on the west side of the Valley of Jezreel.

In the Bible you don't find the phrase "Battle of Armageddon." Armageddon is simply the rally point for the forces which intend to march on Jerusalem.

In "Revealing Revelation" we read this about Megiddo:

"The valley is about 14 miles wide and 67 miles long, which works out to about 1,000 square miles. Many battles have been fought here. Barak and Deborah fought the Canaanites here (Judges 4). Gideon fought the Midianites in Jezreel (Judges 6-7). Both King Saul and King Josiah died in this valley.

The city of Megiddo was strategically located between the north-south and east-west crossroads. Egyptian King Thutmose III (1504-1450 BC) said that the one who conquers Megiddo conquers a thousand cities. Napoleon saw the Jezreel Valley as the most natural location on earth for battles. It was there that he scatted the Ottomans in 1799."

The towns around Armageddon have been destroyed and rebuilt about 15 times. During King David's reign Megiddo was already on its 16th rebuilding and

archaeologist say that Megiddo has 20 layers of material from its 20 rebuilds.

10 miles from Megiddo is a small town called Nazareth. For those joining us on the trip to Israel in 2026 we will visit Nazareth, the Valley of Jezreel and Megiddo on our 4th day of the tour.

At this point the entire armies of the world have gathered to march against Jerusalem. But we have Zechariah's prophecy regarding this moment in history:

Zechariah 12:2-5, "I am going to make Jerusalem a cup that sends all the surrounding peoples reeling. Judah will be besieged as well as Jerusalem. 3 On that day, when all the nations of the earth are gathered against her, I will make Jerusalem an immovable rock for all the nations. All who try to move it will injure themselves. 4 On that day I will strike every horse with panic and its rider with madness," declares the Lord. "I will keep a watchful eye over Judah, but I will blind all the horses of the nations. 5 Then the clans of Judah will say in their hearts, 'The people of Jerusalem are strong, because the Lord Almighty is their God.'"

This is God's Exclamation Point!

Revelation 16:17-21, "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!' 18 Then there came flashes of lightning, rumblings, peals of thunder and a severe earthquake. No earthquake like it has ever occurred since mankind has been on earth, so tremendous was the quake. 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. 21 From the sky huge hailstones, each weighing about a hundred pounds, fell on people. And they cursed God on account of the plague of hail, because the plague was so terrible."

Up to this point the bowls have been poured out upon the earth, sea, rivers and on the sun. Now the 7th bowl is poured out on the air.

God then declares, "It is done." It has the same tenor as Jesus' words on the cross, "It is finished."

The tense of this phrase is the perfect tense which means it is a completed action with ongoing results. The work is done!

The bowl poured out on the air completely covers the earth. It is accompanied by lightning, thunder and rumbling. It has that ominous feeling we all know when a storm is rolling in.

Then all Hades breaks loose. An earthquake like none the earth has ever seen. It breaks Jerusalem into 3 parts. But Jerusalem is not destroyed, it is actually enhanced. Zechariah 14 describes what is happening here. Jerusalem is split in two and a valley is formed in between the 2 parts which are raised up.

Jerusalem survives, this is not the case for every other city in the world which are all reduced to rubble. Every mountain is flattened, every island, which is a mountain in the sea is washed off the surface of the earth.

If you think that was enough you are wrong. With no shelter remaining the hail begins. 100-pound hail stones begin to fall. The largest hailstone on record comes in at about 2 pounds.

What do you think a 100-pound hailstone would affect your car? Your roof, if you still had a roof, which you don't because all buildings are gone. Have you ever been hit by hail? Small hail? Now a 100-pound chunk of ice...that baby will do some damage. All over the world!

And how do the people respond? They curse God.

How about you, what fate awaits you? For those in Christ:

Romans 8:1, "Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, 2 because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death. 3 For what the law was powerless to do because it was weakened by the flesh, God did by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh to be a sin offering. And so he condemned sin in the flesh, 4 in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fully met in us, who do not live according to the flesh but according to the Spirit."