

UNRAVELLING THE BOOK OF REVELATION | SESSION 36

# THE SIXTH BOWL

(REVELATION 16:12-16)



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Do you know that all of human history will end with a final battle? It will be a battle between Jesus and the nations at the Valley of Jehoshaphat. Jesus will trample upon the wine press and the blood from this battle will flow like a river that is 184 miles long (Rev. 14:20)! **The Sixth Bowl describes the events that set up this final battle.**

***Guess who is the one who sets up this battle?***

***GOD.***



The Sixth Bowl is about two things:

1. **Human history will end with the Fullness of Lawlessness** (2 Thes. 2:7-12).
2. **It's about the Global Blasphemy of the Holy Spirit.**

This is the most terrifying judgment because **God Himself will send deception and strong delusions** through Satan, the Antichrist and the False Prophet so that the nations will gather in this place to war against Him and be judged by Him (Joel 3:2; Zech. 14:2)!

Remember that the context is Jesus had just released the first five bowls of wrath upon the earth. He had turned the sea and all sources of water into blood and called down fire to scorch men.



**Those who survived were unrepentant. They were angry and they raged against God.** They thought that Jesus is the devil and the Antichrist is the true messiah. They were deceived by the signs of Satan, the Antichrist, and the False Prophet to gather at Armageddon, which is the staging ground for the army of the Antichrist and the nations. **This attribution of the works of the Holy Spirit through Jesus to the devil is the blasphemy of the Holy Spirit** (Matt. 12:22-32)! The Sixth Bowl is the ultimate global blasphemy of the Holy Spirit!

The reason why God releases deception is to embolden men with pride so that they will carry out the ultimate rebellion of war against God!



How could man reach a stage where they will come against God? Actually, all of us are totally capable of doing so because of **the mystery of lawlessness that is at work in our hearts** (2 Thes. 2:7-12). This mystery of lawlessness will hit its max at the Sixth Bowl. There will be a time when it reaches its climax and crescendo, where God will send deception and strong delusion to deceive nations.

Jesus is giving us understanding of the Sixth Bowl so that we can prepare ourselves by earnestly dealing with our hearts now.



What will happen at the fullness of lawlessness? When we hit the fullness of lawlessness, man will choose evil even in the presence of the glory of God!

Revelation 16:12 makes it very clear who is behind this. **God is the one who allows** Satan to dry up the Euphrates River so that the kings of the East will be deceived and will join in the battle against Jesus. **The kings of the East are likely to be an Asian coalition of nations such as China and Japan.** Initially, the kings from the East resisted the Antichrist (Dan. 11:44). But in the end, they too joined the alliance with him because the deception was so strong.





Verse 13 and 14 tells us of three unclean spirits coming out of the unholy trinity of Satan, the Antichrist and the False Prophet. The spirits deceived the nations to gather at the staging area Armageddon. There are **three major lies** and **three major miracles** that Satan will use to deceive the nations.

The three major lies are:

**1) JESUS IS THE FALSE MESSIAH AND THE ANTICHRIST IS THE REAL MESSIAH.**

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**2) THE NATIONS MUST RALLY AROUND THE ANTICHRIST TO FIGHT AGAINST JESUS.**

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**3) THE NATIONS CAN DEFEAT JESUS (PS. 2:1-3).**



## **THE THREE MAJOR MIRACLES ARE:**

**1) The Beast was healed of a mortal wound on the head (Rev. 13:3).**

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The word mortal suggests that the Antichrist could have died and was raised to life again.

**2) The False Prophet called down fire (Rev. 13:13)!**

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Both the Two Witnesses and the False Prophet will call down fire. How do we tell which is of God? That is where we need to have discernment and to develop understanding.

**3) The False Prophet caused the Images of the Beast all over the world to be able to talk (Rev. 13:15).**





The Sixth Bowl is the only time in the three-numbered judgment series that Jesus Himself interrupted the judgment to insert a parenthesis (Rev. 16:15). There must be something so serious that He wants us to pay attention to. Jesus is emphasizing that we must watch, develop understanding, prepare and pray so that we will not suffer loss.



There will be two kinds of church in the End Times, the Harlot Church and the True Church of Jesus. There will be two groups of people on the Day of the Lord's return. One group will be gathering at the Valley of Jehoshaphat in rebellion against Jesus! The other group will be partnering with Jesus, riding white horses victoriously behind the glorious King and Judge!

**Which group will you be in?**

**Decide now!**

**Do not be deceived. Watch, prepare and be ready!**





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