

Transcript – Bible Study – Revelation 16

All righty, Shabbat shalom again. And what a blessed week that we have that we get to have Yom Kippur and then Shabbat right after Yom Kippur. So we're getting a double blessing today. And also the blessing of the rain from heaven, the first rain that's coming, as it's always a blessing if you get that first rain before Sukkot or during Sukkot.

So, let's start in prayer. Dear heavenly Father, we come before Your throne, and we thank You, and we bless You, and we praise You, Father, for all the wonderful blessings You give us. And we're just so in admiration of You during this Holy Day season. We pray for all those that will be traveling here in the next few days. And we pray, Father, for Your Word to go forth from Jerusalem to the nations and Your Kingdom to come to this earth. We pray, Father, for all those that are sick and that suffer. And we just pray Your Spirit to lead and guide this study as we study Your words of the book of Revelation that's opening before our eyes. In the name of Your Son Yahshua, we pray. HalleluYah.

All righty, we are up to Revelation 16 now. And like we said, really a lot of things now ... before as we were going through Revelation, in the beginning, we were cross-referencing with scriptures later in Revelation. Now everything is kind of looking back. We're mixing it together. Because now we're at the Day of Yahweh. This is the Day of Yahweh. The bowls that go out through all the earth are the wrath of Yahweh or the Day of Yahweh. So, starting in verse 1.

Revelation 16:1 *And I heard a great voice out of the sanctuary saying to the seven cherubs: Go and pour out the bowls of the anger of YAHWEH onto the earth.*

So right before this, remember last week in chapter 15, we were saying in verse 8:

Revelation 15:8 *The sanctuary was filled with the smoke of the glory of YAHWEH, and with His power. And no one was able to enter into the sanctuary until the seven plagues of the seven cherubs should be completed. ... And that is what is called the "Day of Yahweh" or "the wrath of Yahweh".*

So now there's *"a great voice of the sanctuary saying to the seven cherubs: Go and pour out the bowls of the anger of YAHWEH onto the earth."* (**Revelation 16:1**)

So as we're going to see, this ... like we've said many times, Yahweh, yes, He does have mercy, He does have grace. But that doesn't mean ... grace is not Him allowing you to continue in your sin; it's ... grace is Him not giving immediate judgment to you and giving you time to repent and turn back to Him. But we're at a point here where, we're going to see, people aren't turning back to Him. They're cursing Him. They're angry. They're mad. And His wrath is coming on the earth because of that. Verse 2.

Revelation 16:2 *And the first went out ... the first went away and poured out his bowl onto the earth. And it became either a bad or a wicked and malignant or painful sore onto men, the ones having the mark of the beast, and the ones worshiping his image.*

So remember what happened. The mark of the beast, we know, we said, it's definitely connected—the www, the 666—it's connected with the Internet. And as we're seeing all this stuff with artificial intelligence, we said this before when we went over Revelation 13, who knows what the end result is going to be of it? But more than likely, it looks like it will be some kind of computer chip—and the Bible tells us it'll be in the right hand or the forehead—that will make a person literally interactive with his computer. That you're not going to need anymore the USBs and all the other stuff. That, literally, your mind will be interactive with the computer in real time.

But what's happening from this? Well, from this the people that are taking it—whatever this chip they're taking—it's malfunctioning, and it's causing cancer. It's causing sores, painful sores, to the ones who are taking the mark of the beast or worshiping its image. Exodus 9:9 through 11. We said so much of Revelation is paralleled in the Exodus and the plagues of Egypt. Exodus 9:9 through 11.

Exodus 9:9-11 *And let it become dust on all the land of Egypt, and let it become boils breaking out into sores on man and on livestock in all the land of Egypt. And they took soot of the furnace and stood before Pharaoh. And Moses sprinkled it toward the heavens, and it became a boil breaking out into sores on man and on livestock. And the priests were not able to stand before Moses, because of the boils. For the boils were on the priests and on all the Egyptians.*

So again, human beings are flesh and blood made from the dirt. And when they go against Yahweh, this is what's happening. That we're seeing the result of coming against Yahweh as this is being poured out. Deuteronomy 28 and verse 35. And again, Deuteronomy 28 is the blessings and the cursings for Israel for obedience or disobedience. And Deuteronomy 28 and verse 35 says:

Deuteronomy 28:35 *YAHWEH shall strike you ... So this is a curse if they're not obedient ... YAHWEH will strike you with an evil boil on the knees, and on the legs, of which you cannot be healed from the sole of your foot even to your crown.*

So again, this is where we have to realize Yahweh's sovereignty. And when you see atheists, and you see evil people mocking Yahweh and cursing Yahweh today, because it's not His time for judgment yet, they think they're getting away with something. But they're not getting away with anything, because we know this time is coming. Verse 3, chapter 16 of Revelation.

Revelation 16:3-4 *And the second cherub poured out his bowl onto the sea. And it became like blood, as of a dead one, and every soul of life died in the sea. And the third cherub poured out his bowl to the rivers, and onto the springs of the water; and it became blood.*

So if we go to Exodus 7:17 through 21 we see the same parallel here. Exodus 7:17.

Exodus 7:17-21 *So says YAHWEH, By this you shall know that I am YAHWEH: Behold, I'm about to strike the water in the river with the staff in My hand, and it shall be turned to blood. And the fish in the river will die, and the river will stink, and the Egyptians will become weary of drinking water from the river. And YAHWEH said to Moses, Say to Aaron, Take your staff, and stretch out your hand over the waters of Egypt, over the rivers, over their canals, over their pools, over every body of their waters, so that they may become blood. And blood will be in all the land of Egypt, both in the wooden and in the stone vessels. And Moses and Aaron did so, as YAHWEH had commanded. And he lifted up his staff and struck the water which was in the river before Pharaoh's eyes, and before his servants' eyes. And all the water in the river turned to blood. And the fish in the river died, and the river stunk. And the Egyptians were not able to drink water from the Nile. And blood was in all the land of Egypt.*

So again, we see the same thing as you're looking at these parallels of the plagues of Egypt. The only difference being in, in Revelation these plagues are more complete. So we saw it with the seals, and then we saw it with the trumpets, and now we have the bowls. Where the seals were over 1/4 of the earth, the trumpets were over 1/3 of the earth, but now this is **over all ... over all**.

Revelation 16:3b-4 *And it became blood, as a dead one, and every soul of life died in the sea ... Right? Verse 4 ... poured his bowl onto the rivers, and onto the springs of water; and it became blood.*

So, just think about that for a minute. Two thirds of the earth is water; roughly, right? And to think how much happens in the water—the fish that we get, the ecosystems, all that stuff that's happening. And not to think like just one thing ... like in Japan, we had that terrible earthquake that happened there. And then the nuclear plant that still is a big problem today. And they say that from the nuclear waste that's gotten into the sea, some of this stuff is even coming up on the shores of California.

But now you're seeing worldwide here. Think of the repercussions that every single thing in the waters died—every fish, small fish, big fish, all the life, the coral life, the seaweed that's in the water. Every single thing that's in the sea died, which we know it's the end here, that this is the very end before the Kingdom of Yahweh is coming, and it will be redone. But if it wasn't, **how long can anyone in this world survive if every last thing in the sea died?** It's really striking when you're looking at this!

And this is one of the reasons I believe that Yahweh says He will cut it short. And that's why I said, maximum in my mind, I'm thinking a day for a year principle. That the Day of Yahweh could be one year, maximum. **But even with that, He's probably cutting it short. So who knows? Maybe it's five months. Maybe it's seven months. Who knows how long? But it can't be that long, because of the devastation that's coming here.** And if we go to Revelation 11:6 ... Revelation 11, verse 6. It says ... and this is talking about the two witnesses.

Revelation 11:6 *These have authority to shut up the heaven, that no rain may be in the days of their prophecy. And they have authority over the waters, to turn them into blood, and to strike the earth with every plague, as often as they desire.*

So as we get into this timeframe, these last three and a half to seven years before the Kingdom of Yahweh comes on the earth, it's going to be messy. It's going to be terrible. And we see the birth pangs of it today, but it certainly hasn't started. Because once this starts, it's going to come very quickly. And as we're reading Revelation, all of this will be here. So we can see warning signs of it. We see birth pangs of it, but certainly not the bowls that are not here yet. And verse 6.

Revelation 16:6 *since they poured out the blood of the saints and of the prophets; and You gave blood to them to drink, for they were deserving.*

Comment: So why is Yahweh being **so** combative with these people in these last time like this? Well, because we're seeing here:

Revelation 16:6 *since they poured out the blood of the saints and the prophets; and You gave them blood to drink, for they were deserving.*

So Yahweh now is coming back. And that's why we don't give back evil for evil, reviling for reviling. We forgive people even when they don't want forgiveness. But Yahweh's not giving forgiveness. **Forgiveness is only coming when someone repents.** So even when we talked about the Amish ... ooh the Amish. And even when this person came and killed their children. And, wow! What an amazing thing that they can forgive that guy for that. Well, they're forgiving because Yahweh commands us to forgive. But what they're doing is they're simply reserving judgment to Yahweh. And Yahweh is not forgiving that person, because that person didn't repent. And that person will in judgment day get what's coming to him for murdering children. The same way that everybody here. This is Yahweh's judgment now.

So it sounds nice of "Love everybody—Forgive everybody" but the reality of it is most people are not repenting. Even some believers aren't repenting, like I've said. And in that day, Yahweh will judge people that have not repented for the things they've done. And mostly, like it says here, because they're pouring out the blood of the saints.

Revelation 17 and verse 6. Talking about Babylon. And we'll be getting into this. Like I said, we'll be taking a break here for probably about a month. And when we come back, going into Revelation 17 and 18 on Babylon and seeing that then. And he says in verse 6:

Revelation 17:6 *And I saw the woman being drunk from the blood of the saints, and from the blood of the martyrs of Yahshua. And I marveled, seeing her, with a great marveling.*

So again, the blood of the saints coming on them. Revelation 13, that we went over a couple weeks ago, 13:7. This is when the beast power comes. Who is he coming after? He's coming after Yahweh's sanctified ones.

Revelation 13:7 *And it was given to it ... the Beast ... "to make war with the sanctified ones ... the saints ... and to overcome them." And authority was given to it over every tribe and kindred and tongue and nation ... for 42 months.*

So that's when the great martyrism is coming. And Revelation 6, verse 9 and 10.

Revelation 6:9-10 *And when He opened up the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of those having been slain for the Word of YAHWEH, and for the witness which they had. And they cried with a great voice, saying, Until when, holy and true Master YAHWEH, do You not judge and take vengeance for our blood, from those dwelling on the earth?*

And we said this when we went over this back in chapter 6, these people are not literally there saying this. **This hasn't even happened yet. This is metaphorically showing these people who will be killed later, like we saw in Revelation 13.** So they haven't even been killed yet, but it's showing there's a great martyrism that's coming. And these people are crying to Yahweh and saying, will You not judge our blood? **And now we're here in verse ... chapter 16 where He is judging their blood. He is doing it—a full judgment.** A full-scale judgment over all the earth. Verse 7.

Revelation 16:7-8 *And I heard another out of the altar, saying, Yes, YAHWEH Elohim Almighty, Your judgments are true and righteous. And the fourth cherub poured out his bowl onto the sun. And it was given to him to burn men with fire.*

Comment: We've been seeing ... they call it global warming. But I think it's just more of because of the earth turning on its axis. But whatever it is, we know certain places of the earth are getting colder. Certain places of the earth are warmer. The winters have been worse. Just like it said in Matthew 24, *pray your flight be not in the winter.* We understand why. But we haven't seen nothing yet.

Revelation 16:8 *The fourth cherub poured out his bowl on the sun. And it was given to him to burn men with fire.*

We can only imagine how hot! We're looking now at temperatures that are 110, 120 degrees; in Celsius that would be like 45 to 50 Celsius. But we're looking at what might be 60 Celsius, 70 Celsius; 130, 150 degrees. Who knows? But it's going to be not very good. Verse 9 of chapter 16.

Revelation 16:9 *And men were burned with great heat. And they blasphemed the name of YAHWEH, the One having authority over these plagues and they did not **repent** to give Him glory.*

So, wow! Here it is: **they're recognizing that this is coming from Yahweh. They're recognizing that it's punishment. And instead of repenting and pleading for mercy, they're cursing. They're blaspheming the very name of Yahweh.** And it just shows you, wow, why every day of our life we have to pray for the Kingdom of Yahweh to come. Because this earth is filled with evil people. And this is Yahweh's answer. His answer is to purify the earth. He said He'll never do it again with a flood, but He would do it with fire. And He's purifying that earth with fire. Yahshua said, *'When I come, I'm coming to the earth with fire. What is it to Me if it's already lit?'* Meaningly, He didn't bring it. He didn't start it. But He is coming to finish it. And verse 10.

Revelation 16:10 *And the fifth cherub poured out his bowl onto the throne of the beast. And its kingdom became darkened; and they gnawed their tongues from the pain.*

So now, like I said, in the 42 months of the beast, **it's going to be hard.** There's a great martyrism coming. Brethren are going to be dying. We're going to see things that we haven't seen probably since World War II, and maybe even worse than that. But, at least the believers know that man can take your life, but he can't take your spirit. He can't take your soul. He can't take your eternal life. But here, when Yahweh's given retribution to these people, He is coming and He's angry for what they've done to His remnant. And these plagues are coming. And they're not giving Him any glory. They're cursing Him for it.

And now the sores that are on them from the mark of the beast ... and it possibly could be another thing I thought of. Maybe, maybe not. If they're taking a chip in their hand, a lot of times these chips have lithium in the chips or mercury in the chips, right? So who knows what is in that chip? But when it gets hot enough—if it gets to 130, 140, 150 degrees; 60, 70 Celsius—maybe that chip is going to explode inside the person. And from whatever is in that chip is going to maybe cause the sores and the ... whatever else is coming from it. But, it's coming. No doubt about that. And then the kingdom of the beast is **darkened**. So these people are going to be ... there's sores on their tongues and sores on their bodies from the mark of the beast. And they're

painful. And then the kingdom is even darkened. Exodus 10 and verse 20. Again, a parallel to the plagues of Egypt. Exodus 10 and verse 20.

Exodus 10:20-23 *And YAHWEH made strong the heart of Pharaoh, and he did not send away the sons of Israel. And YAHWEH said to Moses, Stretch out your hand to the heavens so that darkness may be on the land of Egypt, and one may feel darkness. And Moses stretched out his hand to the heavens, and darkness of gloom was in all the land of Egypt three days. And they did not each one see his brother, and they did not rise up, each one from his place for three days. Yet to all the sons of Israel there was light in their dwellings.*

So again, three, the number of the resurrection. Yahshua was in the grave three days and three nights. And since these people **reject** His resurrection, **they reject His sacrifice, they reject His paying the penalty and forgiveness of their sins**, they are paying their own penalty. So it's a serious thing. We have to make sure that we're not taking any of this lightly because of that. Verse 11.

Revelation 16:11 *And they blasphemed the name of the Elohim of heaven ... Again, they're blaspheming the name of Yahweh ... from their pains and from their sores. And they did not repent of their works.*

Sad to see that! Even after all that, the pride! And that's why, as believers, we want to make sure ... *pride comes before the fall* ... and that we're not allowing this kind of pride to come into our life. Because pride ... I say cancer is not the one killer in the United States today; it's pride. And people that you thought you knew, people that you thought were believers, you cannot imagine what pride will do when it affects a person. And how they could just change and become almost demon possessed, because pride is a bad spirit. It is a demonic spirit. And we want to make sure we're not allowing that into our lives.

Revelation 16:12 *And the sixth cherub poured out his bowl onto the great river Euphrates, and its water was dried up so that the way of the kings from the East might be prepared.*

Comment: And like I said, this is happening today. In the tip of Turkey where the Euphrates River are, that they dammed it. They dammed the area there, whatever they're doing for the water or whatever, but it's being dried up. So, literally, that exactly word for word as this prophecy is saying, that the kings of the east coming from ... we don't know if this is talking about the kings coming from Persia, Iran, and those areas. Or, is it coming from China? Maybe both ... but that the kings of the East might be prepared. So this is literally happening today. And verse 13.

Revelation 16:13-14 *And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs come out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the prophet. For they are spirits of demons doing signs, which go forth to the kings of the earth, even of the whole inhabitable world to assemble them to the war of that day, the great day of El Shaddai.*

So it's very interesting because in Egypt ... and we see this. Also one of the plagues of Egypt ... I'm not going to go there ... but one of the plagues of Egypt was with frogs, right? That they were just everywhere—in the ovens, in the houses, in the beds. But in Egypt the frog was a symbol of the goddess of heat, the goddess of fertility and resurrection. But they're really demons. We see that. So frogs were literally demons. They're demons, but in Egypt it was a symbol of these false goddesses that were over there. So again, the parallel that we see with Revelation and the plagues of Egypt is really, really, really just striking. Then verse 15.

Revelation 16:15 *Behold, I am coming as a thief. Blessed is the one watching ...* Right? We went over this when we were going over the sermon on Yom Teruah, "The Watchmen and Yom Teruah" ... *Behold, I am coming as a thief. Blessed is the one watching and keeping his garments, that he does not walk naked, and that they may see his shame.*

So if we read our study note here, it says: "This is a Hebrew idiom as in the time of the sanctuary in Jerusalem priests on duty during Holy Days would have to stay awake all night while on watch. They would even walk barefoot on the cold stone floor not to fall asleep, but if they did fall asleep, the high priest would enter in the night unexpected and light on fire his priestly robe and the next day the priest who was sleeping would not have his priestly garment on the High Day and all would know his unfaithfulness during his watch."

So I said this in the sermon on the watchman, that Yahweh has set me as a watchman to Israel. I've been here more than 20 years as a watchman here in the land. Yahweh has many watchmen, many elders and watchmen in the congregations, but in one sense all of us—every true believer—is a watchman because we're told to watch. **And we're watching for these things. Why? So that were not taken unaware.**

Like I was saying in that sermon, when you least think Yahshua is coming, then He's coming. So, Behold, I'm coming as a thief, Yahshua says. We don't want Him coming when we're not expecting it, and we're sleeping on the job, and we're not watching, and He's going to burn our garment. And what does that mean? That's the wedding garment. That means you will not be at the wedding supper. If we go to 1st Thessalonians 5, we see this again. 1st Thessalonians 5. He says:

1 Thessalonians 5:1-2 *But concerning the times and the seasons, brethren, you have no need that I write to you. For you yourselves know accurately that the day of YAHWEH comes as a thief in the night.*

Comment: So now we're talking ... everything we're going over in chapter 16 is the Day of Yahweh. This is the Day of Yahweh. These are the bowls. This is His wrath, and it comes as a thief in the night. Why? Because people are not ready for it. They're not ready for it. Why? Because the seals of Revelation are already there. They've been there for a while. But they're only over 1/4 of the earth, so people don't realize they're there. The trumpets are over 1/3 of the earth. And the trumpets are starting to come, but people don't realize it because they're 1/3 of the earth. And many people on this earth are not going to be ready for when these bowls come. They're going to think it's not the time yet. They're going to think that all these other things have to happen, things that the Bible never says have to happen. And it's going to come as a thief. That's what He says.

But for us He has no reason to tell us because **we know** that the Day of Yahweh comes as a thief in the night. We know it's coming when the people aren't ready, and we're being ready. And that's why in the last ... since that shmita ... **the shmita is Yahweh's clock. He runs the prophetic things around the shmita. Seven shmitas and then the jubilee, right? It has to happen that way. And we know the Messiah has got to come before the Jubilee. We just don't know now this seven. Is this the last seven? Is there one more seven coming? Possibly two more sevens? But more than likely not. But we know ... we know! So He doesn't have to tell us the times and seasons, right? Because we know them. We understand. We're keeping the shmita.** But to the world, they're not.

1 Thessalonians 5:2-3a *For we know accurately the day of Yahweh comes a thief in the night ... We're just reading it in Revelation 16 ... For when they say, Peace and safety!*

Comment: Peace and security! And very interesting the Oslo agreement, that is now pretty much come to an end, it was called the peace and security agreement. And you watch, because President Trump has a new peace deal with the Palestinians and the Israelis. I've seen parts of it. And let me tell you something, it's Oslo. It's the same thing. They're going to redress it in a different way, but it's the peace and security agreement that's coming.

1 Thessalonians 5:3-6 *And when they say, Peace and safety! Then suddenly destruction comes upon them, like the travail to a woman with child, and not at all shall they escape ... So this agreement may come very quickly. And then look out! ... But you, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief. You are sons of light and sons of day; we are not of night, nor of darkness. So then, we should not sleep, as the rest also sleep, but we should **watch and be sober.***

Watch and be sober. So this is what's coming on the earth, and this is what we have to be ready for. That the Day of Yahweh and the return of Yahshua is going to come as a thief in the night. It's going to come, and people are not alert. They're not awake. They're not ready for it. And then verse 16.

Revelation 16:16 *And He assembled them in the place having been called in Hebrew, Har-Megiddo.*

In most Bibles it says Armageddon. And it literally is coming from the Aramaic and the Hebrew "har." Har means mountain, and Megiddo—the mountain of Megiddo. Megiddo is located in the south part of the Jezreel Valley in the land of Manasseh. And I've been there many, many, many times. It's one of the oldest settlements

or cities in all, not just Israel ... It was part of the land of Canaan ... and one of the oldest cities here in the earth. It goes back, I think, around 4,000 to 5,000 years' old, something like that, that city. But it's a really, really old city. And it's coming, and that's where He's assembling them. And it's called Har Megiddo.

Interesting enough that Israel over there in Har Megiddo, in the Jezreel Valley, they have an underground air force base that's underground. Where, if you watch ... we go up to Mount Carmel because you can see the Jezreel Valley from Mount Carmel where Elijah fought the priests of Baal ... and if you watch, you can actually, literally, see planes coming in and going what they look into the ground and then just disappear. Because of what they have over there.

But, you know ... and that's why it's great to come to Israel. You really ... to sit there in Megiddo. And to be looking out reading this Scripture, right there at Megiddo and looking in the Jezreel Valley. It is a huge valley, an unbelievable huge valley, that can fit millions of people in there for the great war that's coming. But also, it's the valley that cuts Israel in half from the north to the south. And that's why when ancient times when war came from the north, once you got the Jezreel Valley you got Israel. Because you basically cut the country in half from that point.

And many wars of Israel ... I'm not going to go to them now for time's sake, but you could look later. Look in Judges 4 with Barak, right? And Deborah. Where did that take place? It took place at the Jezreel Valley, right? In Mount Tabor that's over there. Judges 7 and Gideon, with Gideon where he's fighting. We've been there many times – to Gideon's Spring that's right over there. Where is it? It's in the Jezreel Valley, on the other side of the Jezreel Valley. That's where that fighting is taking place. And even in 2nd Samuel when King Saul dies. Where are they fighting? They're fighting in Mount Gilboa, which is very close to where Gideon's spring is where that fighting was taking place. But all this stuff is right there in the Jezreel Valley. So, many of the wars of Israel during the time of the kings was fought there in the Jezreel Valley where Har Megiddo, the mountain of Megiddo, is. Verse 17.

Revelation 16:17 *And the seventh cherub poured out his bowl into the air, and a great voice came from the throne from the sanctuary of Heaven, saying, It has happened!*

Comment: So now we see here, right? Even when you're reading this chapter—boom, boom, boom, boom—it's coming in succession. You could see by just reading this that this isn't happening over 42 months. **There is not a 42-month Great Tribulation. There's a 42-month reign to the beast. Part of that people are happy. There's a peace plan that's coming. Everyone's thinking it's peace and safety, right?**

But this—the Day of Yahweh, the wrath of Yahweh, the bowls coming on the earth—it is miserable. There's nothing good about it. There's nothing ... it's coming on the earth. It's destroying everything, and it's coming quickly. You could, just by reading it, you can see it. And that's why I say **maximum** a year, and even a good chance much less than that. But ...

Revelation 16:17-18 *the seventh cherub poured his bowl into the air, and a great voice came from the throne, saying in the sanctuary of Heaven, It has happened! ... It's done ... And voices ... Verse 18 ... and thunders and lightnings occurred. And a great earthquake occurred, such as did not occur since man came into being on the earth, such a huge earthquake, so great!*

And like we said, this is kind of the climax of these earthquakes. There's several big earthquakes that are coming. Revelation 6:12.

Revelation 6:12 *And I saw when they opened the sixth seal ... So, all the way back to the sixth seal ... And behold, the ... a great earthquake occurred. And the sun became black as sackcloth made of hair; and the moon became as blood;*

So again, this great earthquake. Revelation 11 and verse 13.

Revelation 11:13 *And in that hour a great earthquake occurred, and the tenth part of the city fell. And they were killed in the earthquake seven thousand names of men. And the rest became terrified, and gave glory to the Elohim of Heaven.*

And I said this when we went over this way back then in Revelation 11, that a tenth part of the city fell. Seven thousand people, which means at this time—at the end of the three and a half years' preaching of the two witnesses—there's only 70,000 people in Jerusalem. Today there's a million! So by the end of their testimony, 90% of those people are already dead. And, what's happening? There's a great earthquake that occurs and kills 10 percent of the people. Matthew 24 and verse 21 ... Matthew 24, the Olivet prophecy, and verse 21.

Matthew 24:21-22 *There will be great suffering, such as not happened from the beginning of the world until now, no, nor ever will be. And except those days were shortened, not any flesh would live. But on account of the chosen, those days will be shortened.*

So we see it's a terrible, terrible, terrible, terrible time that's coming. And unless Yahweh shortened the days, nobody would survive. But as we're looking at this now, this great earthquake, Matthew 24 also tells us that there will be an increase of earthquakes in the times we're living in. And you don't have to be a genius. All you have to do is go look at the facts. Because face it, there's thousands of earthquakes every year at a minimal, 3.0s, 2.0s, maybe even in the 4.0s.

But when we're talking about an increase in earthquakes, I don't think Yahweh's talking about earthquakes that are 2.0s and 3.0s and nobody could even feel them. He's talking about big earthquakes. So you're looking at earthquakes of 6.0 and higher. And if you look from 1900 till today, **you clearly see there definitely is an increase in earthquakes.** And just the fact like, and statistics show, years back that a major earthquake—let's say an earthquake that's like a **7.0 and above**—you might have one a decade, or one even two decades. **Where now, we're having 10 to 50 in a year of these big earthquakes that are coming. We see them all the time.** Earthquakes that are in the high 6.0s. Let's say between 6.5 and above, in the 7.0s, in the 8.0s. Even we've seen them in recent time, even a 9.1. I mean, wow! That's big earthquake.

Because it's not like a hurricane, where a hurricane ... a Category 1 hurricane is 75-mile an hour wind sustained. And then if it gets up to 90, you go to Category 2. And then if it gets up to 110, you're in Category 3. When you look at the earthquake scale, a 6.1 is like the double magnitude of a 6.0. It's not working where it's just like one hundredth of the tenth point higher, a 6.1 from 6.0. So when you're getting into these earthquakes that are getting into **8.0s and 9.0s**, you're getting like ... **you couldn't have an earthquake that was 12.0 or 13.0. The earth would crack. You couldn't have one a 20.0 earthquake.** And that's why I think the scale only goes to 10.0. **Because there wouldn't be an earth after that. There couldn't be an earth after that.**

They say the same thing with Category 5 earthquake ... Category 5 Hurricane. Well, why don't you get higher than that? Because once you get higher than 155 miles, 160 mile an hour winds, it's total destruction. So it doesn't matter if it's 160 or 200, you don't need anything higher than that. It's total destruction. And it's the same thing here when you're looking at earthquakes. To think of maybe 9.5, 9.6, these are earthquakes that, like it says, the earth has never, ever seen before. And the destruction that's going to come is just something we can't even fathom with what's going to happen from there. And verse 19.

Revelation 16:19 *And the great city came into three parts, and the cities of the nations fell. And Babylon the great was remembered before YAHWEH, to give to her the cup of the wine of the wrath of His anger.*

If we look in Jeremiah 51:7.

Jeremiah 51:7 *Babylon was a golden cup in the hand of YAHWEH, making all the earth drunk. The nations have drunk of her wine, therefore the nations are mad.*

So here it is: a golden cup has value to it. At one time Babylon was a golden cup. Babylon had value to Yahweh, but inside is every filth and abomination. So this trading system of Babylon ... as we'll see as we get into when we come back after our break, in Revelation 17 and 18 ... Babylon, certainly, there's no doubt about it. America—the United States of America—is the only country on earth that even **remotely fits this** as you're looking at if anybody is honest with themselves.

And Babylon is a country—the country of Babylon. But also the system of Babylon, the system of world trading that the country of America has brought to the world, has destroyed the world. It's destroyed things. And I say if

you even think of the Amish ... we're talking a lot about the Amish recently ... One of the major factors—and maybe **the** major factor—we talk about conviction which is really important and judicial order which is really important, that they couldn't ... the Amish couldn't have been held together without that. And even the fact of not taking modern technology. Major, major thing of not having internet and not having TVs and all these other things that have kept the Amish sanctified and pure.

But above everything, probably the most basic thing that has kept the Amish the way they are is not having cars. Because once you have a car, you're no longer within 10 to 20 miles of your house the way you could be with a horse and buggy. Once you have a car, it changes everything. You work away from your house. You move away from your house. You go away from your house. And the fact that Amish never did this, they ... it keeps them away from this worldwide trading system of Babylon.

But we'll get into that the next time. I'm not really going to get into anything else with Babylon, just the fact that what we're seeing here is as we get into chapter 17 it's retroactive. It's something that has already happened. And as we saw before, Yahweh remembered Babylon. And now we're going to see what Babylon was and what it did. **But it's not in chronological order that Babylon is getting destroyed now. Babylon was already destroyed before this.** But now we're having the story of why it was destroyed and how it was destroyed. And verse 20.

Revelation 16:20 *And every island fled away, and mountains were not found.*

Wow! **Every island was fled away and mountains were not found.** What is that telling you? It's telling you there has got to be rise of water, tsunamis, all kinds of stuff coming from this great earthquake that's coming, right? Revelation 6 and verse 14 ... Revelation 6 and verse 14.

Revelation 6:14 *And the heavens departed like a scroll ... being rolled up ... And mountains and islands were moved out of their place.*

Comment: And what does this come from? It comes from the great earthquake that's come in verse 12 of Revelation 6.

Revelation 6:12, 14 *And I saw and he opened the sixth seal. And behold, a great earthquake occurred. And the sun became black as sackcloth made of hair; and the moon became as blood; ... And verse 14 ... And the heaven departed like a scroll. And the mountains and Islands were **moved** out of their places.*

So I remember back in 2005 when the great tsunami happened in Indonesia. I think it was something like 250,000 people that died in that tsunami. And they said literally islands moved miles. They had to redo maps because of the island moved from that tsunami. And that's what we're seeing here. That the islands not only moved, but they're fled away, and mountains are not found. It's just poof. They're just gone.

And that's why I say, when you're reading Revelation like this, because it hasn't happened yet it's hard to concept. But if we're logical with ourselves and honest with ourselves, when you put in all the different scriptures on the Day of Yahweh and His wrath, 95% to 98% of the people that are alive on the planet today will be dead. It's that simple. People just will not be able to survive. It's not going to be a small thing. It's going to be worldwide.

And the only ones that will be there are the remnant, of course, that Yahweh will bring into the Kingdom and also many Christians probably that are not first-fruits but people that believe in Yahweh and that He can work with in the Millennium. It certainly are not going to be atheists, and worldly people, and evil people out there. They are not going to be the people that survive that Yahweh ... Because no one can survive this without Yahweh allowing you to survive. It's that simple. So the ones that will survive are probably many good-hearted, honest, sincere Christians that read their Bible. They're not first-fruits. Their mind hasn't been opened yet to a lot of the truths of the Torah. But because they love Yahweh, He's going to bless them with that. And then verse 21.

Revelation 16:21 *And a great hail, the size of a talent, came down out of the heaven upon men. And men blasphemed Elohim from the plague of the hail, because its plague is exceedingly great.*

So what's mankind's answer again? Blaspheming Yahweh instead of repenting of their sins, instead of changing **even at this point**. And a talent is 100 pounds. So, can you imagine? I mean, I've seen hail storms where they came down the size of baseballs, and they can destroy cars and crack windows. And that's the size of a baseball. That's something that weighs maybe half a pound. **A hailstone that weighs 100 pounds! I mean, it's devastating! There's ... you can't survive that!** You can't survive a hailstone that's doing that. I mean, it's just inconceivable. Exodus 9 and verse 18. Back to the Exodus, right? All of this is a parallel from the Exodus. Exodus 9 and verse 18. Because Yahweh also in the Exodus gave the plague of hail. Exodus 9 and verse 18.

Exodus 9:18 *Behold! I will rain very heavy hail about this time tomorrow, such has never been in Egypt from this day of its foundation until now.*

Comment: Were they 100 pounds? I don't know. I can't say. But one thing is for certain, they were pretty big because they destroyed all the livestock. They destroyed all the fields. They destroyed everything that was out there. Verse 23.

Exodus 9:23-26 *And Moses stretched out his staff to the heavens. And YAHWEH gave sounds and hail. And fire came down to the earth, and YAHWEH rained hail on the land of Egypt. And there was hail, and fire flashing in the midst of the hail, very heavy, which had never been in all the land of Egypt since it became a nation. And the hail struck in all the land of Egypt, all that was in the field, from men to livestock. And the hail struck every plant in the field, and it broke in pieces every tree of the field ... So if it's breaking trees, then they probably were 100 pounds, a talent ... But in the land of Goshen, where the sons of Israel lived, there was no hail.*

This is where Yahweh, His wrath ... and that's why I say, you have to understand what people think is the Great Tribulation is the wrath of Yahweh. The Great Tribulation is a myth. There will be Great Tribulation in that days, but there is not a 42 months Great Tribulation. There's a 42 month reign of the beast where part of that is going to be people are going to be very happy. They're worshiping the beast. But he's coming after believers. But the wrath of Yahweh is where Yahweh's wrath is on the world and all the evil and the evil people that are in the world. Ezekiel 13:13 ... Ezekiel 13:13. Remember the first 13 chapters of Ezekiel are really end time chapters. Ezekiel 13:13 says:

Ezekiel 13:13 *So Adonai YAHWEH says this: I will even break in My fury with a hurricane type wind. And there shall be a flooding rain in My anger, and hailstones in fury, to consume it.*

So when you find 100 pound hailstones, Yahweh isn't playing games. Because that's not normal. Like I said, it's bad enough to see hailstones the size of baseballs, and you don't want to get hit with one of them. But, man, they'll destroy your car. They'll destroy your house. A hundred pounds is going to destroy **anything**—I mean anything—in its path.

And Ezekiel 38 and verse 14. Now this is the Gog and Magog war. When does it happen? In the **after days**. The only time the Bible uses that term "after days." Meaningly, it's from the time Yahshua returns but before the Millennium starts. And because the people don't know the name of Yahweh yet, He says for what He's going to do then, **then** they will know His name from this. So it certainly isn't the Millennium, because in the Millennium everyone will know His name. But it can't be now because of what's happening over here: Israel is dwelling safely. They're dwelling securely. So only after Yahshua returns, right? And He's there in Israel protecting the people. But the Millennium hasn't started yet during that could be roughly five to seven months. And that is the Day of Yahweh, the wrath of Yahweh, because Yahshua is returning and the cherubs are coming with these bowls at that time. So what I'm going to read you now is during this time, during that time of the after days. Verse 8 of Ezekiel 38.

Ezekiel 38:8a *After many days you shall be visited. In the after years you shall come into the land turned back from the sword, gathered out of many people, on the mountains of Israel which have been for a continual waste.*

Comment: And our footnote says: "This term '*after years*' seems to be a time after the coming tribulation but before the Millennial Kingdom." So it's that time period in between the wrath of Yahweh and the Millennium. But I want to go down to verse 14 and start reading there.

Ezekiel 38:14-15 *So prophesy, son of man, say to Gog, So says Adonai YAHWEH: So shall you not know in the day when My people Israel dwell securely? And you shall come from your place out of the recesses of the north, you and many people with you, all of them riding on horses, a great assembly, a mighty army.*

Comment: Just reading about that in Revelation 16, right? The kings of the east that are coming as the Euphrates is dried up.

Ezekiel 38:16-20 *And you shall come up on My people Israel like a cloud, to cover the land. It shall be in the **after days**, and I will bring you against My land so that the nations may know Me, when I shall be sanctified in you before their eyes, Gog. So says Adonai YAHWEH: Are you he of whom I have spoken in the former days by the hand of My servants, the prophets of Israel, who prophesied in those days and years, to bring you against them? And it shall be on that day, when Gog comes against the land of Israel, declares Adonai YAHWEH, My fury shall come up in My face. And in My jealousy, in the fire of My wrath, I have spoken. Surely, in that day there shall be a great quaking in the land of Israel. And the fish of the sea, and the birds of the heaven, and the beasts of the field, and all creeping things that creep on the earth, and all the men on the face of the earth, shall **quake** at My face. And the mountains shall be thrown down, and the steep places shall fall, and every wall shall fall to the ground.*

Comment: Just like we're reading.

Ezekiel 38:21-23 *And I shall call a sword against him on My mountains, declares Adonai YAHWEH. Each man's sword shall be against his brother. And I will judge him with a plague and with blood, and with overflowing shower, **and hailstones**. I will rain fire and brimstone on him, and on his bands, and on the many people who are with him. And I will magnify Myself and sanctify Myself. And I will be known in the eyes of many nations, and they shall know that I am YAHWEH.*

From this time everybody will know that it is Yahweh who's doing these things. So, wow! We see it. Like He says, the prophets prophesy it all over the place. And in the book of Revelation we are reading a compilation of everything that the prophets have spoken about. So, what a chapter! What a really, really sobering chapter of the magnitude of the wrath of Yahweh to come on this earth and to take care of all His enemies.

Now chapter 17 and 18, like I said, will be retroactive. We're going to read all about Babylon. It's not necessarily happening at that point now after these bowls. It's actually happening before that because He's saying let me show you what happened to the great whore, to Babylon. And then we're going to go into after that Revelation 19 where the bride of Messiah getting ready. Revelation 20—the Millennium, and then 21 and 22—the New Jerusalem. So we ... not so much more to go, but a lot still, and a lot of important things on the book of Revelation. So, hope you were blessed by this study, and by Yom Kippur this year, and the Shabbat now that's coming. So, Shabbat shalom.