

Revelations in Revelation - 12

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Thanking the Lord, again we find ourselves right on the doorstep of these things, and how wonderful it is to have the eyes enlightened with understanding by the Holy Ghost. To come into this thankful, and knowing, and even sharpening in what we already know praise His name. Now last week we moved into the last half of that tribulation. It's amazing how quickly that took us into that. We saw last week in the latter half of the tribulation, that beast that's called the antichrist, he comes in at that time and he declares himself God. Do you remember that there were seven heads that started those on the beast that came at the beginning. Those nations formed together, and they said oh we're bringing peace and plenty, we're all in agreement; well, that didn't last long. You see all the agreements that man makes, it doesn't last long, does it? I tell you, all the peace treaties we've had throughout all the years, you know what you can use them for. I'm just saying burn them. Alright, but that's what happened, and you know no one lives up to it because man cannot bring peace. It just can't, there's only been one peace, and that's our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. And thanks be to God we're talking about New Jerusalem, and in the faith that He gives us, we bring double peace because that's what that Jerusalem is, is double peace.

So, do you see what God has graced our lives to be with Him, and for Him? The peace that passes all understanding, He's given that, His peace to us, but when it grows in us, and that life that lives in us, it becomes the praise and the glory of our life. You talk about what we grow up into for Him; the heart of the husband doth trust in her. That's the only one I want to trust in me, because you better not. Don't you ever put your confidence in man, his breath is in his nostrils. But I'll tell you what faith can bring us into in love, the heart of the I am that I am. You see, He knows the things that He sent it to, and that He'll accomplish? I like looking at you.

Alright now, the antichrist declares himself God. He's risen up, and he defeated all those other six nations. Right? And we know that the dragon has empowered, and was given the power by God to go ahead and give life to that antichrist because he receives a mortal wound in the head, and comes back to life. The whole world we read wonders after him. And now he rules supreme over all, and he is the leader of the world. He has at his side we saw ten kings who had yet no kingdom, but he gives them power one hour with him. As well we've studied and saw that for a short time the great whore as we know, it's not going to be for very long. We saw who that is in Rev 17:18 the great whore, that woman is that city, and we know that that city is the collection of all the power of the world religion all consecrated in that one place, has basically fornicated with every religion, is brought them in such a deceit that she is the one that reigns over all of that religious community at this time. You can see how there is this great vacuum of power, whether it's political, whether it's economically, whether it is religious it's vacuumed and consecrated into one. And you're starting to see that, are you not?

I always remember my father a long time ago, he would say about me. Do you remember how they used to have little banks here, and little banks there, and all that. He said eventually, and this is many years ago; I was just a kid, and I'd drive around with him and he said someday son there'll only be a couple banks that'll loan money. Matter of fact there'll just be one, and the only loan is called the beast, and you got to have the mark. Alright? But remember this, and I just love that so much is what we're seeing in real time wonder, God's already done this in faithfulness for His people. We saw what He did for Israel, He took them out of Egypt, and He kept them forty years in that dessert; they had nothing. He fed them, He watered them; they had clothes that never wore out, He was the cloud by day, and the pillar of fire by night. He was their heating source, He was their electrical source, He was their economic source, He was the food source; He's just the source of everything. Amen?

So, it's not going to be hard for God even in this day and age when we have all of the technology and the drones, and x-ray vision, and satellite vision, and all this. He can hide your nose from your face, He can take millions of people and He'll hide them in the wilderness, and they won't ever be able to touch them if He don't want them to. And that's why they're not going to be able to get to them because He's going to protect them because that's the promise of God. And that's what's so mighty about Him, and He'll swallow it up, and just begin, and Lord when we get excited about that, remember this for you own life, and pray for your pastor that he remembers it for his own life. He's the one that fights my battles, I don't need to be a planner. I was such a planner of this and that, I'm so thankful I finally really trust God. I trust Him with everything; Lord, you know, I don't even need to know these things because I think we sing a song, He knows. So, if He knows, and I'm the apple of His eye, and if He knows and I'll tell you what, I know how He cares for me. So, I'm just going to trust God He that knows.

Now, that great whore is that great city; that religious one world everything. There's going to be a lot of power there that that great whore has rule over nations; even commerce, and things of that nature, and she'll bring that one religious community to serve that beast as well too; the antichrist. But, because she's getting some attention there, and getting a little bit of distraction away from the antichrist she's not going to last long. She going to be destroyed, and it's not because it's the antichrist's decision, it's because it's God's decision, because that mystery of iniquity has been going on a long time, and we see it, we've seen it for a long time. And as we'll read tonight, the blood of the saints are on her hand. She's fornicated, she's presented herself this virtuous woman, she's presented herself it says as even the bride. But see, the bride has to be established and shown forth who the true bride is, and that's His goory, And I'll tell you what, in that false bride, she's going to be taken down. Destroyed, a millstone. We'll bury her forever. And how wonderful we'll read about that tonight.

So, besides that we saw the rise of the antichrist false prophet, didn't we? The false prophet comes to note right there at the second half of the tribulation; right there at the middle of the week. Right after we saw those two witnesses that were of God that led Israel, and

ministered to Israel and led them back to their Messiah Jesus. Right when they're killed and raised up into heaven, that false prophet comes right on the scene. I love how we're beginning to really see the order of these events. I think it's exciting to really see how God so divinely lays this out for us.

Now, the false prophet comes on the scene, He's referred to as a beast, isn't he? But he's not a fierce beast, he's a beast that's called like a lamb. He's like a lamb, but he speaks as a dragon. So, you can see the deceit that's in this one. That this one will deceive both the Jew, and the Gentile. So, you can see how evil, and wicked, and deceitfully evil and wicked this is. And this false prophet will cause them only to worship the beast. So, what we have here is the world is completely worshipping the antichrist. The mark of the beast has been taken by those who have rejected the blood of the Lamb. Those that receive Christ as their Saviour will not receive this mark. So, now that we are set let's go on in to what's in store as we proceed closer to that as they say, that judgment time; that last final glorious battle of Armageddon, and let's note again that we are just proceeding further and further on into that third woe upon this godless world at this time.

So, open your bibles here to Revelation Chapter Fifteen, and we'll begin reading from verse five. And this will take us to the moment that all of this transpired as far as the antichrist setting himself up. The false prophet there, the great whore; they've all collectively come together, and they think they've got it. Well, here's what God does. After this John says I looked, and behold the temple of the tabernacle of the testimony in heaven was opened. Alright, I'll tell you what, you're right into the heart of it all right there; the temple. And the seven angels came out of the temple. Now we've gone over this multiple times already in this study. I thank God for those who have studied through, and have learned, and studied, and understand this. The bridal saints are seen throughout Revelation of one of two groups. They're either seen and called the four beasts or the four living ones, or you'll see them also called the seven angels. Alright. Now, don't let that ever confuse you. It's just as John is seeing different things just like we saw, and have seen the Lord throughout scripture. We've seen Him as a lamb, we see Him as a lion, we see Him as a tower, we see Him as a shield, we see Him as a buckler. Again, the power of His might as a mighty wind is still a small voice, all of these different things we see. Well, if she's like Him let me tell you something, she's manifold in glory too.

And so, we see these things that are coming to pass, and this description of her is truly so unique as well too in the four living ones, and with the seven angels. If you think about just the numbers themselves. The number four is complete human weakness. We understand that that bride she recognizes the only way she finally goes back into the holy of holies there's the four pillars there; you got there all by grace, you'll go on all by grace. But what grace does, is it causes your life to understand He must increase, and I must decrease. There's nothing of me, there's no strength in me; there's no goodness in me, it's all Him. All I have to offer is the Lamb. It's just like the beginning with little Abel; bring me the Lamb, and here we bring the Lamb this precious bridal husband as we understand and know with the promise that's been given to us, we're bringing the Lamb as the bridegroom. That's what we bring forth, and we understand that the work in us by the grace of God the bride is all because of the bridegroom. It's all Him; that's the only One to

magnify. And in that, and in that weakness and understanding, and the transformation as all of those four living ones are just exactly like Him because it couldn't be anything else. Because we look into that glass darkly, and we're changed from glory to glory into His image, into Him. We grow up into Him in all things. Amen? She's like Him. So, praise God, the four living ones are just like Him, and that's why these seven angels, that number seven speaks of completeness, fullness. Well, she's grown to that place where she's grown up into Him in all things; she's complete to the measure, and the stature, and the fullness of Him. Praise the Lord? Amen?

And so, we see this, and we see this fulfillment of all these things. We see that the four living ones, it tells us that they were redeemed out of every kindred, tongue, and nation. Amen? So, we know that they have to be human. Praise God they're not just some weird being or whatever. They're you and me by the grace of God; that's us, praise the Lord. And then the seven angels, we understand because John defines exactly who they are, because he starts worshipping them. And each time he does that, that angel lifts him up and says John, see that you do that not; I'm redeemed just like you. Back to redemption. The blood of Christ. I'm your brother; isn't that glorious? So, we understand when we see, these aren't just some you know different things to think of. It's just like people when they think of the cherubim, they think of these well, you know it's like this little kind of odd-looking thing on a; I don't know, on a pillow or whatever it is. What? That's not what cherubim are, they're the four living ones. It explains to us, and we understand it. And the reason we understand it is not because of our studying and effort, and all those different things; because the Holy Ghost. He that wills to know will know, and God put that will in your heart to know. You never had that will, God put it there. He knows what He's doing, thank Him for what He's called you to. You'll begin to be a vessel to the praise of the glory of His grace. Those and that is the ones who win.

Now, so, we have here, it says John says and after that; to verse five, that I looked and behold the temple of the tabernacle of the testimony in heaven, it was open, and the seven angels came out. So, the bride; here we are, and I say that by the grace of God. Here we are, we come out, hallelujah having the seven plagues. This is what ruling and reigning jointly together with Jesus Christ is all about. It's not about standing back and observing, it's about participating actively, jointly, ruling and reigning with Him. And here is this company, why would it not be this way? The Lord invites us in, don't limit God. Don't limit Him in your life. You can't limit Him, but you sure can limit Him in your life. So, here we go and He says so the seven angels came out of the temple having the seven plagues clothed in pure and white linen, and this again is such a beautiful thing here. This pure and white, these ones have the lampros white. See, it's so glorious only the bridal saints in Jesus Christ have this lampros white; it's His white. It's His illustrious; it's a glory that is beyond all the other glory; it just is. And He's the One that has it because He is all that glory, and she's the one that He shares it with and gives it to because she is by the grace of God is His glory. Praise the Lord.

So, there it is in white linen, and notice what else they have. They have their breasts girded with golden girdles. So, they're like that Shulamite, they have breasts; they've matured. They can nurture, they can feed. Praise the Lord, see what the Lord, and the transforming grace that's in Him; what we can become in Christ once again all because of Him. And this golden girdle it just

speaks of glory. Now notice this. So, John seen seven angels, now he's back in one of the four beasts. It's just bridal, bridal, bridal all over the place. So, what are the four beasts giving to the seven angels? Seven golden vials, alright? Full of the wrath of God Who liveth for ever and ever. Now let's really pay attention to verse eight. And the temple was filled with smoke from the glory of God. Isn't that glorious? See, when you start to really hear about the glory of God, understand by the grace of God, and those that take that grace that's that New Jerusalem descending from heaven having the glory of God. And do you recall that when you were studying about the tabernacle in the wilderness? Remember that beautiful time? Actually, it wasn't just one time, but when they brought that was especially with David when they got the ark back in, and they set it back into the tabernacle, you remember what happened then? See, the priest had brought that in, but then what happened back in that holy of holies, smoke started flying in. Smoke? The priest had to get out of there, and all that remained it said was the glory of the Lord and the cherubim. We have it right here. You see the pattern over, and over, and over. This is what He shares with her that no one else share. This ruling and reigning, and this glorified together with Him, and notice the temple was filled with smoke from the glory of God, and from His power; it's on Him. And no man was able to enter into the temple until the seven plagues of the seven angels were fulfilled. So, this is such a glorious thing that we have here and all of this is going forward, and we're getting closer to this final day of judgement. This Armageddon is what we're proceeding towards; we get this.

But before we go on, I want to talk just for a moment about this temple, and I'm speaking specifically of the temple that's found in Revelation. alright? The first time you read, or hear the word temple in Revelation, you find this in chapter three, verse twelve. Think about who we just saw in that temple. There was the Lord, seven angels, and the four living ones, so it was Jesus and His bride, amen? Alright. Let's read the very first time we come to the word temple. Rev 3:12, this is the church of Philadelphia, and what does it say about the church of Philadelphia? Him that overcometh will I make a pillar where? Specifically in the temple of My God. And he shall go no more out, I will write upon him the name of My God, the name of the city, New Jerusalem praise be to God, of my God which is New Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven having what? The glory of God, and I will write upon him My new name. Glory to God. So, that's the very first time we read of the word temple. Alright? We see already what's going on in the word temple. Now that word temple is found sixteen times; sixteen times in Revelation. Brother Ty will tell you what the number sixteen is. Love. It's the only way you'll ever be in that group, the only way you'll ever be in that company. It's first love, there's just love all over, that's what that smoke is; it's just love. Those two, they're just fiery, and that love, that power, that thankfulness it's always a sweet-smelling incense that God, that relationship. Praise be to God, you think about the joy the Father has of us tonight rejoicing in His Son, our bridegroom by the grace of God.

So, you got sixteen times the number of love; only first love will take you there, and so you think about going back to our study of the tabernacle. You recall when you get to the holy place, right? When you step into that holy place, you step into that room that praise be to God there's the candlestick. Right? And that candlestick is the Holy Ghost, and it's lighting up praise God that table of shewbread, and it's a golden table, and It's for two. You know it's that tiny table, and you're feasting upon Him that depth of the word of God, that precious meat of the

word; that whole council, that truth in love that causes you to do one thing. You are ravished, you're a lover and you draw nigh in fervent love to kiss, so that's worship, and that takes you to the next piece of the furniture which is that golden altar of incense which is setting right there right before the holy of holies; that last step to go on in there. And what did we find there, praise be to God? You find the arc, the mercy seat, and the cherubim. Praise the Lord, keep that in mind because we're going to talk about one last thing as we go through here on this temple.

So, when we see this, and we read about the temple here, once again the only ones that are found in the temple throughout Revelation as it speaks of them is Jesus and His bride. They are found there in each of these entries. They're doing one of two things; the bride. They're worshipping, right? And that's continual, and they're reigning. They're ruling, they're bringing forth judgement; that's what they do, praise God. So, in Revelation Chapter Eleven, we won't turn there specifically, but you can go back and look. It mentions the word temple there, and it tells us; it gives us a little clue, it said the place where the arc of the testimony is. Isn't that glorious? It's where the arc of the testimony is. So, it gives us that again that remembrance of what we're talking about there; it is the holy of holies. It is that precious wonderful setting that that the Lord put for us way back there when He instructed them; I need a place to dwell with you, and what it meant for us, and the pattern that we would see all back in there. So, we see once again that was where the Lord and the cherubim would dwell, and it never changes. That love story, praise be to God goes all the way through, and it never changes,

Now, let's go on to chapter sixteen, so just keep moving across the page and we're coming now to the seven vials. And these are these vials that'll be poured out which is the wrath of God. This again is the third woe continuing, and this period of these seven vials, it goes from the middle of the week, and it will last through the seventh vial, it'll go all the way through the destruction of Babylon, or the great whore, and it will lead us right up to the battle of Armageddon. So, there's going to be great pain and suffering, and lots of destruction right there at that three-and-a-half-year mark and going forward. Alright? And the Lord has a specific time of judgment with Babylon, also known as the great whore; that religious entity. He's going to have that destroyed first even before we get to the final battle of Armageddon. Alright?

So, it's interesting how these things continue to line up, and what a special treat we'll have to see what the Lord has in store right after the destruction of Babylon. We're talking about a wedding feast praise be to God. He just is so full of wonder of how He loves her, and how all of these events. Remember, this isn't about Armageddon, this isn't about in a sense judging Babylon; all of those events happen; this is about the apocalypse, do you remember that when we started? The unveiling, this is the unveiling of His bride. This is for Him to show her forth, and all of this wonder, and you'll notice through of these things, who's with Him, who's doing all of this, and what's it for? Oh honey, we're proceeding through this for the wedding feast. And then we're going to take a break from the wedding feast, or whenever that happens, or it continues on. I don't know how all of these things work, but that's when the battle of Armageddon hits right after that. And then praise the Lord, she's descending from heaven having the glory; I mean, it's just such a wonder. Praise be unto God. And it is, the beauty of what He has for us and Lord just continue to inspire and make it so real and rich in our life.

So, now let's go ahead and start reading about these vials in chapter sixteen, verse one. It says, and I heard a great voice out of the temple saying to the seven angels, and we know this great voice is our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ; He's the commander of it all. Alright? And what does He say, go your ways, pour out the vials of the wrath of God upon the earth. Praise the Lord. And the first went and poured out his vial upon the earth, and there fell a noisome and grievous sore upon the men which had the mark of the beast, so notice that. So, we know that this first vial comes out when? When they have the mark of the beast. This is why we know where this lines up, because they start to receive the mark of the beast there in that second half of the tribulation. Alright? So, they have that mark of the beast, and upon them which worship his image. So, there's another clue that we have there as well too. There's that image; remember that the false prophet set up, that he brought that image, and he gave life to the image that they were to worship that image. So, we know exactly where we are at. And that first plague that went out, there was grievous sore upon men. Go right back there to the boils, go right back there to what do they call those emerods, or whatever it was? You know, the Lord knows how to hit you, and He'll hit you, and so this is how it starts; I'm going to put it on you. And so there you go, you got that first vial.

And then it says the second angel poured out his vial upon the sea, and it became as the blood of a dead man, and every living soul died in the sea. We saw that again in Egypt. Remember when the blood went out, and the fish stunk. Everything stunk, blood stinks, and I'll tell you what, that's going to be a stinky time, and there's going to be a lot of death there, And, you think about how that will happen; it happens so quickly. And then it says the third angel in verse four poured out his vial upon the rivers, and the fountains of waters, and they became blood. Now when we're talking about the fountains and the rivers here that we're speaking of, that these are the poisonous wicked false truth that have come forth. This is this ungodliness, this ministering that's coming forth that takes the word of God and it can't turn the word of God, but they make things a lie. They twist these things, it's a form of godliness that denies the power thereof, and all of this will just be judged at this time. And it says, and I heard the angel of the waters say Thou art righteous, O Lord, which art, and wast, and shalt be, because thou hast judged thus. Brothers and sisters, I know we get burdened about things that are going on in this world. We get very burdened often times, especially with our loved ones when we see them being caught away with lies and the deceit of the enemy. All of the winds of doctrine that are out there, it's going to be judged.

By the grace of God may we be patient and wait upon the Lord. It will be judged, He will be magnified, and that's why it's such a joy for the angels, that's why it's such a joy for the bridal saints. Lord, You are the righteous judge. You see, aren't you going to be thankful when He is so magnified and lifted up of all this wickedness when every knee shall bow, and every tongue shall confess that He is Lord. What a glory that will be to see Him receive all of that that we know, and understand; He is Lord of all. He is the I AM THAT I AM. Oh, King of kings, and Lord of lords. He is all of those things, and what a joy that will be, and yes, the joy and the judgment, but the joy of the glory to Him that He is lifted up, and He is magnified. So, we thank the Lord how this is.

Now, it goes on to say in verse seven, I heard another out of the altar say, even so Lord God almighty, true, and righteous are Thy judgements, and here's the reason. It's because, see, they have shed verse six, the blood of saints and prophets, and Thou has given them blood to drink, for they

are worthy. You think of again such hatred toward the things of God throughout time, and even it's going to get worse. These ones that have come up against the truth, and tried to destroy it, and all the things that they think they got away with, they will never get away with it; don't you worry.

Verse eight. And the fourth angel poured out his vial upon the sun. Think of this, you know we're worried about global warming and all of those things. When this vial is poured out on the sun, they haven't seen any kind of heat yet. And power was given unto him to scorch men with fire, and men were scorched with great heat. And here's their response, they blasphemy the name of God which hath power over these plagues, and they repented not to give Him glory. See, when they knew that He was God, see how it said that in Romans, it just continues on that way; it don't matter. Like we talked about, you'd think that the Egyptians would be the center of all of the ministers of the word of God after what they saw God do. HUH? Leading Israel out a long time ago. You see those things happen; all the plagues that went down, all that, you'd say that is God that did that. I should be worshipping that God. They didn't, they won't. The word of God says though one rose from the dead they wouldn't believe. They have eyes and they see not, they have ears, and they hear not. We understand this, and we see it in this day.

The fifth angel poured out his vial fell upon the seat of the beast. Ah, now we're getting closer, and the kingdom, and his kingdom was full of darkness and they gnawed their tongues for pain. So, they know this is God doing all this, and what is the reaction again? Okay, let's do it again, and they blasphemed the God of heaven because of their pain. Isn't that interesting about how ungodly man is even right now? When anything happens that we know is just the wickedness of sin and the enemy, what do they do oftentimes? Oh well, God did this, we hate God, we blame God, we do all this; it's just this blaspheming of God. Because you're either of God, or you're of mammon. That's it, there's no tween. You're either alive, or you're dead. And so, it said, and they blasphemed the God of heaven because of their pain, and their sores, and they repented not of their deeds. And once again, I always want you to really be reminded and understand this. The repenting is that in the need of repenting is of the sinner, and please understand and really know that. We'll see that over and over in the word of God. It's important to understand this. It doesn't mean that we're not tender when we fail, and make mistakes; we should be the most tender of all, but know your bible. Know your bible, know that you're a son of God. Don't ever, ever, ever let the enemy get in one iota to ever doubt that you're brand new, that you ever doubt that the life that you live is sinless; it is because of the life that lives in you is sinless.

That life of Christ, praise be to God does not commit sin, neither can it sin. And I will always remind myself and you of that, because that's a little leaven that will come in so quickly, and it sounds so good to the flesh because that'll help me right the ship right; no, it won't, it will bring you into a shipwreck and it will, and it'll do it really fast. And you begin to really praise the Lord for His grace and His glory, it's amazing what true change happens in your life. Not you trying to change something which just absolutely just; you talk about the manure, it's a stench. You may think you're getting it done, but it stinks. And there'll be no love in that, there'll be no encouragement in that. The only ones that'll follow after that are those that stink with you. I want to magnify Him; I want to magnify Him alone, and when that precious grace works in us, and it becomes the praise of our life it's amazing what the mind of Christ begins to completely just meditate upon. The things that used to

plague me, they grow strangely dim. I'm sure thankful His grace causes us to love Him. Praise His name.

It says there now, and the sixth angel in verse twelve poured out his vial upon the great river Euphrates. Now this river Euphrates over there in the Middle East, basically it was kind of a barrier always. Now there's no rivers that are really barriers much to armies of today, but back then it meant something; they really couldn't go across it. So that river Euphrates used to protect Israel. The enemies were on the other side of it, so what this is speaking of is the sixth angel comes down there and is going to make the way for the wicked to think that they're finally going to go in there and destroy Israel. Now remember, this is all about destroying Israel; God's put that in their heart. You've seen that throughout history, Even, today that's why they put on them bonds, death to Israel. You know, to kill them all; all that type of thing. Let me tell you something, it's going to be the world's chant. They're all going to be turned against Israel. The word of God says it, it will happen. And it says and the water was dried up, and the way of the king; that the way of the kings of the east might be prepared. So, you see where Israel really is, and all of that on that eastern side, that's all of Arabia, you can see all of that eastern side there as well too. You got, my goodness you've got all of those huge nations. You've got Russia, you've got Asia, you've got all of that stuff right there, and the Lord's saying come on down. Notice Who makes the way for it, right? Isn't it the bride that was given the vial from her husband? Go on out there honey, let's keep her going. Praise the Lord? I think that's just grand, isn't it.

Now turn on over. Keep your finger here in sixteen, but let's go back over to chapter nine and let's get to reading from verse thirteen. We're back into the same period of time right here. Remember, as we say that John, when you're in the spirit and the Lord's showing you, time is nothing. God incorporates all of this. So, here he's seeing the same thing back in chapter nine, and this is the sixth angel in verse thirteen, and it says and the sixth angel sounded, and I heard a voice from the four horns of the golden altar which is before God saying to the sixth angel which had the trumpet; loose the four angels. Okay? Now these four angels, these are the winds that are back there in Rev 7:1. These aren't the angels that you would think of that are of the Lord, these are the false lights. These are wicked messengers, and they're bound. See, God's angels, they're not bound. These ones are bound, and they're bound where? In the great river Euphrates, and the four angels were loosed. This is when they bring them down there and they're going to be loosed which were prepared for an hour, a day, a month, and a year for to slay the third part of men. So, now we're moving into this time of the battle of Armageddon and notice here in verse sixteen. And the number of the army of the horsemen were two hundred thousand-thousand, and I heard the number of them. Two hundred thousand-thousand is two hundred million. It was very interesting to note, it was probably I'm going to say within the last fifteen years, China had announced that they have, and specifically have a two hundred two-million-man army; just China. Well again, they got three and a half billion people, I guess you could actually do that. But I just think the wicked cannot help but do what God says they're going to do, and they announced it perfectly right to the exact number; can you imagine that? You'd think the evil would try to say three hundred million, but they couldn't do it. It had to be two hundred million, and you can google that up and you'll understand; they said it right there, and I think how grand is our God.

Now go on back to chapter sixteen. Let's keep moving tonight through this, and it says in verse thirteen of chapter sixteen. Now we're back again to this time right before the battle of Armageddon, and it says I saw three unclean spirits like frogs come out of the mouth of the dragon. So right out of Lucifer himself. And out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet. For they are the spirits of devils working miracles. So, these things that are coming out to the world they look godly. They look righteous, but they came right out of Lucifer, the antichrist, and the false beast himself, Isn't that something? And they work miracles which go forth into the kings of the earth, and of the whole world to do one thing; what is that? To gather them to the battle of that great day of God almighty. Huh? It goes on to say behold, I come as a thief. Blessed is he that watches and keeps his garment lest he walk naked and they see his shame, And He gathered them together in a place called in the Hebrew tongue Armageddon.

Men can be deceived like this, and you can see this power that is fully unleashed when the devil comes forth like a roaring lion, when the Lord allows him to open that pit, the evil and the wickedness, and deceit; the world's never seen this before, and this is why they will all be turned against Israel; every single one. He will gather those nations, and they will come in there to destroy. All that suffering, all that death, all that pain that we even read before this. We still haven't even gotten to Armageddon yet. Alright? That very defining moment, it's just going to be amazing, and I want us to understand that place where that last great battle is going to be, it's called the hill of Megiddo, Megiddo means the slaughter, and boy, is it going to be a slaughter. It says that the blood will flow to the horse's bridals at that point. Miles and miles of it. That's only about seventy, seventy-five miles north of Jerusalem as the crow flies. That's how close it comes, but you know, what's interesting, you know I think it's been kind of something to watch a little bit; Russia trying to invade Ukraine. Seems like they were progressing all far and all this, but you know they got like ten, fifteen miles out and boom., and then boom. You see what I'm saying? Now, now we're going to talk about God and Israel. You talk about boom, you ain't going to move, and remember this; you didn't will yourself to go there, God drew you there, because He appoints the wicked for that day of evil doesn't, He, and He knows exactly where He's going to put them, He knows exactly where they're going to be at that time, and He knows when the hails going to launch forth; all of these things. When the earth opens up. All of these things that God said He would do; it will be.

But yet before that final judgement, one other thing is going to take place, and I'll just touch on it tonight. I think we're running a little bit out of time, and we'll go into more of this. But before that final battle of Armageddon, that great city Babylon, the great whore, she must fall. Alright? So, let's just read in chapter seventeen, verses fifteen through eighteen. And you recall that we read this last week, and in verse fifteen and it says and the angel said unto him, the waters which thou saw where the whore sits are peoples, and multitudes, and nations, and tongues. So, she sits over them, and the ten horns which thou saw upon the beast, these shall hate the whore. So, now we're at this moment, and shall make her desolate and naked, and shall eat her flesh and burn her with fire, for God hath put in their hearts to fulfil His will. See, just like Pharaoh, God hardened his heart. He knew what they would do, He knew what was going on, so He put in Pharaoh's heart to fulfil His will. He put in their hearts, you're going to fulfil My will king, and to agree, and to give their kingdom unto the beast until the words of God shall be fulfilled. And the woman which thou saw is the great city which reigneth over the kings of the earth.

So, God willing, next week this is how again you've come, and we're coming through this, but before Armageddon that great whore is going to be judged, and if you remember about the church of Thyatira, that's why the Lord said as we read just moments ago about come out from her. Alright? There's still this call, and there's still that grace that's pouring forth even at this time. He's calling to those that'll come out of that, and take Him, and believe in that blood; I'll save you. I'll save you, but she's going to be killed, and all those with her are going to be killed, and she's going to be destroyed, she's going to be judged. She's presented herself as chaste virgin. It's been the most false thing that ever could be, And I'm going to tell you something, the sad part is, we're seeing so much of that, and have for years. We see these great religions of the world that present themselves as the way to God the Father, as opposed to the only way to God the Father, and that's our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, and that will be judged.

And so sweetly as we will read, she's the one that presents herself that bride, and yet she's the greatest of whores. And she will be judged and destroyed. And so beautifully right after that, that's when the beginning; the beginning of that marriage feast occurs. And we still haven't even gotten to the battle of Armageddon, but I kind of see that as the honeymoon time as it speaks of in the Shulamite. So, I guess you really don't go to your honeymoon until you've had your wedding feast. Huh? Isn't it, Gloria? I love to thank the Lord with you of what will be for us, and especially what will be for Him. Amen? Amen, let's stand and be dismissed.