

THE REVELATION OF JESUS CHRIST

as revealed to the Apostle John • Lesson #98 - June 21st., 2026

Moderator: I want to begin this lesson with the reading of Revelation 16:12-16

Revelation 16:12-16 “And the sixth angel poured out his vial upon the great river Euphrates; and the water thereof was dried up, that the way of the kings of the east might be prepared. 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 false prophet. For they are the spirits of devils, working miracles, which go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty. Behold, I come as a thief. Blessed is he that watcheth, and keepeth his garments, lest he walk naked, and they see his shame. And he gathered them together into a place called in the Hebrew tongue Armageddon”

• #1 6TH VIAL JUDGMENT UPON THE RIVER EUPHRATES TO DRY IT UP (Rev. 16:12a)

Revelation 16:2 “And the fourth angel poured out his vial upon the sun; and power was given unto him to scorch men with fire.”

Moderator: We are right at the end of the Great Tribulation which lasts 7 years. Christ is on the verge of returning to the earth as the Lion of Judah. Some things have to happen just before his return. All the armies of the earth have to come to the valley called “Armageddon”. Speaking of the Euphrates, God is going to dry up this whole river to prepare the armies of the east to be brought together to battle Christ at his second coming at the battle of Armageddon.

• THIS 6TH VIAL WILL COVER VERSES 12-16 IN THE 16TH CHAPTER

Moderator: Here are some facts about the Euphrates River from the Bible:

1. The Garden Of Eden was located near the Euphrates River:
2. The Euphrates River is the longest and most significant river in the middle east.
3. The Euphrates River is mentioned in the Bible, from Genesis to Revelation. (21 times)
4. The Euphrates River flows some 1,700 miles from Turkey and into the Persian Gulf.
5. The Euphrates River must be dried up for all the infantry armies of the east to cross to head to Jerusalem to participate in the battle of Armageddon.

Genesis 2:8-14 “And the LORD God planted a garden eastward in Eden; and there he put the man whom he had formed. And out of the ground made the LORD God to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight, and good for food; the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of knowledge of good and evil. And a river went out of Eden to water the garden; and from thence it was parted, and became into four heads. The name of the first is Pison: that is it which compasseth the whole land of Havilah, where there is gold; And the gold of that land is good: there is bdellium and the onyx stone. And the name of the second river is Gihon: the same is it that compasseth the whole land of Ethiopia. And the name of the third river is Hiddekel: that is it which goeth toward the east of Assyria. And the fourth river is Euphrates.”

Moderator: It was God who called the Euphrates River great:

Genesis 15:18-21 “In the same day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, Unto thy seed have I given this land, from the river of Egypt unto the great river, the river Euphrates: The Kenites, and the Kenizzites, and the Kadmonites, And the Hittites, and the Perizzites, and the Rephaims, And the Amorites, and the Canaanites, and the Girgashites, and the Jebusites.”

Moderator: God has four wicked angels chained in the River Euphrates awaiting their chains to be broken so they can join the armies of the east.

Revelation 9:13-16 “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 which are bound in the great river Euphrates. And the four angels were loosed, which were prepared for an hour, and a day, and a month, and a year, for to slay the third part of men. And the number of the army of the horsemen were two hundred thousand thousand: and I heard the number of them.”

Moderator: I believe these angels were chained as early as Genesis chapter 1. They are wicked angels who have been waiting to unleash their wrath on human beings. They are loosed from the bottom of great river Euphrates and they appear here in Revelation 9:13-15. This allows the TWO HUNDRED MILLION infantry men to cross the dry river bed of the Euphrates as described in Revelation 9:16. There are already reports from many sources that show that communist China already have that number and this isn't counting all the other far east armies that will join them! These numbers are FAR BEYOND THE TOTAL POPULATION OF THE EARTH IN LATE 90S OF THE FIRST CENTURY when John sees and hears this prophesy. These armies will follow the four demonic angels into Jerusalem.

• **#2 THE GREAT RIVER EUPHRATES IS DRIED UP** (Rev. 16:12b)

Revelation 16:12 “And the sixth angel poured out his vial upon the great river Euphrates; AND THE WATER THEREOF WAS DRIED UP, that the way of the kings of the east might be prepared.”

Revelation 16:4 “And the third angel poured out his vial upon the rivers and fountains of waters; and they became blood.”

Moderator: I believe what the Bible says here literally. So the Euphrates will also turned to blood BEFORE it is dried up. This means that the riverbed will be totally dry & ready for these huge armies to easily traverse from east to west in their journey to Armageddon.

• **THE 6TH ANGEL POURS OUT HIS VIAL UPON THE RIVER AND IT DRIES UP COMPLETELY**

Matthew 19:26 “But Jesus beheld them, and said unto them, WITH MEN THIS IS IMPOSSIBLE; BUT WITH GOD ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE.”

Moderator: When the Israelites were fleeing Pharaoh in Egypt, God divided the Red Sea Allowing the Israelites to go through it on DRY GROUND:

Exodus 12:37-40 “And the children of Israel journeyed from Rameses to Succoth, about six hundred thousand on foot that were men, beside children. And a mixed multitude went up also with them; and flocks, and herds, even very much cattle. And they baked unleavened cakes of the dough which they brought forth out of Egypt, for it was not leavened; because they were thrust out of Egypt, and could not tarry, neither had they prepared for themselves any victual. Now the sojourning of the children of Israel, who dwelt in Egypt, was four hundred and thirty years.”

Exodus 13:9-14 “AND IT SHALL BE FOR A SIGN UNTO THEE UPON THINE HAND, AND FOR A MEMORIAL BETWEEN THINE EYES, THAT THE LORD'S LAW MAY BE IN THY MOUTH: FOR WITH A STRONG HAND HATH THE LORD BROUGHT THEE OUT OF EGYPT. Thou shalt therefore keep this ordinance in his season from year to year. And it shall be when the LORD shall bring thee into the land of the Canaanites, as he sware unto thee and to thy fathers, and shall give it thee, That thou shalt set apart unto the LORD all that openeth the matrix,

and every firstling that cometh of a beast which thou hast; the males shall be the LORD'S. And every firstling of an ass thou shalt redeem with a lamb; and if thou wilt not redeem it, then thou shalt break his neck: and all the firstborn of man among thy children shalt thou redeem. AND IT SHALL BE WHEN THY SON ASKETH THEE IN TIME TO COME, SAYING, WHAT IS THIS? THAT THOU SHALT SAY UNTO HIM, BY STRENGTH OF HAND THE LORD BROUGHT US OUT FROM EGYPT, FROM THE HOUSE OF BONDAGE:"

Exodus 14:13-16 "And Moses said unto the people, FEAR YE NOT, STAND STILL, AND SEE THE SALVATION OF THE LORD, WHICH HE WILL SHEW TO YOU TO DAY: FOR THE EGYPTIANS WHOM YE HAVE SEEN TO DAY, YE SHALL SEE THEM AGAIN NO MORE FOR EVER. THE LORD SHALL FIGHT FOR YOU, AND YE SHALL HOLD YOUR PEACE. And the LORD said unto Moses, Wherefore criest thou unto me? speak unto the children of Israel, that they go forward: But lift thou up thy rod, and stretch out thine hand over the sea, and divide it: and THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL SHALL GO ON DRY GROUND THROUGH THE MIDST OF THE SEA."

Exodus 14:21-23 "And Moses stretched out his hand over the sea; and the LORD caused the sea to go back by a strong east wind all that night, and made the sea dry land, and the waters were divided. And the children of Israel went into the midst of the sea upon the dry ground: and the waters were a wall unto them on their right hand, and on their left. And the Egyptians pursued, and went in after them to the midst of the sea, even all Pharaoh's horses, his chariots, and his horsemen."

Exodus 14:26-31 "And the LORD said unto Moses, Stretch out thine hand over the sea, that the waters may come again upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots, and upon their horsemen. And Moses stretched forth his hand over the sea, and the sea returned to his strength when the morning appeared; and the Egyptians fled against it; and the LORD overthrew the Egyptians in the midst of the sea. And the waters returned, and covered the chariots, and the horsemen, and all the host of Pharaoh that came into the sea after them; there remained not so much as one of them. BUT THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL WALKED UPON DRY LAND IN THE MIDST OF THE SEA; and the waters were a wall unto them on their right hand, and on their left. Thus the LORD saved Israel that day out of the hand of the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead upon the sea shore. And Israel saw that great work which the LORD did upon the Egyptians: and the people feared the LORD, and believed the LORD, and his servant Moses."

• THE LORD TOLD JOSHUA THAT THE ISRAELITES WOULD WALK THROUGH THE RIVER JORDAN

Joshua 3:6 And Joshua spake unto the priests, saying, Take up the ark of the covenant, and pass over before the people. And they took up the ark of the covenant, and went before the people."

Joshua 3:12-17 "Now therefore take you twelve men out of the tribes of Israel, out of every tribe a man. And it shall come to pass, as soon as the soles of the feet of the priests that bear the ark of the LORD, the Lord of all the earth, shall rest in the waters of Jordan, that the waters of Jordan shall be cut off from the waters that come down from above; and they shall stand upon an heap. And it came to pass, when the people removed from their tents, to pass over Jordan, and the priests bearing the ark of the covenant before the people; And as they that bare the ark were come unto Jordan, and the feet of the priests that bare the ark were dipped in the brim of the water, (for Jordan overfloweth all his banks all the time of harvest,) That the waters which came down from above stood and rose up upon an heap very far from the city Adam, that is beside Zaretan: and those that came down toward the sea of the plain, even the salt sea, failed, and were cut off: and the people passed over right against Jericho. And the priests that bare the ark of the covenant of the LORD stood firm on dry ground in the midst of Jordan, and all the Israelites passed over on dry ground, until all the people were passed clean over Jordan."

- **ELIJAH & ELISHA WALKED ON DRY GROUND THROUGH THE RIVER JORDAN ALSO**

II Kings 2:1-14 “And it came to pass, when the LORD would take up Elijah into heaven by a whirlwind, that Elijah went with Elisha from Gilgal. And Elijah said unto Elisha, Tarry here, I pray thee; for the LORD hath sent me to Bethel. And Elisha said unto him, As the LORD liveth, and as thy soul liveth, I will not leave thee. So they went down to Bethel. And the sons of the prophets that were at Bethel came forth to Elisha, and said unto him, Knowest thou that the LORD will take away thy master from thy head to day? And he said, Yea, I know it; hold ye your peace. And Elijah said unto him, Elisha, tarry here, I pray thee; for the LORD hath sent me to Jericho. And he said, As the LORD liveth, and as thy soul liveth, I will not leave thee. So they came to Jericho. And the sons of the prophets that were at Jericho came to Elisha, and said unto him, Knowest thou that the LORD will take away thy master from thy head to day? And he answered, Yea, I know it; hold ye your peace. And Elijah said unto him, Tarry, I pray thee, here; for the LORD hath sent me to Jordan. And he said, As the LORD liveth, and as thy soul liveth, I will not leave thee. And they two went on. And fifty men of the sons of the prophets went, and stood to view afar off: and they two stood by Jordan. And Elijah took his mantle, and wrapped it together, and smote the waters, and they were divided hither and thither, so that they two went over on dry ground. And it came to pass, when they were gone over, that Elijah said unto Elisha, Ask what I shall do for thee, before I be taken away from thee. And Elisha said, I pray thee, let a double portion of thy spirit be upon me. And he said, Thou hast asked a hard thing; nevertheless, if thou see me when I am taken from thee, it shall be so unto thee; but if not, it shall not be so. And it came to pass, as they still went on, and talked, that, behold, there appeared a chariot of fire, and horses of fire, and parted them both asunder; and Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven. And Elisha saw it, and he cried, My father, my father, the chariot of Israel, and the horsemen thereof. And he saw him no more: and he took hold of his own clothes, and rent them in two pieces. He took up also the mantle of Elijah that fell from him, and went back, and stood by the bank of Jordan; And he took the mantle of Elijah that fell from him, and smote the waters, and said, Where is the LORD God of Elijah? and when he also had smitten the waters, they parted hither and thither: and Elisha went over.”

- **ALL WE HAVE TO DO IS READ THE SCRIPTURES AND BELIEVE GOD HAS THE POWER TO DO ALL THINGS!**

Isaiah 44:24-27 “Thus saith the LORD, thy redeemer, and he that formed thee from the womb, I am the LORD that maketh all things; that stretcheth forth the heavens alone; that spreadeth abroad the earth by myself; That frustrateth the tokens of the liars, and maketh diviners mad; that turneth wise men backward, and maketh their knowledge foolish; That confirmeth the word of his servant, and performeth the counsel of his messengers; that saith to Jerusalem, Thou shalt be inhabited; and to the cities of Judah, Ye shall be built, and I will raise up the decayed places thereof: THAT SAITH TO THE DEEP, BE DRY, AND I WILL DRY UP THY RIVERS:”

Jeremiah 32:17-18 “Ah Lord GOD! behold, thou hast made the heaven and the earth by thy great power and stretched out arm, and there is nothing too hard for thee: Thou shewest lovingkindness unto thousands, and recompensest the iniquity of the fathers into the bosom of their children after them: the Great, the Mighty God, the LORD of hosts, is his name,”

Moderator: These two scriptures show us the GOD WE SERVE TODAY. God doesn't need the help of anyone to do what he does. When he speaks, the earth responds without question, and WE SHOULD NEVER QUESTION THE BIBLE. This doesn't mean that those who are seeking God and have heard the complaints from nonbelievers about supernatural events will question it and God is kind enough to show them if they are truly ready to repent of their sin and believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and his

Pastor Bill Rains: I just want to bolster your lesson here Chris. It's Literalism vs Symbolism. When reading the Bible there is a rule that will help tremendously: "If the scripture makes sense, seek no other sense, the scripture means what it says and it says what it means." There is nothing too hard for God to do. To the human (flesh) mind, the supernatural is impossible, but as you referenced earlier,

Pastor Bill Rains: A foolish preacher once told me that a verse in the Bible concerning the promised thousand year Reign of Christ on earth that he had a problem with that: “It says what it says, but it doesn’t mean what it says.” That is a very dangerous thing to say. It’s calling God’s word: “Confusion” and it’s forbidden! Here’s what the Apostle Paul says in the Bible:

Moderator: I just want to say that my teaching here in Revelation actually needs to be backed up by other scriptures. Reading the book of Revelation is actually teaching the whole Bible that God has set up for us to learn and study.

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