

THE REVELATION OF JESUS CHRIST

as revealed to the Apostle John • Lesson #100 - July 5th, 2026

Moderator: Let's start by reading Revelation 16:12-21:

Revelation 16:12-21 "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. And the seventh angel poured out his vial into the air; and there came a great voice out of the temple of heaven, from the throne, saying, It is done. And there were voices, and thunders, and lightnings; and there was a great earthquake, such as was not since men were upon the earth, so mighty an earthquake, and so great. And the great city was divided into three parts, and the cities of the nations fell: and great Babylon came in remembrance before God, to give unto her the cup of the wine of the fierceness of his wrath. And every island fled away, and the mountains were not found. And there fell upon men a great hail out of heaven, every stone about the weight of a talent: and men blasphemed God because of the plague of the hail; for the plague thereof was exceeding great."

Moderator: The "talent" mentioned here in Revelation 16:21, is approximately 60-100 LBs! This is an incredibly frightful thing to imagine, but we know John's words are inspired by God. The Bible is never wrong when it speaks of things human beings can't discern. It's nearly miraculous to see such a thing, but this is simple when it comes to God's will for it to happen. Never doubt the scriptures! Men will blaspheme God because of this exceedingly great plague. We'll remember last week about the unclean spirits-like frogs that could produce evil miracles that will convince world leaders & politicians to move their armies towards Jerusalem for a great battle against Jesus Christ when he comes to save all of Israel.

• #1 THE EVIL SPIRITS ARE DESCRIBED AS FROGS BUT THE HOLY SPIRIT IS DESCRIBED AS A DOVE

Matthew 3:16-17 "And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him: And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."

John 1:29-34 "The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world. This is he of whom I said, After me cometh a man which is preferred before me: for he was before me. And I knew him not: but that he should be made manifest to Israel, therefore am I come baptizing with water. And John bare record, saying, I SAW THE SPIRIT DESCENDING FROM HEAVEN LIKE A DOVE, and it abode upon him. And I knew him not: but he that sent me to baptize with water, the same said unto me, Upon whom thou shalt see the Spirit descending, and remaining on him, the same is he which baptizeth with the Holy Ghost. And I saw, and bare record that this is the Son of God."

Isaiah 42:1 "Behold my servant, whom I uphold; mine elect, in whom my soul delighteth; I have put my spirit upon him: he shall bring forth judgment to the Gentiles."

• JESUS TOLD HIS DISCIPLES THE HOLY GHOST WOULD DWELL IN THEM

John 14:26 "And the winepress was trodden without the city, and blood came out of the winepress, even unto the horse bridles, by the space of a thousand and six hundred furlongs."

Moderator: Once we have been born again, the Holy Spirit will dwell in us, teaching us all things. He

directs us & guides us through our temptations, troubles & trials. He helps us understand scriptures. Every time we read the Bible we should pray for the comforter to help us understand it.

Acts 2:1-4 “And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.”

Acts 2:38-39 “Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call.”

• #2 THE 3 EVIL SPIRITS WILL WORK MIRACLES & GATHER THE KINGS OF THE EARTH TO BATTLE (Rev. 16:13-14)

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 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.”

Moderator: God allows these evil spirits to do evil miracles that we are not informed to know, but this we do know...God allows it and it is his will to bring the nations together to the battle of Armageddon. Now, I'm going to give you some reading homework about the actual battle of Armageddon...

- 1. Revelation- 14:17-20
- 2. Revelation- 19:11-21
- 3. Ezekiel- All of Chapters 38 & 39
- 4. Joel- 3:9-21
- 5. Zechariah- All of Chapter 14

Moderator: These scriptures are a great resource for understanding the battle of Armageddon. It also shows that God showed some of the saints in the Old Testament his plan that was determined before the New Testament. John was accurate and detailed in his writings from the Isle of Patmos! Now let's look at Revelation 16:12...

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 16:15-16 “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.”

• #3 GOD USES EVIL FOR HIS PURPOSE

Moderator: I want to clarify something I said last week. I said that “God sometimes allows and sends evil spirits to further his will”. Turn to Proverbs 16:4...

Proverbs 16:4 “The LORD hath made all things for himself: yea, even the wicked for the day of evil.”

Moderator: The Bible is very clear on this subject. Some supposed “theologians” reject this simple, but hard to reconcile doctrine...God allows it and sometimes sends it!

Job 1:8 “And the LORD said unto Satan, Hast thou considered my servant Job, that there is none like him in the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one that feareth God, and escheweth evil?”

Genesis 3:15 “And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her

seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.”

Exodus 9:13-16 “And the LORD said unto Moses, Rise up early in the morning, and stand before Pharaoh, and say unto him, Thus saith the LORD God of the Hebrews, Let my people go, that they may serve me. For I will at this time send all my plagues upon thine heart, and upon thy servants, and upon thy people; that thou mayest know that there is none like me in all the earth. For now I will stretch out my hand, that I may smite thee and thy people with pestilence; and thou shalt be cut off from the earth. AND IN VERY DEED FOR THIS CAUSE HAVE I RAISED THEE UP, FOR TO SHEW IN THEE MY POWER; AND THAT MY NAME MAY BE DECLARED THROUGHOUT ALL THE EARTH.”

Colossians 1:16-17 “For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him: And he is before all things, and by him all things consist.”

Moderator: Colossians 1:16 & 17 proves once again that God has created all things and this includes evil spirits and evil men (and women) who rebel against God. God has a plan that we might not believe, but his plan will come to pass whether we like it or not. This gives me great comfort when I see the news of Iran being able to make a nuclear weapon and sending them on missiles towards Israel or the United States. They can't do anything without God allowing it to happen!

Ephesians 1:11 “In whom (speaking of Christ) also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will:”

John 14:2-3 “In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.”

Pastor Rains: Sometimes people will take certain doctrines to an extreme that God has not meant in his scriptures. One of these wicked doctrines is the cult of Predestination. This doctrine says that God predetermined who would be saved and who would go to hell even before they were born. The sense that Chris is speaking about is encapsulated in...

Romans 8:28 “And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.”

Pastor Rains: The Apostle Paul is showing us that GOD KNOWS EVERYTHING & is everywhere all at the same time. There isn't anything that happens that surprises God! God wasn't surprised when Lucifer, the most powerful angel he ever created decided to rebel against the God who created him! Lucifer obviously did not do the will of God. Just as when we sin, we are not doing the will of God. The difference is that God KNOWS everything past, current and future perfectly. God ALLOWS sin to take place, He is not the author of it. It's called his PERMISSIVE will in theological terms. God's permissive will allowing sinners to reject his Son leaves the blame entirely on the one who refuses to believe. Don't associate our Sovereign God with this damnable doctrine! God wants EVERYONE to be saved, with much scriptural support.

Moderator: That is why I love Romans 8:29-30:

Romans 8:29-30 “For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren. Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified.”

Moderator: God draws us to himself and calls us to be saved, but most will not obey the call!

John 6:44 “No man can come to me, EXCEPT THE FATHER WHICH HATH SENT ME DRAW HIM: AND I WILL RAISE HIM UP AT THE LAST DAY.”

John 12:32 “And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will DRAW ALL MEN UNTO ME.”

II Peter 3:9 “The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.”

Ezekiel 33:11 “Say unto them, As I live, saith the Lord GOD, I HAVE NO PLEASURE IN THE DEATH OF THE WICKED; BUT THAT THE WICKED TURN FROM HIS WAY AND LIVE: TURN YE, TURN YE FROM YOUR EVIL WAYS; for why will ye die, O house of Israel?”

Moderator: Read Romans 1:18-32:

Romans 1:18-32 “For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness; Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath shewed it unto them. For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse: Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened. Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools, And changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and fourfooted beasts, and creeping things. Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonour their own bodies between themselves: Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen. For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature: And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompence of their error which was meet. And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient; Being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity; whisperers, Backbiters, haters of God, despiteful, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, Without understanding, covenantbreakers, without natural affection, implacable, unmerciful: Who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them.”

Moderator: Let's look at Revelation 16:15 real quick:

• **#4 CHRIST SPEAKS BEFORE HIS RETURN** (Rev. 16:15)

Revelation 16:15 “Behold, I come as a thief. Blessed is he that watcheth, and keepeth his garments, lest he walk naked, and they see his shame.”

1 Peter 5:8 “Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:”

1 Thessalonians 5:1-8 “But of the times and the seasons, brethren, ye have no need that I write unto you. For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night. For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape. BUT YE, BRETHREN, ARE NOT IN DARKNESS, THAT THAT DAY SHOULD OVERTAKE YOU AS A THIEF. YE ARE ALL THE CHILDREN OF LIGHT, AND THE CHILDREN OF THE DAY: WE ARE NOT OF THE NIGHT, NOR OF DARKNESS. THEREFORE LET US NOT SLEEP, AS DO OTHERS; BUT LET US WATCH AND BE SOBER. FOR THEY THAT SLEEP SLEEP IN THE NIGHT; AND THEY THAT BE DRUNKEN ARE DRUNKEN IN THE NIGHT. BUT LET US, WHO ARE OF THE DAY, BE SOBER, PUTTING ON THE BREASTPLATE OF FAITH AND LOVE; AND FOR AN HELMET, THE HOPE OF SALVATION.

• **#5 GOD WILL GATHER THEM AT ARMAGEDDON** (Rev. 16:16)

Revelation 16:16 “And he gathered them together into a place called in the Hebrew tongue Armageddon.”

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