"The Sixth and Seventh Bowl Judgments—And They Blasphemed God"

Revelation 16:12-21

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Two Weeks Ago: The Fourth and Fifth Bowl Judgments (Scorching, Darkness)

Today: The Sixth and Seventh Bowl Judgments

Introductory Question: Are the Bowl Judgments the same as the Trumpet Judgments?

- Could this recapitulation be like Joseph's two dreams which had the same meaning?
  - Seven fat cows swallowed up by seven skinny cows (Gen. 41:1-4)
  - Seven plump ears of grain swallowed up by seven parched ears (Gen. 41:5-7)
- Another example: Daniel's two visions of the statue (Dan. 2) and the four creatures (Dan. 7)

OUTLINE:

- 16:12-16, The Sixth Bowl: The Euphrates River Dries Up and the Assembling of Armageddon
- 16:17-21, The Seventh Bowl: Worldwide Destruction

Two weeks ago: "They refused to repent." Yet, what else did they do? "They cursed God."

- Blasphemy: Βλασφημέω – "Slow reputation." Being slow to call something good that *truly* is good (e.g., the Lord or the Lord's people) and slow to call evil what is *truly evil.*
- The oldest depiction of Jesus Christ in the world? Alexamenos Graffito: "Alexamenos worships his god."

16:12-14/ The Sixth Bowl: The Euphrates River Dries Up and the Assembling of Armageddon

"To assemble them for battle on the great day of God, the Almighty"

- What is the human goal of gathering together at Armageddon?

1. A worldwide battle amongst all the nations of the world
2. A rebellion against the Beast's rule
3. A worldwide gathering in anticipation of the Second Coming of Christ

"Assembled them at … Armageddon"

The Sixth Bowl: The Euphrates River Dries Up and the Assembling of Armageddon ("the Mount of Megiddo")

1. Preterist ***(past)***:
   a. Euphrates River Dries Up: A symbol of the downfall of the Roman Empire (5th c.)
   b. Armageddon: The "Mount of Megiddo" is actually Mount Carmel where Jezebel's prophets were defeated by Elijah, so this also will be the defeat of the Beast's forces.
2. Historicist ***(timeline)***:
   a. Euphrates River Dries Up: A symbol of the British defeat of the Turkish Empire

b. Armageddon: A battle sometime in the future

3. IDEALIST (***spiritual***):
    a. Euphrates River Dries Up: A symbol of the fall of the Roman Empire
    b. Armageddon: Not a specific place, but referring to the slaughter of God's enemies
4. FUTURIST (***future***):
    a. Euphrates River Dries Up: The drying up of the Euphrates River, allowing for armies of the East to cross (e.g., Iran, India, China, Japan, etc.)
    b. Armageddon: This may be the 70 feet high mound of John's day. Or, it is the Plain of Esdraelon (Jezreel), surrounded by mountains which enclose the site.

16:17-21/ SEVENTH BOWL: WIDESPREAD DESTRUCTION

1. PRETERIST ***(past):***
    a. The Great City: The fall of Rome (AD 476) or Jerusalem (AD 70)
    b. The 100-pound hailstones? The Roman catapults launched these stones at Jerusalem.
2. HISTORICIST (***timeline***):
    a. The Great City: The fall of Papal Rome and every city and nation that supports it
3. IDEALIST ***(spiritual***):
    a. The Great City: The fall of every anti-Christian civilization which comes to an end
4. FUTURIST ***(future)***:
    a. The Great City: The future fall of Rome, Jerusalem, or a rebuilt Babylon
    b. The 100-pound hailstones? 100-pound hailstones and a literal earthquake