

Revelation 16 Part 2

Hi, this is Richard Oliver, and we are dealing with part two of chapter sixteen of the book of Revelation, this is unit thirty-three in our series on this book.

This is harvest time. This is time when everything comes to fruition. Everything comes to maturity. Be it doctrine. Be it church systems. Be it economic or political systems. Everything comes to fruition.

For most Christians, the concept of a trinity is not a major issue, they still believe in one God. However, the church doesn't. It believes in three separate persons making up one god. The very word 'person' means an individual. So the whole thing seems to be crazy. But that's what is believed. It's a ploy by Satan to get people to turn away from God, especially His name. When Jesus came to earth He said 'I am come in My Father's name'. Well, what name did He come in? Jesus. We are told this is the only name under heaven whereby men shall be saved. And yet, we are told by the church, that everything must be in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Those three are titles. They're not a name. However, when the squeeze comes, belief in the trinity will be the deciding factor. And that, of course, becomes the mark of the beast, and that is the 666, the admission, the acceptance of church authority over everything instead of Jesus Christ.

Right at the beginning of the book of Revelation this is made absolutely clear when in chapter one verse eight God says, *'I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty.'*

And then over in verse seventeen and eighteen, *'Fear not; I am the first and the last:*

'I am He that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death.'

So this is the one and only true God and His name is Jesus. And that is a key part of the message for today. That Jesus is God. There is only one God. He reveals Himself as a Father, He reveals Himself as a Son, He reveals Himself as the Holy Ghost. But there is one God.

Now, we've just read about the six vials that have been poured out, and the sixth one, I'll read it again in verse twelve.

'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.'

Now that, of course, is today. That is exactly what's going on, the way of the kings of the east has been prepared and they are moving forward.

Then in verses thirteen and fourteen is the description of the three unclean spirits like frogs, coming out of the mouth of the dragon and out of the mouth of the beast and out of the mouth of the false prophet. They are the spirits of devils. These three spirits are to gather all the people of the world together for a battle on the great day of God Almighty. So once this really comes together, once the world, single church, single religious system, economic system, political system all comes together, that is getting ready for the great battle. But look at the next verse.

Verse fifteen, *'Behold, I come as a thief. Blessed is he that watcheth, and keepeth his garments, lest he walk naked, and they see his shame.'*

This is the rapture. This is when Christ takes out His people from the world. There is no way that God can bring judgement on the world if His people are still there. That's what the rapture is for, to take out those that are God's, in two stages. There's the first resurrection which is when the dead rise from the graves, and then we which are alive and remain will be changed, as in One Thessalonians chapter four. And then there are those that have to die for their testimony, the hundred and forty-four thousand, and of course the remnant of the Bride, or the people that are Christians but never fell for the mark of the beast and the false prophet. They will come up in the white throne judgement and be completely saved, praise God for that too.

Verse sixteen, *'And He gathered them together into a place called in the Hebrew tongue Armageddon.'*

Now, if you have a look at a map of Israel you will see the coast rising from the bottom at an angle getting steeper and steeper, then there's a sort of a bump which goes over to the right, and then carries on up again. That bump is caused by Mount Carmel. This is, of course, the mountain where Elijah dealt with the prophets of Baal. And that mountain isn't just a single peak, it's actually a row, a mountain range which runs along near the coast of Israel. From there, you stand along there, you will look down into a great big valley, the valley of Megiddo, and that is the valley of Armageddon.



It's a real place. It's not something dreamt up.

Verse seventeen, *'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.'

There is going to be – reading that it's a bit scary, an earthquake that has never been while man has been on the earth. Something absolutely incredible. This, I think, is also where Los Angeles and San Francisco and all that part of America will fall into the sea. And as we read on we'll find out that there's going to be a lot more happen.

Verse nineteen, *'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.'*

Sounds bad. For us in New Zealand this is a problem.

Next verse, verse twenty, *'And every island fled away, and the mountains were not found.'*

So the whole structure of the world is going to change completely and utterly. And islands in the Pacific such as us and elsewhere aren't going to be there.

Verse twenty-one, *'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.'*

The weight of a talent. Boy, that is going to cause some major issues for anything and everything. Aircraft, motorcars, machinery, house roofs, heads of people. It's going to be a disaster. A major disaster.

And this is all the wrath of God. And still men only curse God. They don't actually turn to Him and realise that this is a judgement on themselves for rejecting God's Word.

God has sent a messenger in these last days, I believe that is William Branham. I believe his ministry was such a vindication that Jesus Christ was with him, that this is Luke chapter seventeen verse thirty when the Son of Man is revealed. In other words, Jesus Christ is revealed in flesh.

Branham himself was killed in 1965 by a drunk driver.

So it is us. We are the body of Christ. We are to fulfil His Words to us in this time, and we must stay with His Word. The bible is one part of God's Word, and I believe that William Branham's messages are the other. If you think of it in terms of a rifle, having two sights, the bible gives us a clear understanding and a clear picture of where we should shoot, but we need that fine tuning, the little insights in the messages that Jesus Christ brought through Bro. Branham's ministry to just line up and get a grip on how things really are.

So, God's message of today is 'come out of her, my people, and be ye not partakers of her plagues'. In other words, come out of a man-made world church system and walk with Jesus Christ alone. For He alone is the One who can lead us and will be the rapturing power that will lift us from this world to the next.

In Jesus's name, God bless you, amen.