

“It is done!” Again
Revelation 16:12-21

1. Recall a time when everything was going wrong and it seemed like the whole world was against you.
2. The sixth bowl was poured out, and the Euphrates River dried up. Before that, the rivers around the world had turned to blood, and all living things in the water were dead. How did the drying up of the river prepare for what was to come? How should we view God’s order in the midst of turmoil?
3. In verses 13-14, three unclean spirits like frogs came out of the mouth of the Dragon (the devil), the Sea Beast (Antichrist), and the Land Beast (the false prophet). They are demonic spirits counterfeiting the Trinity, trying to stir up the kings of the world. Are there any similar “false unions” today that are at enmity with God?
4. The Bible suddenly inserts reminders to “stay awake and remain clothed” (16:15). How does this relate to the promise of “white garments” in Revelation 3:4-5? How do we stay awake and holy in our daily lives?
5. The seventh bowl brings unprecedented disaster, even islands and mountains disappear (16:20). How is this similar to and different from the flood in Genesis (Genesis 6-9)?
6. After the seventh bowl was poured out, there were lightning, sounds, thunder and an unprecedented earthquake. The Bible has repeatedly prophesied the final judgment. What message does it want to convey to us today?
7. When the seventh bowl was poured out, a loud voice came from the throne in the temple, saying, “It is done!” (16:17). How does this relate to Jesus’ “It is finished!” (John 19:30) on the cross? How are God’s redemption and judgment intertwined and echoing each other?
8. Armageddon is often understood as the final battle. Verse 19 mentions that “The great city split into three parts, and the cities of the nations collapsed.” During the great earthquake, hailstones weighing about a hundred pounds fell from the sky. What kind of catastrophic disaster does this symbolize? Why do people continue to blaspheme God?
9. In previous judgments, God was still merciful and gave people opportunities to repent. But in the seven bowls of judgment, God no longer restrained His righteous wrath and poured it all out on Satan and his followers. What warning and comfort does this have for John’s contemporary believers and for us today?
10. God’s “it is done” is the final condemnation of Satan and sinners! Please share some specific action plans for individuals and our fellowship to “keep faith”.