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- 16:2 The first plague will be sores upon those who take the mark of the beast.
- 16:3 During the second plague the sea becomes blood.
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- 16:8,9 The fourth plague causes the sun to scorch people with fire.
- 16:10,11 The fifth plague brings darkness upon the seat of the beast. The seat is the headquarters of the Roman Church in Rome (Dan. 7:7,23; Rev. 13:2), the center from which great spiritual darkness has spread out over the earth.
- 16:12 During the sixth plague the “great river Euphrates” is dried up. The ancient city of Babylon sat upon this river. In Revelation this river represents *the waters of many people* who support the false religious system of spiritual Babylon. Rev. 17:15. The “drying up” represents the collapse of spiritual Babylon’s support system. This “prepares the way” for the Kings of the East - the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit - who will destroy Babylon and deliver the people of God. Mat. 24:27. In the Old Testament it was Cyrus, God’s shepherd, a type of Christ, who “dried up” the *Euphrates* and conquered Babylon *from the east*. Isaiah 44:26-28; 45:1; 46:11.
- 16:13,14 Before the water dries up, the three evil spirits of Babylon (the dragon = paganism; the beast = the Roman Church; the false prophet = false Protestantism *with all its false prophecies about the end-times*) circle the world to gather mankind for the final battle against God Almighty.
- 16:15 Jesus Christ, the King from the East, urges His children to maintain faith in Him and in His righteousness. *He now warns us not to yield to these evil powers, lest we sin and become naked like Adam and Eve in Eden*. Gen. 3:7.
- 16:16 The world is gathered at Armageddon for the final showdown. This is a global battle (16:14) of the united powers of earth *against Jesus Christ and His loyal Commandment-Keeping Remnant*. Rev. 12:17; 14:12; 17:12-14. The King from the East, who is King of Kings and Lord of Lords, will descend from the skies and crush the global forces of Babylon. Rev. 19:11-16.
- 16:17-21 The seventh plague is the end of the world. A huge earthquake demolishes the cities of the world. The three parts of Babylon receive the wrath of God. Gigantic hailstones devastate the earth.

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A Deeper Study of "Armageddon" - Revelation 16:16

- 1) The word "Armageddon" is used only once in the Bible.
- 2) There is no literal place called "Armageddon" on planet earth.
- 3) There is a valley north of Jerusalem which was called "the valley of Megiddo" in the Old Testament. 2 Chron. 35:22. It was a place of slaughter.
- 4) "Armageddon" is a combination of two words: 1) "Ar" - the Greek is literally "Har" - meaning "mountain." 2) "Mageddon" meaning "slaughter." Thus Armageddon literally means "Mountain of Slaughter."
- 5) The "dragon ... the beast ... and the false prophet" gather "the kings of the earth and of the whole world" to "the battle of the great day of God Almighty ... Armageddon." Revelation 16:13,14,16.
- 6) In Daniel 2:34,35,44,45 the Kingdom of God is represented as "a great mountain" which eventually "filled the whole earth." Thus the word "Armageddon" which means "Mountain of Slaughter" in Revelation 16:16, represents the Global Mountain of Satan's Kingdom about to be slaughtered at the Second Coming of Jesus Christ!
- 7) The slaughter occurs in Revelation 16:17-21. A "great earthquake" occurs and "the cities of the nations fell."
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- 9) Thus "Armageddon" (Revelation 16:14,16) represents the final worldwide "battle" between Satan's kingdom and "God Almighty" at the end of earth's history. The devil's global kingdom is defeated at "Armageddon," the "Mountain of Slaughter."

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 Mat. 26:41 To "watch" means *to watch out for and to overcome temptation.*
 Genesis 2:16,17; 3:1-7 Adam and Eve sinned and became "naked."
 Romans 5:12,19 Adam's sin was "disobedience."
 Ephesians 2:2; 5:6 "Wrath" is coming upon "the children of disobedience."
 Revelation 3:18 Jesus wants to cover our nakedness with His "white garments."
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 Revelation 14:12 Those ready for Armageddon will "keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus."

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