

JOB 38:22-23 – HANDOUT
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Job 38:22 Hast thou entered into the treasures of the snow? or hast thou seen the treasures of the hail,
Job 38:23 Which I have reserved against the time of trouble, against the day of battle and war?

Job 38:22-23 (ESV) - "Have you **entered** the **storehouses** of the **snow**, or have you seen the **storehouses** of the **hail**, Job 38:23 which I have **reserved** for the **time of trouble**, for the day of **battle** and **war**?"

Job 38:22 - 23 Hast thou entered the treasuries of the snow, Or hast thou seen the treasures of the hail,
Job 38:23 Which I have reserved against the time of trouble, Against the day of battle and war? ASV

Rev.3:20 – “Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him and he with me.”

Job 38:1 – 3, Job 40:1 – 8, Job 42:1 - 15

SNOW – Meat in Due Season

Mat 24:45 - 47 - Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his lord hath made ruler over his household, to give them **meat in due season**?make him ruler over all his goods.

Mat 24:27 – 31 – vs.28 - For **wheresoever the carcass is**, there will the eagles be gathered together.

Dan 12:1 - 4**time of trouble**, But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, *even* to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased.

Amo 9:13 - 15 Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that the **plowman shall overtake the reaper**, and the **treader of grapes him that soweth seed**; and the **mountains shall drop sweet wine**, and all the **hills shall melt**. Amo 9:14 And I will **bring again the captivity of my people of Israel....**

2Pe 3:10 - 12 - melting of the elements and works that make up the earth (society)

HAIL – Our Lord delivers the hail in order to both prepare and to destroy. Truth on all subjects as we read, “reserved for the time of trouble, for the day of battle and war”.

Psa 18:13 The LORD also thundered in the heavens, and the **Highest gave his voice; hail stones and coals of fire**. Connection to Ezek.10:1-2.

Psa 148:8 Fire, and hail; snow, and vapour; stormy wind fulfilling his word:

Rev 11:15 - 19 And the **seventh angel sounded**;And the **nations were angry**, and thy **wrath is come**, there was seen in his temple the ark of his testament: and there were lightnings, and voices, and thunderings, and an earthquake, and **great hail**. “Great hail” similar to four winds becoming a whirlwind, a process.

Rev 16:21 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**. – End of Time of Trouble, which is the Day of Wrath & Vengeance, Armageddon.

Isa 28:1-2 Woe to the crown of pride, to the drunkards of Ephraim (Christendom),Behold, the Lord hath a mighty and strong one, *which* as a **tempest of hail and a destroying storm**, as a **flood of mighty waters overflowing**, shall cast down to the earth with the hand. – **So much of this is accomplished by the Sword of Truth and truth in general accompanying our Lord's Return and His taking of power to accomplish God's Word and Plan.**

Isa 28:16 – 18 - Judgment also will I lay to the line, and righteousness to the plummet: and the **hail shall sweep away the refuge of lies, and the waters shall overflow the hiding place.....** Still lots of lies but they do not stand, they are countered and lead to destruction.

Joel 3:9-21 **Put ye in the sickle, for the harvest is ripe: come, get you down; for the press is full, the fats overflow; for their wickedness is great (Reference to the two great reaping works of the harvest described in Rev.14).....** The sun and the moon shall be darkened, and the stars shall withdraw their shining (Our Lord rephrased this in Matt.24).....**Egypt shall be a desolation, and Edom shall be a desolate wilderness, for the violence against the children of Judah,....**

Isa 11:9 - 16

So we see that the snow and hail are delivered in preparation for and during the Time of Trouble.

How was it or is it delivered?

Snow - Seventh Angel as the "Man with the writer's inkhorn".

The framework for understanding the signs, types, pictures etc. was given to us by our Returned Lord through that "wise and faithful servant", the seventh angel, the "man in white linen with the inkhorn". Our Father, our great God has given multiple witnesses that refer to this particular individual including our Lord in his own great prophecy and also in His Revelation. Why? So that we would clearly understand the Lord's arrangements in dispensing meat in due season, so there would be no doubt when it became understood that there are obligations and requirements involved with this privilege, starting with the call to come out, given to our brethren on the scene when the seventh angel sounded and through whom, is it was through Aaron under the direction of Moses, was given the voice, the meaning, of the three signs found in Ex.4. Through all three of these voices, Food for Thinking Christians, Tabernacle Shadows & Studies in the Scriptures, along with the witness effort, these three voices, our brethren on the scene recognized the call to come out of her before her plagues came upon her. A representative group of brethren at the time of the call to come out must be subject to experiencing the beginning of the plagues. By this they demonstrated their love and heart loyalty.

Here we pause to state emphatically that attacks on the Jubilees, chronology or any other truth that was brought to our attention by our returned Lord through the seventh angel, Br. Russell, would, if the attacks were true, mean that our Lord allowed the seventh angel to believe, teach and publish error without correction and consequently, decades of saints have been misled until individuals not mentioned or identified or granted authority in the scriptures to correct the seventh angel came along

to enlighten us. Neither our God or our Lord, would do anything in direct contradiction to their own arrangements and proclamations. It would mean that the “snow” was contaminated.

Rev.11:14-19 – Seventh angel is the third woe before the seven last plagues. The reign of Jesus Christ has begun. The entire plan of God is revealed (24 elders worshiping), the temple of God is opened (resurrection of sleeping saints). The prominent position of the seventh angel is established by these texts.

Rev.1:12-20 – vs.13 - “...**girt about the paps with a golden girdle.**” Part of our Lords glory scene. (Note same description of seven angels in Rev.15:6). **Vs.16** – “**his right hand seven stars**” – shows prominent position of seven stars. **Vs.20** – “**The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches**” – gives us the explanation of what the seven stars symbolize.

1Cor.15:40-45 – Proof that stars represent individual spirit beings in the scriptures and that the seven angels ultimately become divine beings. See also Gen.22:16-18, 24:60, 26:4

Rev.3:14-22 – Describes character of the Laodicean period and the dangers to the church. Indicates that our Lord will be present and prepared to feed His people, which He does through the seventh angel by releasing the snows of truth, giving us the ability to recognize the hail and its impact.

Rev.11:14-19 – Note that the seventh angel is the only angel in Revelation whose message is more or less clearly stated with very few symbols. “**Sounded**” – To blow or sound a trumpet – Youngs. Historically, what individual gave this message and spread it far and wide? Pastor Russell.

Rev. 10:7 – “But in the **days of the voice of the seventh angel, when he shall begin to sound, the mystery of God should be finished**, as he hath declared to his servants the prophets.” – The sounding of this angel will bring the complete declaration of God’s plans and ultimately bring the completion of the church. Hab.2:1-3 (“write the vision and make it plain upon tables...”). Rev.10:3 – “seven thunders” – Volumes & Tabernacle Shadows, the “snow” delivered to us.

Rev.15:1-8 – Vs.1 - “seven last plagues; for in them is **filled up the wrath of God. (because in them was finished the wrath of God – Diaglott)**” The plagues are symbols of the great time of trouble and this trouble will be finished by these plagues. **Vs.6** – “**seven angels came out of the temple, having the seven plagues, clothed in pure and white linen, and having their breasts girded with golden girdles.**” The seven angels are all in glory (See Rev.1:13 proof text re: golden girdle). **Vs.8** – “**And the temple was filled with smoke from the glory of God, and from his power; and no man was able to enter into the temple, till the seven plagues of the seven angels were fulfilled.**” The temple (glorified church – see “To Us the Scriptures Clearly Teach”) cannot become the meeting place between man and God until the troubles (plagues) are complete and the church is complete. The temple was opened in 1878 with the resurrection of the sleeping saints.

Matt.24:45-47 – “Ruler” – Youngs – to set down permanently; Strongs – to place down permanently, to designate, constitute, ordain, appoint.

Which saint, beside the 7th Angel who is the wise and faithful servant, has the authority to say what is meat in due season? What sense does it make to ignore, change or attack meat in due season provided through the seventh angel?

Heb.5:13-14 – “Strong meat” is an absolute necessity for those Christians who will reach “full age”.

Referring back to Matt.24:28 we note that this is a statement of fact and the scripture is not stated the other way around, not stated that the carcass will go to where the eagles are, but rather that the eagles will go to the carcass. **Isa.40:31**

Hab.2:1-3 – At an appointed time the vision will be written down completely and plainly. “**all his goods**”.

Matt. 25:1-13 - All heard the cry but the foolish had a lackadaisical and compromising spirit shown by their efforts to split the oil with wise virgins. If the wise had shared with the foolish then none of them would have had the full measure of oil indicating a lowering of standards of truth and righteousness. If you haven't done so, we suggest that you spend time reading about how the truth was revealed to Pastor Russell, it is absolutely thrilling and faith strengthening. With it came trials & siftings that should be very instructive to us. See R3820

Rev.18:1-10, Vs.1-2 – An angel with great power delivers a strong message with a strong voice. **Vs.4** – The call to come out is made to those who are in **danger of two things**, partaking of Babylon's sins and receiving of her troubles (plagues). See **C165-166**. **Vs.10** – “**one hour**” - It is not a coincidence that the Pastor's ministry was between 40 & 42 years long (1,000/24=41.67) nor that the seventh messenger produced seven significant works, the six volumes of scripture studies and the tabernacle shadows. No one else delivered and finished this call to come out as indicated in Ezek.9:11.

Ezekiel 9:1-11, 10:1-3

Vs. 2 - “stood beside the brazen altar”. (Shows stature that these seven have been with God, a justified status, made right status.)

Vs.4 - “Go through the midst of the city, through the midst of Jerusalem, and set a mark upon the foreheads of the men that sigh and that cry for all the abominations that be done in the midst thereof.” – shows that saints are not with harmony with the activities of the city and that they need knowledge in order to be protected.

Vs. 5 - “Go ye after him through the city, and smite: let not your eye spare, neither have ye pity:” Total destruction is the final outcome.

Vs. 9 - “The LORD hath forsaken the earth” (the world is condemned, weighed in the balances and found wanting).

9:11 And, behold, the man clothed with linen, which [had] the inkhorn by his side, reported the matter, saying, I have done as thou hast commanded me.

6 are beyond the veil, follow writer. Complete destruction shown, indicating time of trouble, day of wrath, seven last plagues. See also T15, 22, 125 for symbol definitions for Brazen Altar & Cherubim

10:2-3, And he spake unto the man clothed with linen, and said, Go in between the wheels, [even] under the cherub, and fill thine hand with coals of fire from between the cherubims, and scatter [them] over the city. And he went in my sight. Now the cherubims stood on the right side of the house, when the man went in; and the cloud filled the inner court. – Note that the **inkhorn is gone and now the “man clothed with linen” has the power to execute judgment** (“coals of fire”) with destruction upon the “city”, **indicating that the seventh angel is now beyond the veil, taking part in pouring out the seven last plagues**. The “inner court” is filled with a “cloud”, possibly correlating with Rev.15:8 and with the Solomon’s temple picture.

Did the Pastor complete this work or didn’t he? This clearly shows that the role of marking & separating was the Pastor’s role to be completed within his ministry this side of the veil of death. That he completed his ministry and work is shown in five dramatic ways evidenced by historical facts and events. 1) Turning over of crowns and unripe wheat coming in from the world after 1914 2) Corruption of the Watchtower after the Pastor’s death 3) Loosing of the four winds in 1914 4) The first plaque poured out in the Communist/Socialist revolutions beginning in 1917 (more on this latter) 5) The wind and earthquake processes or phases of the time of trouble shown by the same events. God’s plans for the destruction of the old order include phases i.e. travail upon a woman; this is likewise true of God’s plans for setting up Christ’s Kingdom on earth.

Ex.4:1-31, R4057 – VOICE OF THE THREE SIGNS

We see in Ex. 4:27-31 that Moses did not address Israel directly but instead through Aaron.. This shows that this message is given by or through the living members of the body of Christ, represented by Aaron. We also see the willingness of Aaron and the recognition of the leadership and headship of Moses. What a great privilege the Aaron class has to proclaim this message to the spiritual Israelites at exactly the right time! Let us ask the following questions, ‘Who was in charge of fulfilling this mouthpiece function?’ ‘When and how were these signs delivered?’

VOICE OF THE FIRST SIGN - 4:2-4

Moses’ Rod = Divine Authority, Serpent = Symbol of evil, of sin and all its consequences, evil in general.

Lesson: God let go of his rod of authority resulting in 6,000 plus years of sin and evil. It is God’s intention to take hold upon present evil conditions and re-establish his authority in his own hand, through Christ, head & body.

Ex 4:8–9 - **It takes all three signs for the Israelites to be convinced.** It is the act of proclaiming the message of the anti-type that is the voice.

R4058 “These acts or signs are said to have "voices" or to be <testimonies.> (`Exod. 4:8,9`.) Hence our query must be, Is this sign or testimony now being given to God's people throughout the world? We answer, Yes. Has it been always recognized and presented thus? We answer, No. Was it ever thus presented before this harvest -----*MILLENNIAL DAWN, Vol. II., Chap. VII. time? We answer, No. Heretofore it has been a matter of speculation amongst peoples and theologians of all classes and shades of Christian belief, but a question without an answer--Why did God permit evil in the world?

We would avoid personality as far as possible, but believe it to be in the interest of the Truth and of the true Israelites that we point out that this sign has already been given....” (Pastor avoided this but the

subject was so important to him that felt compelled to share his thoughts with everyone – Note difference between his treatments of Ezek. 9 & Rev. 7. Ezek 9 pointed directly to an individual so he did not comment on it.)

VOICE OF THE SECOND SIGN - Ex.4:6-7

Hand = Divine Power Leprosy = Sin In/Out/In/Out represents time periods and conditions.

Hand without leprosy = God's power manifested un-blemished.

Hand with leprosy = During Gospel Age God has been represented by the body of Christ. World sees them as blemished but from God's viewpoint their blemishes are all covered with the merit of Christ's righteousness.

Hand without leprosy = Church in glory, changed. In the Day of Atonement tabernacle picture, this occurs when the garments of sacrifice, white linen are exchanged for garments of glory & beauty indicating the end of the Gospel Age, filling up of the cup of suffering, the sealing of the new testament requiring the death of the testator and a new application for the blood.

"But has the voice or sign of this testimony gone forth in any particular channel, as did the preceding voice or testimony? We answer, Yes: in the MILLENNIAL DAWN series of volumes, the first of which was published in 1886. The united testimony (6th volume – 1904) of these relates to the Church, showing original sin, the first step out of it into justification through faith in Christ, the second step of sanctification and sacrifice, and the ultimate change in the First Resurrection to the divine nature and glory and joint-heirship. These volumes deal specially with this subject from its various standpoints, the ransom-sacrifice of our Lord, on account of which the cleansing will come to us in due time, being everywhere prominently set forth; and also the fact that no absolute purity is to be expected until the Lord shall take us to himself in our "change."

Supplemental to the teaching of the DAWNS on this subject, and to assist in emphasizing their "voice" and making clear their testimony, the Pilgrim service has been instituted under which various brethren travel from place to place explaining and demonstrating the lesson taught by the leprous hand and its healing, and all of our readers, having heard the testimony, are daily giving it forth to others."

THE VOICE OF THE THIRD SIGN - Ex.4:8-9

Water = Truth Earth = Society, World in general.

Lesson = Water would ordinarily mean the refreshment of the earth but in present evil conditions it produces a different result, Water to Blood upon Earth, showing rejection, intolerance and abhorrence or the Truth.

Mat 24:29, Acts 2:20

Mat 24:29 Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken:

Act 2:20 The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before that great and notable day of the Lord come:

“Is there anything corresponding to this sign now in progress in the world that could be esteemed a sign or testimony to the True Israelites, such as never was before given? We answer, Yes, there is. A very remarkable movement has been in progress amongst us during the past sixteen years, during which the <Watch> <Tower Bible and Tract Society> has supplied tracts free in any quantity to those who would promise to use them judiciously. You have the annual reports showing the millions of pages which have thus been circulated ----- *MILLENNIAL DAWN, Vol. I., pp. 66-71. +MILLENNIAL DAWN, Vol. IV., pp. 590-594.:R4060 page 280:: --the Truth being thus poured upon the symbolical earth, society, (keep symbols simple & consistent) liberally in many lands and in many languages. But especially has this pouring out of the water, Truth, progressed wonderfully during the past nine years under what we have designated the "Volunteer" work, in which hundreds of the Lord's consecrated people have systematically, season after season, distributed to Christian people tracts and booklets which our Society has supplied freely--the donations covering the expense coming in without urging or even request.

“R4059 <WHAT SHALL WE SAY TO THESE THINGS?>

It should be a great encouragement to us all to find so clearly expressed in the type what we had vaguely and indistinctly hoped for, viz., that the Lord's people of the Royal Priesthood on this side the vail are being used of him in various ways in the accomplishment of his purpose of separating the people of God from others--the wheat from the tares.

Emphasize “so clear a fulfillment”. Casually dismissed by some. We would call this carelessness. Prophecy is connected and the beauty of the plan is seen by the harmony of all of its parts. If we ignore a part of that plan how could we truly know that our conclusions are correct? We remember the admonitions “study to show thyself approved”, “precept upon precept ,line upon line”, “rightly dividing the word of truth”.

We note that these signs are a separating message prior to the plagues. We see the connection or link to the separating of the wheat and the tares because it is the call to come out that separates. C164-166. We covered Ezek.9 earlier.

Rev.7:1-4 - Since 1881 there have been 144,000 members of the church on both sides of the vail. Note that there are no glory symbols in this chapter regarding the 144,000 but rather some of the servants of God are described as requiring a sealing in the forehead in order to avoid harm. See connection to symbols of “sea” and “earth” found in Lk.21:24-26, Rev.16:1-3, & Psa.46.

Rev.9:1-4 (first woe – in the beginning of the reformation) – “but only those men which have not the seal of God in their foreheads.” (This shows that the forehead sealing occurs entirely on this side of the veil for the purpose of protecting those sealed from events and processes in the earth.)

There are six references which indicate that the four winds have been loosed (WWI – 1914), including the Pastor’s last sermon recorded in R6014. (R5715, 5753, 5765, 5825, 5863, 6014)

FIRST PLAGUE. Is there unmistakable evidence of the pouring out of this plague? We answer with a very firm yes.

Remember the earlier quote from the Pastor on C165 – “These plagues or troubles, foreshadowed in the troubles upon the rejected Jewish house, are pictured in such lurid symbols in the book of Revelation that many students have very exaggerated and wild ideas on this subject, and are therefore unprepared for the realities now closely impending. They often interpret the symbols literally, and hence are unprepared to see them fulfilled as they will be--by religious, social and political disturbances, controversies, upheavals, reactions, revolutions, etc.”

We should expect to see Mega-trends in the earth with a clearly marked beginning for the first plague followed by processes of destruction of the elements of society depicted by the symbols in Rev.16.

Rev. 16:1 And I heard a great voice out of the temple saying to the seven angels, Go your ways, and pour out the vials of the wrath of God upon the **earth**. 16:2 And the first went, and poured out his vial upon the **earth**; and there fell a **noisome and grievous sore upon the men which had the mark of the beast, and [upon] them which worshipped his image.**

Rev.16:2 (**Diaglott**) – “And the First went forth, and poured out his BOWL on the LAND; and there came an evil and **malignant Ulcer** on THOSE MEN HAVING the MARK of the BEAST, and on WORSHIPPING his IMAGE.”

This plague results in an evil, ever spreading, and unstoppable process that particularly impacts those with the mark of the beast and its image. Who are those who have the mark of the beast? (D-x, OV268) Just as the saints have an intellectual sealing in their forehead from the truth, these are those who have an intellectual mark from the doctrines of the papacy and its image, the Protestant systems. This plague had a clearly marked beginning in the communist revolution in 1917 and the resulting socialist revolutions, which swept Europe and continue to this day. Wherever communist power spread those with the mark of the beast and its image were restricted and closed down. Socialism has substituted secularism with all its ism’s so that Christianity is regarded as the museum religion in western Europe. **So great has this mega-trend of destruction been that the conditions for a greater beginning and process no longer exist, thus verifying that we have the correct application of this plague and thus know when the pouring out of the plagues began.**

BRIEF CONSIDERATION OF SECOND THROUGH SEVENTH PLAGUES, REV.16.

Rev. 16:3 - And the second angel poured out his vial upon the sea; and it became as the blood of a dead [man]; and every living soul died in the sea.

- Note the pattern, “and the second angel”. Important for identifying breaks in the narrative, particularly parenthetical texts.
- Rev.17:15 - And he saith unto me, The waters which thou sawest, where the whore sitteth, are peoples, and multitudes, and nations, and tongues.
- Psa.46:2-3 & 6 - Therefore will not we fear, though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea; [Though] the waters thereof roar [and] be troubled, [though] the mountains shake with the swelling thereof. Selah....The heathen raged, the kingdoms were moved: he uttered his voice, the earth melted.
- This is the explosion of special interest groups & political ideologies of all kinds that cause the sea to become a place of conflict, confusion and death.

Rev. 16:4-6 - And the third angel poured out his vial upon the rivers and fountains of waters; and they became blood. 16:5 And I heard the angel of the waters say, Thou art righteous, O Lord, which art, and wast, [[and shalt be,]] the holy, because thou hast judged thus. 16:6 For they have shed the blood of saints and prophets, and thou hast given them blood to drink; for they are worthy. And I heard [[another out of]] the altar say, Even so, Lord God Almighty, true and righteous [are] thy judgments.

- Here we have an explanatory break in verses 5 to 7 to explain why this is happening. These earthly institutions of learning were founded in part on Judeo/Christian principals but often turned a blind eye to the saints and the truth of God's word. Now they have become proponents of God defiling ideologies represented in the humanist, man created isms. The result is instability, immorality, death to society.

Rev. 16:8-9 - And the fourth angel poured out his vial upon the sun; and power was given unto him to scorch men with fire. 16:9 And men were scorched with great heat, and blasphemed the name of God, which hath power over these plagues: and they repented not to give him glory.

- Remember that here the sun is an element of the earth, society. This would represent something that shines some form of light so intense that it scorches and produces great discomfort and anxiety among those who defy and oppose God. This sun, we believe represents the various forms of news and information disseminators. Remember in all of this that we should expect to see examples of Satan casting our Satan as he reacts to our Lord's moves and attempts to create counterfeits and reactionary movements among the various elements of society including the raging masses. Never in the history of man has there been the freedom to report news on all subjects in any manner the reporting entity desires, good or bad. Have you noticed the intensity of the blaspheming of the name of God by word and actions? Hard to miss.
- We believe the intensity of this scorching coincides with the process of fulfillment of Matt.24:29 – "Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken:" – This is referring to the true sun, the Gospel, but its influence wanes for a time.

Rev.16:10-11 - And the fifth angel poured out his vial upon the seat of the beast; and his kingdom was full of darkness; and they gnawed their tongues for pain, 16:11 And blasphemed the God of heaven because of their pains [[and their sores,]] and repented not [[of their deeds.]]

- This relates specifically to the remnants of the Papacy's power structure and their dark secrets and doctrines of devils. Have they had to eat their words? Have they been exposed as hypocrites and worse? Again, hard to miss.

Rev.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.

- Support along all lines decreases and fades away. In western Europe Papacy is gone for all practical purposes. In America they have sold off many of their assets and the threat of bankruptcy due to lawsuits is a constant threat. Expect more to come.

Now we have the most significant break in the narrative of Rev.16. This break takes us back to the gathering and preparatory period leading up to the pouring out of the seven last plagues. These events, forces and processes mentioned here actually occur during the third woe described in Rev.11:15-19.

Rev.16:13 – 16 - 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. **(Note that is does not say**

they come out of the Euphrates) 16:14 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. 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. 16:16 And he **gathered them together into a place called in the Hebrew tongue Armageddon.**

- ‘Dv - Coming to the interpretation of the symbols of **Rev. 16:13-16**, we find that there are three agencies connected with the gathering of the hosts to this Battle of Armageddon. We read that out of the mouth of the Beast, out of the mouth of the False Prophet and out of the mouth of the Dragon proceeded three unclean spirits like frogs; and that these three unclean spirits, frog-like, went forth throughout the whole world to gather the whole world into this Battle of Armageddon.”
- The croaking of these frogs is described on pages Dx-Dxi of the forward as the Divine authority of the Church, Divine authority of the Kings and the duty of the people to support these authorities. This influence was powerful in gathering the nations to Armageddon, the recruitment of huge armies, huge sums of money spent to arm these armies as they moved towards the beginning of Armageddon in WWI. Is there any influence from or even awareness of these croakings any longer? What did the people do to these authorities during and after WWI?
- We also recall the period leading up to WWI as a great time of making federations and proclaiming that peace was guaranteed by the terrible weapons being produced. Peace societies were prevalent. So we see them proclaiming peace, peace when there was no peace. Jer.6:14, Ezek.13:10,
- This period is clearly identified as beginning with our Lord’s arrival in verse 15.

Now we move back to our narrative regarding the seven last plagues, having gained an appreciation of the preparation for that great day, the Day of Wrath, Armageddon.

Rev.16:17-21 - 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. 16:18 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. 16:19 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. 16:20 And every island fled away, and the mountains were not found. 16:21 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.

- That this finishes off all of the previous processes described in the preparation for and in the pouring out of the plagues is indicated in four ways: 1) “It is done”; 2) the greatest and the last earthquake and the fierceness of the treading of the winepress; 3) the republics and kingdoms flee away indicating a leveling and fragmenting of power structures in the earth; 4) hail or truth of enormous weight assails men. Note that this plague was poured out on the air and hail is not mentioned until verse 21 because these hard, heavy truths are the finishing result, stronger for purposes of destruction than the hail under the 3rd woe, Rev.11:19.

We think we see a possible beginning in the advent of the internet, talk radio and cable news. More and more truth along all lines comes out every year and this trend will continue without abatement.