God is looking for people who will live recklessly for Him-not concerned with public opinion or preacher's opinions but becoming a love slave of Christ.
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REVELATION CHAPTER SIXTEEN
Handout Twenty-Two
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Revelation 16

16 *Then I heard a mighty voice from the temple sanctuary saying to the seven angels, Go and empty out on the earth the seven bowls of God's wrath and indignation.*
2 *So the first [angel] went and emptied his bowl on the earth, and foul and painful ulcers (sores) came on the people who were marked with the stamp of the beast and who did homage to his image.*
3 *The second [angel] emptied his bowl into the sea, and it turned into blood like that of a corpse [thick, corrupt, ill-smelling, and disgusting], and every living thing that was in the sea perished.*
4 *Then the third [angel] emptied out his bowl into the rivers and the springs of water, and they turned into (became) blood.*
5 *And I also heard the angel of the waters say, Righteous (just) are You in these Your decisions and judgments, You Who are and were, O Holy One!*
6 *Because they have poured out the blood of Your people (the saints) and the prophets, and You have given them blood to drink. Such is their due [they deserve it]!*
7 *And [from] the altar I heard [the] cry, Yes, Lord God the Omnipotent, Your judgments (sentences, decisions) are true and just and righteous!*
8 *Then the fourth [angel] emptied out his bowl upon the sun, and it was permitted to burn (scorch) humanity with [fierce, glowing] heat (fire).*
9 *People were severely burned (scorched) by the fiery heat, and they reviled and blasphemed the name of God, Who has control of these plagues, and they did not repent of their sins [felt no regret, contrition, and compunction for their waywardness, refusing to amend their ways] to give Him glory.*
10 *Then the fifth [angel] emptied his bowl on the throne of the beast, and his kingdom was [plunged] in darkness; and people gnawed their tongues for the torment [of their excruciating distress and severe pain]*
11 *And blasphemed the God of heaven because of their anguish and their ulcers (sores), and they did not deplore their wicked deeds or repent [for what they had done].*
12 *Then the sixth [angel] emptied his bowl on the mighty river Euphrates, and its water was dried up to make ready a road for [the coming of] the kings of the east (from the rising sun).*
13 *And I saw three loathsome spirits like frogs, [leaping] from the mouth of the dragon*

and from the mouth of the beast and from the mouth of the false prophet.
14 *For really they are the spirits of demons that perform signs (wonders, miracles). And they go forth to the rulers and leaders all over the world, to gather them together for war on the great day of God the Almighty.*
15 *Behold, I am going to come like a thief! Blessed (happy, to be envied) is he who stays awake (alert) and who guards his clothes, so that he may not be naked and [have the shame of being] seen exposed!*
16 *And they gathered them together at the place which in Hebrew is called Armageddon.*
17 *Then the seventh [angel] emptied out his bowl into the air, and a mighty voice came out of the sanctuary of heaven from the throne [of God], saying, It is done! [It is all over, it is all accomplished, it has come!]*
18 *And there followed lightning flashes, loud rumblings, peals of thunder, and a tremendous earthquake; nothing like it has ever occurred since men dwelt on the earth, so severe and far-reaching was that earthquake.*
19 *The mighty city was broken into three parts, and the cities of the nations fell. And God kept in mind mighty Babylon, to make her drain the cup of His furious wrath and indignation.*
20 *And every island fled, and no mountains could be found.*
21 *And great (excessively oppressive) hailstones, as heavy as a talent [between fifty and sixty pounds], of immense size, fell from the sky on the people; and men blasphemed God for the plague of the hail, so very great was [the torture] of that plague.*

It is important to note from verse one that Jesus is that voice in the temple, and He is in command all the way to the end of Revelation. This is His judgment against a Jesus-hating world full of rebellion against God. God is a God of love, but He also is a God of justice, and here we see the world getting what it deserves.

Because these seven bowls of wrath are similar to the ten plagues God sent on Egypt when Moses confronted the Pharaoh, I will list these ten plagues here:

a. The water made into blood (Exodus 7:20-25)
b. The frogs (Exodus 8:5-14)
c. The lice (Exodus 8:16-18)
d. The flies (Exodus 8:20-24)
e. The plague on the cattle (Exodus 9:3-6)
f. The boils and sores (Exodus 9:8-11)
g. The thunder and the hail (Exodus 9:22-26)
h. The locusts (Exodus 10:12-19)
i. The darkness (Exodus 10:21-23)
j. The slaying of the first-born (Exodus 12:29-30)

They are also similar to the terrors of the seven trumpets:

a. The coming of hail, fire and blood, through which a third part of the trees and all the green grass are withered (Revelation 8:7)
b. The flaming mountain cast into the sea, whereby one third of the sea becomes blood (Revelation 8:8)
c. The fall of the star, Wormwood, into the waters, making the waters become bitter and poisonous (Revelation 8:10-11)
d. The smiting of one-third of the sun and the moon and the stars, whereby all is darkened (Revelation 8:12)
e. The coming of the star who unlocks the pit of the abyss, from which comes the smoke out of which comes the demonic locusts (Revelation 9:1-12)
f. The loosing of the four angels bound in the Euphrates and the coming of the demonic cavalry from the east (Exodus 9:13-21)
g. The announcement of the final victory of God and of the rebellious anger of the nations (Revelation 11:15).

Then we come to this final series of terrors. They are similar to the plagues of Egypt and to the seven trumpet judgments, but they are different in this sense. The plagues and trumpet judgments are always limited to only a portion of the earth, whereas the seven bowls of wrath bring the complete destruction to the whole world.

The seven bowls of wrath poured out by the seven angels are the following:

a. The coming of the ulcerous sores upon those who had the mark of the beast (Revelation 16:2)
b. The sea becoming like the blood of a corpse (Revelation 16:3)
c. The rivers and fountains becoming blood (Revelation 16:4)
d. The sun becoming scorching hot (Revelation 16:8)
e. The darkness over the kingdom of the beast, and its agony (Revelation 16:10)
f. The drying up of the Euphrates to open a way for the forces of the kings of the east (Revelation 16:12)
g. The pollution of the air and the accompanying terrors in nature, the thunder, the earthquake, the lightning, and the hail (Revelation 16:17-21) [The hail stones that came down were said to weigh a talent. This means that they weighed one hundred pounds.]

Between the sixth and seventh bowls of wrath is an interlude which alludes to the battle of Armageddon or more correctly, the battle of *Har-Madeon*. This is actually a war. J. Vernon McGee believes that this war will be initiated by the coming down of Russia around the middle of the Tribulation Period and will continue for approximately

three- and one-half years. The conclusion of this war will be the coming of Jesus to set His kingdom up on the earth.

These frogs, I believe, are not literal but symbolic since the scripture says *three unclean spirits **like** frogs.* Since these spirits come out of the mouth of the unholy trinity, i.e. the dragon, the beast, and the false prophet, I believe it is talking about powerful and wicked words that will be spoken that will provoke the whole world to war. Frogs, in scripture are considered, unclean. They are connected with plagues (Exodus 8:5-11, Psalm 78:45, and Psalm 105:30) and although not specifically named, they are part of the creatures of Leviticus 11:9-11, where all things living in the water that do not have fins or scales are called an abomination and should not be eaten.