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- 12 Then the sixth angel poured out his bowl on the great river Euphrates, and its water was dried up, so that the way of the kings from the east might be prepared.
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- 14 For they are spirits of demons, performing signs, which go out to the kings ^[g] of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty.
- 15 “Behold, I am coming as a thief. Blessed is he who watches, and keeps his garments, lest he walk naked and they see his shame.”
- 16 And they gathered them together to the place called in Hebrew, ^[h] Armageddon.
- 17 Then the seventh angel poured out his bowl into the air, and a loud voice came out of the temple of heaven, from the throne, saying, “It is done!”
- 18 And there were noises and thunderings and lightnings; and there was a great earthquake, such a mighty and great earthquake as had not occurred since men were on the earth.
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Footnotes

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Notes on Footnotes

The KJV / NKJV is based on the received text, the version where there exist most ancient Greek manuscripts.

NU - stands for Netsle-Aland Greek New Testament /United Bible Society. These are texts based on the oldest, but not the most numerous ancient manuscripts.

The NU-Text found in the footnotes represent the text found in Alexandria / Egypt, because this text is considered to be oldest version of the new testament still in existence. However, old does not automatically mean correct. Alexandria is known to be the seat of occult teachings in ancient times. Even in the 1st and 2nd century there were already incorrect versions of Paul's letters in circulation, but the majority of the copies (i.e. the received text) agreed with each other.

M - Masoretic Text - Traditional text of the Old Testament. Often compared to the LXX (Septuagint, which is the Greek version of the Old Testament.)

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Prelude to the Bowl Judgements

The bowls of God’s wrath are the result of a sinful world.

— “**wrath**” The Greek word for “wrath” *orgé*; Phonetic “or-gay’ ” it is the same word used for; anger, **passion**; punishment, vengeance

— **Passion**: This same wrath that God poured out on the earth, was the passion that drove Jesus to the cross.

— **Wrath** is the exact opposite of what God desires for man

Like the fellowship He had with Adam and Eve.

Revelation 15:8

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Isaiah 63:9 God’s Mercy Remembered

7 I will mention the loving kindnesses of the Lord and the praises of the Lord, according to all that the Lord has bestowed on us, and the great goodness toward the house of Israel, which He has bestowed on them according to His mercies, according to the multitude of His lovingkindnesses.

8 For He said, “Surely they are My people, Children who will not lie.” So He became their Savior.

9 In all their affliction He was [*(Knowledge transfer, Septuagint, and the ancient language of Syria)* not afflicted] afflicted. And the Angel of His Presence saved them; In His love and in His pity He redeemed them; And He bore them and carried them All the days of old.

10 But they rebelled and grieved His Holy Spirit; so He turned Himself against them as an enemy, and He fought against them. Fourth Bowl: Men Are Scorched

Revelation 15:4 Prelude to the Bowl Judgments

1 Then I saw another sign in heaven, great and marvelous: seven angels having the seven last plagues, for in them the wrath of God is complete.

2 And I saw something like a sea of glass mingled with fire, and those who have the victory over the beast, over his image and [*NU, M omit over his mark*] over his mark and over the number of his name, standing on the sea of glass, having harps of God.

3 They sing the song of Moses, the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying:

“Great and marvelous are Your works, Lord God Almighty! just and true are Your ways, O King of the [*NU, M nations*] saints!

4 Who shall not fear You, O Lord, and glorify Your name? For You alone are holy. For all nations shall come and worship before You, For Your judgments have been manifested.”

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“the sun, and power was given to him to scorch men with fire” — What is normally taken for granted as a blessing – the warmth of the shining sun – is now a curse.

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“they did not repent and give Him glory” — Those who are not won by grace will never be won. “The thinking that some that men would repent if they knew the power and righteous judgment of God is shattered by the hardness of man’s heart even in the face of God’s divine discipline.

Matthew 25:41 The Son of Man Will Judge the Nations

41 “Then He will also say to those on the left hand, ‘Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels: 42 for I was hungry and you gave Me no food; I was thirsty and you gave Me no drink; 43 I was a stranger and you did not take Me in, naked and you did not clothe Me, sick and in prison and you did not visit Me.’

44 “Then they also will answer [NU, M omit Him]Him, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see You hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to You?’ 45 Then He will answer them, saying, ‘Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to Me.’ 46 And these will go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

Mark 9 Jesus Warns of Offenses

42 “But whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in Me [*To fall into sin*]to stumble, it would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck, and he were thrown into the sea. 43 If your hand causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter into life [*crippled*]maimed, rather than having two hands, to go to [*Gehenna*]hell, into the fire that shall never be quenched— 44 [*NU omits verse*]where ‘Their worm does not die and the fire is not quenched.’ 45 And if your foot causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life lame, rather than having two feet, to be cast into [*Gehenna*]hell, [*NU omits the rest of v. 45 and all of v. 46*]into the fire that shall never be quenched— 46 where ‘Their worm does not die and the fire is not quenched.’ 47 And if your eye causes you to sin, pluck it out. It is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye, rather than having two eyes, to be cast into [*Gehenna*]hell fire— 48 where ‘Their worm does not die and the fire is not quenched.’

Everlasting/Eternal: (Strong's Concordance-Greek-αἰώνιος (aiónios). Definition agelong, eternal. Phonetic: (ahee-o' nee-os)

Jude 1:7 Old and New Apostates

5 But I want to remind you, though you once knew this, that the Lord, having saved the people out of the land of Egypt, afterward destroyed those who did not believe. 6 And the angels who did not keep their [c]proper domain, but left their own abode, He has reserved in everlasting chains under darkness for the judgment of the great day; 7 as Sodom and Gomorrah, and the cities around them in a similar manner to these, having given themselves over to sexual immorality and gone after strange flesh, are set forth as an example, suffering the [*punishment*]vengeance of eternal fire.

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Genesis 1:1-9 The Tower of Babel

1 Now the whole earth had one language and one [*Lit. lip*]speech. 2 And it came to pass, as they journeyed from the east, that they found a plain in the land of Shinar, and they dwelt there. 3 Then

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they said to one another, “Come, let us make bricks and [Lit. burn]bake them thoroughly.” They had brick for stone, and they had asphalt for mortar. 4 And they said, “Come, let us build ourselves a city, and a tower whose top is in the heavens; let us make a name for ourselves, lest we be scattered abroad over the face of the whole earth.” 5 But the Lord came down to see the city and the tower which the sons of men had built. 6 And the Lord said, “Indeed the people are one and they all have one language, and this is what they begin to do; now nothing that they propose to do will be withheld from them. 7 Come, let Us go down and there confuse their language, that they may not understand one another’s speech.” 8 So the Lord scattered them abroad from there over the face of all the earth, and they ceased building the city. 9 Therefore its name is called [Lit. Confusion, Babylon]Babel, because there the Lord confused the language of all the earth; and from there the Lord scattered them abroad over the face of all the earth.

11 They blasphemed the God of heaven because of their pains and their sores, and did not repent of their deeds.

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Sixth Bowl: Euphrates Dried Up

12 Then the sixth angel poured out his bowl on the great river Euphrates, and its water was dried up, so that the way of the kings from the east might be prepared.

“The River Euphrates” — Mentioned 25 times in the Bible; (22 times in the O.T. and only 3 times in the N.T.(all in Revelation). — It is the northern most border of the “Promiseland”



Physical characteristics:

Source Location	Murat Su, Turkey
Source Elevation	11,550 feet Above Sea Level
Length	1,740 Miles
Width	300 to 1200 yards (656 feet to 1.7 Miles)
Depth	10 feet to 130 feet
Mouth	Shatt al-Arab
Basin Area	193,051 Square Miles
Located in the Current Countries of:	Turkey, Syria, Iraq, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, and Iran

“Kings of the East” in the context of the Euphrates River to allow them to cross.

The Greek word translated “east” actually means “rising sun”, so the phrase means “kings of the rising sun”.

— **The land of the rising sun** during John’s time and now usually refers to present day Japan or China or possibly India. The Japanese battle flag depicts the rising sun.



Revelation 9:14-16 Sixth Trumpet: The Angels from the Euphrates

13 Then the sixth angel sounded: And I heard a voice from the four horns of the golden altar which is before God, 14 saying to the sixth angel who had the trumpet, “Release the four angels who are bound at the great river Euphrates.” 15 So the four angels, who had been prepared for the hour and day and month



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and year, were released to kill a third of mankind. 16 Now the number of the army of the horsemen was two hundred million; I heard the number of them. 17 And thus I saw the horses in the vision: those who sat on them had breastplates of fiery red, hyacinth blue, and sulfur yellow; and the heads of the horses were like the heads of lions; and out of their mouths came fire, smoke, and brimstone. **18** By these three plagues a third of mankind was killed—by the fire and the smoke and the brimstone which came out of their mouths. **19** For *[NU, M the power of the horses]* their power is in their mouth and in their tails; for their tails are like serpents, having heads; and with them they do harm.

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“**I am coming as a thief**” — “I” (Jesus) as a thief, remember the church has been raptured back in
See Revelation 4

1 Thessalonians 5:4, 9 — The Day of the Lord

1 But concerning the times and the seasons, brethren, you have no need that I should write to you. **2** For you yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so comes as a thief in the night. **3** For when they say, “Peace and safety!” then sudden destruction comes upon them, as labor pains upon a pregnant woman. And they shall not escape. **4** But you, brethren, are not in darkness, so that this Day should overtake you as a thief. **5** You are all sons of light and sons of the day. We are not of the night nor of darkness. **6** Therefore let us not sleep, as others do, but let us watch and be *[self-controlled]* sober. **7** For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk are drunk at night. **8** But let us who are of the day be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love, and as a helmet the hope of salvation. **9** For God did not appoint us to wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, **10** who died for us, that whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with Him.

“**keeps his garments**” — Symbolizes righteous lives

16 And they gathered them together to the place called in Hebrew, ^[h] Armageddon.

Seventh Bowl: The Earth Utterly Shaken

17 Then the seventh angel poured out his bowl into the air, and a loud voice came out of the temple of heaven, from the throne, saying, “It is done!”

“**It is done!**”— Like Jesus on the cross

John 19:2 — It Is Finished

28 After this, Jesus, [e]knowing that all things were now accomplished, that the Scripture might be fulfilled, said, “I thirst!” **29** Now a vessel full of sour wine was sitting there; and they filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on hyssop, and put it to His mouth. **30** So when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, “It is finished!” And bowing His head, He gave up His spirit.

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“**the weight of a talent**” — The heavy common talent, used in New Testament times, was 129 lb 14 oz. A Roman weight talent in ancient times is equivalent approximately 71 lb 3 oz)

The most common punishment for blasphemers was capital punishment through hanging or stoning.

Leviticus 24:13–16

13 And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying, **14** “Take outside the camp him who has cursed; then let all who heard him lay their hands on his head, and let all the congregation stone him. **15**

“Then you shall speak to the children of Israel, saying: ‘Whoever curses his God shall [*be responsible for*] bear his sin. **16** And whoever blasphemes the name of the Lord shall surely be put to death. All the congregation shall certainly stone him, the stranger as well as him who is born in the land. When he blasphemes the name of the Lord, he shall be put to death.

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