

The Battle of Armageddon
Rev.16:12-16

Exodus to God's Mountain where he assembled his people.

*And the sixth poured out his bowl upon
the river
the great one
the **Euphrates**.
And its water was dried up,*

Euphrates – is the far eastern boundary of the promised land. (Gen.15:18)

6th Trumpet – God's army came INTO the land to war against God's army. (**inward**)

NOW God's army is dried up – indicating it is like the Red Sea during the Exodus. (**outward**)

*In order that the way might be **prepared** for the kings from the sunrising.*

The Kings from the Sunrising.

- a. Led by the Messenger from the Sunrising, 7:2,
- b. The same is the Angel of Yahweh, who led Israel from Egypt to Sinai.
- c. Same as that of the Sixth Trumpet Army, or **its replacement**
(since the blood of martyrs is the seed of the Church).

The church after the firstfruits-church, after the Apostles & Prophets)

d. CYRUS

- (1) Destroyed Old Babylon, rebuilt Jerusalem.

¹³And I saw

<i>out of the mouth of the dragon</i>	contra. God's oneness)
<i>and out of the mouth of the beast (sea beast)</i>	contra. Father
<i>and out of the mouth of the false prophet</i>	contra. Son
<i>(came) three unclean spirits like frogs.</i>	contra. Spirit

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*For they are spirits of demons, performing signs,
Which go out to the kings of the whole world (oikumene/empire),
To gather them together for the war of the great Day of God, the Almighty.*

line of the Roman Emperors

The Kings of the Entire Oikumene/Empire - those who rule over the whole empire.

- a. Gathered against God's people.
- b. According to 17:12, the Roman Emperors.
- c. In 17:14, they will war against the Lamb's people (after AD 70)
- d. In 17:16, they first destroy Jerusalem/Babylon, apparently thinking they are at war with God.
- e. They are gathered at this point, before AD 70, so they can do their first work.

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*Behold, I am coming **like a Thief**.
Blessed is the one who stays awake and guards his **garments**.
Lest he walk about naked and they see his shame.*

- a. A thief is a bad person, judged by God's law (Zechariah 5).
- b. Jesus comes like a thief.

- (1) He comes unexpectedly, at least not expected by the false virgins and the wicked.
- (2) But why use the analogy of a thief!

Because He comes in the persons of wicked people.

The Romans are **His army**.

The Frog-demon army is **under His control**, and **does His bidding**.

- (2) As Jesus, **captain by providence** of the Three-Frog Army.
- (3) As Jesus, **captain by covenant** of the Kings From the Sunrising Army.

The Garments

- a. Stay awake, a reference back to the Parable of the Virgins.
 - b. Guard garments = keep the faith.
 - c. Nakedness and shame - reference to Adam and Eve, first of all.
 - (1) Shame versus glory
 - (2) Shame caused by unfaithfulness in the crisis
- Judges 5 – lists the tribes who came to fight, shames those who did not

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*And they (**unclean spirits [Jews]**) gathered
them (**kings of the empire [Romans]**) together to the place
that in Hebrew is called Mountain of Assembly (Har-mageddon).*

- 8. The Mountain of Assembly
 - a. Leaving Sodom-Egypt-Babylon (Revelation 11:8)
 - (1) Genesis 19:3,17-19,28
 - (2) The Exodus
 - (3) Ezekiel 38:8; 40:2
 - b. First, **Mount Sinai**.
 - (-) Tabernacle as **portable Sinai, place of assembly**.
 - c. Transfer to **Mount Zion** and **Jerusalem**.
 - (1) First phase of war: Against Jerusalem.
 - (2) People gathered for Passover, then Romans locked them in.
 - d. Transfer to Church.
 - (1) Second phase of war: Against Church
 - (2) Kings from the Sunrising follow Christ against Oikumene.
 - e. Amalekites.
 - (1) Descending to sack Egypt, fight Israel along the way. Exodus 17.

- (2) A Combo Power
 - Numbers 24:20
 - Genesis 14:7
 - Genesis 36:12
 - Revelation 16:13 - Beast and False Prophet

f. Pattern:

- (1) Church begins to be restored: Moses; Apostles
- (2) Persecution on Church by false sanctuary: Pharaoh; Jews
- (3) God defeats false sanctuary: Plagues; AD 70
- (4) Church moves to new privilege at Mountain: Sinai; Heavenly reign
- (5) Attack by world: Amalek; Three Frog Army
- (6) Victory of gospel: Exodus; Revelation 19
- (7) Peace: Exodus 18ff; Millennium

g. Exception on this occasion: At the Exodus, God destroyed Egypt and then brought the Amalekites on the scene.

Here the "Amalekites" are brought on the scene earlier so they can destroy "Egypt," and then they war against the Church.