

CMPC Sermon Notes ♦ **Series:** Revelation: Strength for Today, Hope for Tomorrow ♦ **Text:** Revelation 16.1-16 ♦ **Message:** Armageddon: The End

- Seven bowls of wrath, 1
 - Similar to the seven trumpets
 - First four devastate four major regions of creation: dry land, sea, fresh water, and sky
 - Remind us of the plagues on Egypt
 - Seals ¼ of creation; Trumpets 1/3 of creation; Bowls all of creation
 - God may send his judgments at any time on those who rebel

Seven Trumpets

Earth, 8.7
Sea, 8.8-9
Rivers, Springs, 8.10-11
Sun, moon, stars, 8.12
Pit of the Abyss, 9.1
Euphrates, 9.13-14
Lightning, hail, 11.15,19

Seven Bowls

Earth, 16.2
Sea, 16.3
Rivers, springs 16.4-5
Sun, 16.8
Throne of the beast, 16.10
Euphrates, 16.12
Lightning, Hail, 16.17,21

- A loud voice- loudness is emphasized- this is the voice of God, also verse 17

Bowl One, 2

- Boils
 - Those with the mark of the beast receive a mark of judgment from God
- Poured “into” earth

Bowl Two, 3

- Blood
- Now the whole sea
- Persistent rebellion increases consequences
- Food supply from the ocean is gone

Bowl Three, 4

- Now the whole water supply turns to blood
- Drinking water gone

Interlude of praise for God’s judgment, 5-7

- The angel in charge of the waters
- They killed the martyrs
- The response of the altar- the martyrs
- The song is a lot like 15.3-4

Bowl Four, 8-9

- Sun- fire
- Curse God see God’s hand but stubbornly do not believe
- Specific: did not repent and give God glory

Bowl Five, 10-11

- Wrath on the throne of the beast, brings darkness
- People in anguish
- Curse God and refuse to repent

Bowl Six, 12-16

- Dries up the Euphrates River to open the way for an army
- Unclean frog-like spirits
 - Dragon, beast and prophet: the counterfeit trinity
 - Frogs were unclean animals, Leviticus 11.10
 - Evil – lies- slick and slippery like frogs
- Perform signs, as in 13.13; cf Matthew 24.24 Kings of the whole earth
- Assemble an army from the kings of the world
 - Battle will be with God almighty
 - The Great day- the day of the Lord
- Interlude comment about being ready
 - Clothed with the word of God
- Armageddon is ready
 - Mount or city of Megiddo, but no mountain
 - The city was located on the Plain of Esdraelon
 - A place of battle, Judges 5, II Kings 9.27; 23.29; II Chronicles 35.22; Zechariah 12.11; Six-day war in 1967
 - 6.15, kings and people gather
- Cf. 9.14, army beyond the Euphrates summoned
 - Anticipation of Gog/Magog, Ezekiel 38-39
- Second Coming, 19.11-21
 - All pointing to one battle, though some interpreters see several battles
 - Certainly there is ongoing conflict across time
- A dry Euphrates River allows for the armies to move
- The battle is spiritual
 - Trying to assign known nations to the battle misses the point
 - The battle is between the servants of God and the enemies of God
 - See it everyday now... Ivan Provorav

Bowl Seven, 17-21

- "It is done"
- Great, unprecedented earthquake
 - God's presence/judgment
- Great city: Babylon the Great, the symbol of anti-Christian world power
 - Three parts: complete destruction
 - Cities of the nations fall
 - Babylon the Great: drains the cup of the wine of the fury of his wrath.
- Islands and mountains gone
- 100 pound hailstones
 - People cursed God
 - Severity: Exceeding great (used only here in Revelation)
 - The details of how this work out will not come until chapter 19

So What About Us?

- Awe of God/response of worship; exalt
- Mission:
 - Paul to Felix: Sharing about faith in Jesus; engage (Acts. 24.24-25)
 - Righteousness (sin)
 - Self-control
 - Coming Judgment
- Difficult days
 - The promise of Jesus

Then I heard a loud voice from the temple telling the seven angels, "Go and pour out on the earth the seven bowls of the wrath of God."

²*So the first angel went and poured out his bowl on the earth, and harmful and painful sores came upon the people who bore the mark of the beast and worshiped its image.*

³*The second angel poured out his bowl into the sea, and it became like the blood of a corpse, and every living thing died that was in the sea.*

⁴*The third angel poured out his bowl into the rivers and the springs of water, and they became blood.* ⁵*And I heard the angel in charge of the waters^[a] say,*

*"Just are you, O Holy One, who is and who was,
for you brought these judgments.*

⁶*For they have shed the blood of saints and prophets,
and you have given them blood to drink.*

It is what they deserve!"

⁷*And I heard the altar saying,*

*"Yes, Lord God the Almighty,
true and just are your judgments!"*

⁸*The fourth angel poured out his bowl on the sun, and it was allowed to scorch people with fire.* ⁹*They were scorched by the fierce heat, and they cursed^[b] the name of God who had power over these plagues. They did not repent and give him glory.*

¹⁰*The fifth angel poured out his bowl on the throne of the beast, and its kingdom was plunged into darkness. People gnawed their tongues in anguish* ¹¹*and cursed the God of heaven for their pain and sores. They did not repent of their deeds.*

¹²*The sixth angel poured out his bowl on the great river Euphrates, and its water was dried up, to prepare the way for the kings from the east.* ¹³*And I saw, coming out of the mouth of the dragon and out of the mouth of the beast and out of the mouth of the false prophet, three unclean spirits like frogs.* ¹⁴*For they are demonic spirits, performing signs, who go abroad to the kings of the whole world, to assemble them for battle on the great day of God the Almighty.* ¹⁵*("Behold, I am coming like a thief! Blessed is the one who stays awake, keeping his garments on, that he may not go about naked and be seen exposed!")* ¹⁶*And they assembled them at the place that in Hebrew is called Armageddon.*

¹⁷*The seventh angel poured out his bowl into the air, and a loud voice came out of the temple, from the throne, saying, "It is done!"* ¹⁸*And there were flashes of lightning, rumblings,^[c] peals of thunder, and a great earthquake such as there had never been since man was on the earth, so great was that earthquake.* ¹⁹*The great city was split into three parts, and the cities of the nations fell, and God remembered Babylon the great, to make her drain the cup of the wine of the fury of his wrath.* ²⁰*And every island fled away, and no mountains were to be found.* ²¹*And great hailstones, about one hundred pounds^[d] each, fell from heaven on people; and they cursed God for the plague of the hail, because the plague was so severe.*

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John 3.16 And Revelation 16: Armageddon

The reason it is such good news

Those who do not believe...

A holy God

Sad reality: some will perish. Some will reject. Today's text is about those who reject Jesus... that will not believe in him.

WORSHIP OF THE LIVING GOD

January 29, 2023

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Prelude As we quiet our hearts for worship, please silence all phones and electronic devices.

Welcome and Announcements Ben Phillips, Pastor of Ministries

The Song of Ascent God’s people sang together as they gathered and traveled together up to Jerusalem to worship God.

Congregation Psalm 57.9-11 (Be Exalted, O God)

I will give thanks to Thee, O Lord, among the people.

I will sing praises to Thee among the nations.

For Thy steadfast love is great, is great to the heavens;

And Thy faithfulness, Thy faithfulness to the clouds.

Be exalted, O God,-- above the heav-ens;

Let Thy glory be over all the earth.

Be exalted, O God,-- above the heav-ens;

Let Thy glory be over all the earth.

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ADORATION OF GOD

Call to Worship:

The LORD reigns, let the earth rejoice; let the many coastlands be glad! Clouds and thick darkness are all around him; righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne. Fire goes before him and burns up his adversaries all around. His lightnings light up the world; the earth sees and trembles. The mountains melt like wax before the Lord, before the Lord of all the earth.

-Psalm 97.1-5

Invocation

Declaration of Truth: (Responsive) Psalm 2.1-6, 11-12

Leader: Why do the nations rage and the peoples plot in vain?

All: The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the Lord and against his Anointed, saying,

Choir: “Let us burst their bonds apart and cast away their cords from us.”

All: He who sits in the heavens laughs; the Lord holds them in derision. Then he will speak to them in his wrath, and terrify them in his fury, saying,

Leader: “As for me, I have set my King on Zion, my holy hill.”

All: Serve the Lord with fear, and rejoice with trembling. Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and you perish in the way, for his wrath is quickly kindled. Blessed are all who take refuge in him.

Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end, Amen, Amen.

The Gloria Patri’s first line was sung in the church as early as the 2nd century to affirm that God is Triune. The second line was added in the 4th century to emphasize the eternal Deity of Jesus, refuting the Arian heresy that Jesus was not eternally God

Hymn of Praise Holy, Holy, Holy!

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee;

Holy, Holy, Holy! Merciful and mighty!

God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, Holy, Holy! All the saints adore thee, Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea; Cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee, Who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, Holy, Holy! Though the darkness hide thee, Though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see, Only thou art holy; there is none beside thee Perfect in power, in love, and purity.

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty! All thy works shall praise thy Name, in earth and sky and sea; Holy, Holy, Holy! Merciful and mighty! God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

CMPC MISSION AND FAMILY LIFE

Mission Moment

Reception of New Members

Pastoral Prayer

Blest Be the Tie that Binds

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;

The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

OUR GIFTS TO GOD

The Gift of Music

Receiving God’s Tithes and Our Offering

The Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise him, all creatures here below.

Praise him above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Hymn of Testimony God, the Uncreated One (Children ages three through 3rd grade may be escorted to Children’s Church)

God, the uncreated one

The author of salvation

Who wrote the laws of space and time

And fashioned worlds to his design

The one whom angel hosts revere

Hung the stars like chandeliers

Numbered every grain of sand

Knows the heart of every man

He is king forever He is king forever He is king forevermore

EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE 6:30PM

Join us tonight as Pastor Ben looks at Luke 11:33-44 in our series,

Luke: Becoming Certain About the Story.

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God, our fortress and our strength
The rock on which we can depend
Matchless in his majesty
His power and authority
Unshaken by the schemes of man
Never-changing, Great I AM
Kingdoms rise and kingdoms fall
He is faithful through it all
Crown him king forever Crown him king forever Crown him king forevermore

Mighty God in mortal flesh
Forsaken by a traitor's kiss
The curse of sin and centuries
Did pierce the lowly prince of peace
Oh lifted high, the sinless man
Crucified, the spotless lamb
Buried by the sons of man
Rescued by the father's hand
To reign as king forever Reign as king forever Reign as king forevermore

King eternal, God of grace
We crown you with the highest praise
Heaven shouts and saints adore
“You’re holy, holy, holy, Lord!”
What joy in everlasting life
All is love and faith is sight
Justice rolls and praises rise
At the name of Jesus Christ
King of kings forever King of kings forevermore

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PROCLAIMING THE WORD OF GOD

Reading of God’s Word Revelation 16 pew Bible page 1037

All: The grass withers, the flowers fade, but the word of our God will stand forever.

Prayer of Illumination

Sermon Armageddon: The End (2) Pastor John
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OUR RESPONSE

Prayer of Application

Hymn of Response We Sing the Glories
We sing the glories of thy love, We sound thy dreadful name;
The Christian church unites the songs Of Moses and the Lamb.

Who dares refuse to fear thy name, Or worship at thy throne?
Thy judgments speak thine holiness Through all the nations known.

Great Babylon that rules the earth, Drunk with the martyrs' blood,
Her crimes shall speedily awake The fury of our God.

Great God! how wondrous are thy works Of vengeance and of grace!
Thou King of saints, Almighty Lord, How just and true thy ways!

Our God, our help in ages past, Our hope for years to come:
O be our guard while troubles last, And our eternal home.

The Benediction and Threefold Amen

Serving Christ at CMPC January 29

Lock-up	Bryan Cox and Mark Pignolet
8:30am	
Ushers	Jason Wallis, Tommy Hulsey, Brent Booker, Andrew Booker, Will McVey, Chris Nix
Greeters	Bob Bishop
Infants/Toddlers	Anissa Mundy
Children’s Church	Jason Wallis
Junior Assistants	
11am	
Ushers	Mark Rush, Jack Hutchinson, John W. Batusic, Andrew Batusic, Jacob Batusic
Greeters	Bob Bishop
Infants/Toddlers	Beth Wald and Sarah Beth Gossage
Children’s Church	Nancy Cunningham
Junior Assistants	Abigail and Audrey Cunningham
6:30pm	
Nursery	
Today	This Week at CMPC
8:30am, 11am	Worship Services
10am	Sunday School
6:30pm	Sunday Evening Service
Wednesday	
5:30	Wednesday Night Alive Meal
6:30	Orchestra Choir WNA Classes Nursery Youth Group



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