

I. Introduction

Today, we will receive God's grace as we examine together the sixth bowl judgment. The sixth bowl judgment is of the same nature as the sixth trumpet judgment. It is set against the backdrop of the Euphrates River and portrays the outbreak of a great spiritual war.

II. Main Body

1. The Preparation for War by the Three Unclean Spirits Like Frogs (vv. 12-14)

- 1) The Euphrates River was dried up — This signifies that the world, under Satan's control, advances to attack the Church.
- 2) The three unclean spirits like frogs — This imagery recalls the plague of frogs during the Exodus.
- 3) The significance of their coming out of the mouths of the dragon, the beast, and the false prophet.
 - a. They represent all the forces that are under the influence and control of Satan, worldly powers, and false prophets.
 - b. They also symbolize the evil words that proceed from Satan, worldly authorities, and false prophets.

Jesus taught that what comes out of a person's mouth defiles them (Matthew 15:11). These include lies, deception, manipulation, false teaching, malicious speech, slander, and words of judgment.
- 4) The defining characteristic of demons is their uncleanness.

2. The Battle of Armageddon (v. 16)

The Battle of Armageddon is not a literal military conflict between nations but a spiritual battle.

- 1) The kings of the whole world are gathered together in order to unite the forces of this world against God.
- 2) On the great day of the Lord, when Jesus Christ returns, the forces of evil will be utterly defeated.

In Revelation 16 they are gathered together and in Revelation 19 they are cast into the lake of fire.

3) The meaning of Armageddon Har - Magedon means "the mountain of Megiddo."

Megiddo was the place where King Josiah fell in battle and therefore became a symbol of warfare. It represents the symbolic battlefield where the Lamb, Jesus Christ, destroys the forces of Satan.

3. Stay Awake and Be Prepared So That You Will Not Be Found Naked (v. 15)

*Illustration: The Story of the Woodcutter and the Heavenly Maiden

- 1) We were once spiritually naked because of our sins. However, through faith we have been clothed with the garments of justification (Revelation 3:4-5, 18; 7:14; Matthew 22:11-12). We must remain watchful so that we do not lose these garments (Revelation 19:8).

- 2) To preserve these garments, we must remain spiritually awake.

The people in Noah's day perished because they lived carelessly and were spiritually asleep (Matthew 24:37-39).

*Illustration: The conversion of St. Augustine (Romans 13:11-14).

III. Conclusion

We are living in the age of grace, but it is also an age of spiritual warfare.

Illustration: World War II—the Normandy Invasion and the atomic bombings of Japan.

We should not think of the Battle of Armageddon merely as a future event that will occur at the Second Coming of Christ. Rather, we should recognize the many large and small spiritual battles of "Armageddon" that take place around us every day, and by God's grace, stand firm and overcome them in the victory of Christ.

Bible Memorization

A VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

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! (Revelation 16:15)

Bible Reading

Bible Reading Passage

7/27(Mon)	7/28(Tue)	7/29(Wed)	7/30(Thur)	7/31(Fri)	8/1(Sat)	8/2(Sun)
Proverbs 31 Ecclesiastes 1-3	Ecclesiastes 4-7	Ecclesiastes 8-12	Song of Songs 1-5	Song of Songs 6-8 Isaiah 1-2	Isaiah 3-5	Isaiah 6-9

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Quiet Time Passage

7/27(Mon)	7/28(Tue)	7/29(Wed)	7/30(Thur)	7/31(Fri)	8/1(Sat)	8/2(Sun)
Ezekiel 32:1-16	Ezekiel 32:17-32	Ezekiel 33:1-9	Ezekiel 33:10-20	Ezekiel 33:21-33	Ezekiel 34:1-10	Ezekiel 34:11-24

Sharing Questions

1. Based on today's sermon, please share one new insight you gained or one truth through which God especially spoke to your heart.

2. In today's passage, the three unclean spirits like frogs—described as demonic spirits coming out of the mouths of the dragon, the beast, and the false prophet—gather the kings of the whole world to oppose God. What do the three unclean spirits like frogs represent? And who are the "kings of the whole world"?

3. What does Armageddon symbolize? Also, explain what the so-called Battle of Armageddon refers to.

4. In Revelation 16:15, Jesus says, "Behold, I am coming like a thief! Blessed is the one who stays awake and keeps his garments on, so that he may not go about naked and be exposed to shame." What does this verse personally mean to you? Please share one way in which this passage speaks to your own life.