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EP131 Revelation 16 verses 2-7

In our last podcast, we laid the scene in heaven immediately before the seven angels who are holding the vials of seven plagues pour out their bowls. Despite the terror of this ensuing judgment, we learned that through it all God will bring forth a people that belong to Him and who will call on His name, **Yahweh**, and identify Him as their God, while at the same time destroying those who are destroying the earth.

The standard for this judgment is perfection based on the perfect law of God. For all those who refused God's offer of mercy that flows by His grace, by what He did, they will be judged by the law.

Each bowl of wrath is specifically targeted at some segment of creation.

- Bowl 1: Upon humanity.
- Bowl 2: The sea.
- Bowl 3: The rivers and springs of water.
- Bowl 4: The sun.
- Bowl 5: The kingdom of the Beast.
- Bowl 6: The great river Euphrates.
- Bowl 7: The great city (Babylon the Great)

What is immediately distinct from both the Seal and the Trumpet Judgments is that all the metaphoric "like" and "as" language is removed. In other words, we will not be searching the **Codex** for similar metaphors to understand these wounds, because they are not metaphors, they are actual wounds.

The spiritual invades the physical in a terrifying way that defies nature, logic, science, and the normal course of things. This is a spiritual judgment into the physical realms that brings forth God's reckoning on both that which is spiritual and that which is physical.

Let's pick back up with the seven angels who are holding the seven plagues.

The Vials

Bowl 1: Loathsome & Malignant Sores

Revelation 16:2

So, the first angel went and poured out his vial {bowl} on the earth; and it became, by choice, a loathsome and malignant sore on the people which are **now** having the mark of the Beast and who are **now** worshipping his image.

This passage is rendered in the *aorist* tense with two notable exceptions, both of which draw us into the present **WARNING** about those who **now** receive the mark of the Beast. This "wound" is targeted at those who **now** have the mark of the Beast and are even **now** worshipping his image.¹

Accordingly, the **Elect** and the **Righteous** will not be impacted by this "wound" as they will be protected by God. This specific wound is for the lovers of the Beast, all those haters of **Yahweh**, and for those **Called** of God who listened to the voice of the image, and as a result followed a false Jesus, a false Messiah.

Once again, this rewrites the **FICTION** in most of the modern **End Times** narratives that reserves the mark and the worship of the Beast and his image for the future, something of which most say "Christians" will not have to worry about.

TRAGICALLY, THEY ARE SO WRONG. PEOPLE, THE WORLD OVER, ARE BEING MARKED EVEN NOW.

Once a person gives themselves to the system of the Beast (the apostasy of **Cain**, **Balaam**, and **Korah**) they are marked, it is a done deal, a final decision. There is no turning back. The mark cannot be removed as it is indelibly imprinted onto their being as a spiritual symbol declaring their allegiance to the Beast.

In much the same way, those who have been listening to the voice of the image, all the while believing they were listening to Jesus and the voice of the Spirit of God, will be left behind at the rapture and they too will suffer the fate of their apostasy. These are those who refuse to believe that there is one truth, not many (much less 45,000 different truths), and Jesus clearly proclaimed that He is that truth. But they refused to listen to His voice and fought for their "truth" that flowed from the mouth of the image of the Beast.

Loathsome and malignant sores. Just the sound of this "wound" evokes terrible images. It has a slight allusion to the 6th plague of boils that afflicted the Egyptians, but way worse.²

¹ "had" and "worshiped" are rendered in the present active participle

² Exodus 9:8-17





In the **Codex**, Moses speaks to the people of Israel, and he lays out for them the consequences of rebelling against **Yahweh**—the curses that will result from disobedience.

Yahweh will afflict you with the boils of Egypt and with tumors, scurvy, and the itch, from which you cannot be cured. **Yahweh** will cover your knees and legs with incurable boils. In fact, you will be covered from head to foot. Then **Yahweh** will overwhelm you and your children with indescribable plagues. These plagues will be intense and without relief, making you miserable and unbearably sick. He will afflict you with all the diseases of Egypt that you feared so much, and you will have no relief. **Yahweh** will afflict you with every sickness and plague there is, even those not mentioned in this Book of Instruction, until you are destroyed.³

There is nothing in the record of Jewish history that says this has yet been fulfilled. Therefore, with the pouring out of the first bowl of wrath we will see a very direct and literal fulfillment of this prophecy.

EVERYTHING GOD SAYS COMES TRUE; IT IS ALWAYS JUST A MATTER OF TIME!

The description of this plague is hideous and sounds horrifically painful. These ardent followers of the Beast, and those who listened to his image, will totally freak-out and blaspheme the God of heaven.⁴ Even in the face of horrific suffering they simply have no contrition, no remorse. There is not even a basic level of respect for **Yahweh's** power.

They Come By Choice

"So, the first angel went and poured out his vial {bowl} on the earth; and it became, **by choice**, a loathsome and malignant sore ..." The verb "became" is oddly rendered in the middle voice, indicating intentional choice. We will see this same dynamic with each of the "vials."

What this tells us is that each wound or "plague" is a spiritual entity with a level of cognition that exercises choice. Perhaps it is an angelic being, like the destroying angels we see in the Old Testament

³ Deuteronomy 28:27, 35, 59-61

⁴ Revelation 16:11

who are given credit for the plagues of Egypt and for other acts of judgment.⁵

The act of being poured out or released is when this angelic being chooses to become (or to carry with it) a loathsome and malignant sore, and so on with each of the other six vials. While in the vial, it represented a spiritual substance signifying God's wrath; however, once it is activated, poured out, it chooses to become a horrific plague that will pound humanity.

Bowl 2: Sea Became Blood

Revelation 16:3

The second angel poured out his vial into the sea, and it became, by choice, blood like that of a dead man; and every living soul in the sea died.

Just as happened with the waters of the Nile, the sea becomes blood and every living soul, everything that has breath, in the sea dies. In the same way that a "stripe" from the lash opens the skin causing blood to effuse, this strike or wound will turn the sea into blood, like that of a dead man. Not a fish, a whale, a shark, a seal, a muscle, oyster, or scallop, lives. Every living thing dies. The sea will no longer support life.

To get a feel for the impact, here is how it was described when God turned the Nile into blood. "*The fish that were in the Nile died, and the Nile became foul, so that the Egyptians could not drink water from the Nile. And the blood was through all the land of Egypt.*"⁶

Is This Just Another Metaphor?

In terms of the act itself and its effect, the Spirit does not use any metaphorical language or similes. The sea became by choice "blood" and every living soul (or everything with breath) in the sea died. The only metaphor the Spirit uses is to is liken the blood to "that of a dead man." This ties the impact of this wound to something tangible that we can comprehend. Perhaps it's His way of highlighting the point that everything that has breath in the sea will die.

Can you imagine what an emotional impact this will have on all those who depend upon the sea for a living? Within a moment in time, their entire livelihood will be wiped out with no hope for recovery.

Bowl 3: Rivers & Springs Became Blood

Revelation 16:4

Then the third angel poured out his vial into the rivers and the springs of waters; and they became, by choice, blood.

Like the seas before them, the running water (the rivers) and the sources of underground water (the

⁵ Exodus 12:23; Psalm 78:42-53; I Chronicles 21:14

⁶ Exodus 7:21

springs) became blood. Again, we have an allusion to the plagues in Egypt where the waters of Egypt, the Nile, their rivers, streams, pools, and all their reservoirs of water literally became blood, even in their vessels which held water.⁷ Once again, there is no "as" or "like" statements utilized. The rivers and springs of water become blood, and being rendered in the *indicative* mood, we know this is a statement of fact.

Imagine what kind of disease or pestilence this will unleash on the earth with every pond, stream, river, spring, and so on, are just oozing blood. Envision the collection of insects and vermin that will feast on what to them will be a delicacy. They will then go out and infect others with their unique brand of nastiness.

This will be a plague that no one escapes, and which has a series of ongoing consequences. The malignant sores are for those who serve the Beast, and for those who listened to his image, but this plague impacts not just mankind but all of creation, for all creation depends upon the waters for their life. The animal world and vegetation will perish, and the natural balance of things will be all out of whack. Death will surround the living, and there is no where they can go without its stench filling their nostrils.

As far as the survival of humanity, there will likely be those peoples and nations who figure out a way to extract drinking water from this disaster, and to cleanse the water of its impurity. Still, this will be unimaginable in terms of its effect on the peoples of the world, especially those underdeveloped communities that even today find it difficult to bring clean water to their own people.

Angelic Commentary

Angel of the Water

Revelation 16:4-6

And I heard the angel of the waters now saying,

"Righteous **now** are You, who are **now** being, <u>who are now being</u> who, <u>who</u> were, O Holy One, <u>**D**</u> <u>Holy One</u>, because You have judged; for they poured out the blood of holy ones and prophets, and You had given to them, you gave to them, blood to drink. They **now** deserve it."

The angel of the waters speaks. We were previously introduced to the angel who has power over the fire and the angels of the four winds of heaven, and now we are told that there is also an angel over the waters.⁸

Unbeknownst to our modern scientific world, the **Codex** is clear that the natural elements of our world are controlled by the angelic. We may understand much of the science behind their workings, but as a people, we have lost sight of the unseen realm and its involvement in our natural realm.

The Spirit has clearly communicated throughout *Revelation* that everything has its impetus in the unseen realm, and it plays out in our physical realm. Even the Pharisees of old (a branch of ancient Jewish Rabbis) understood that angels are in control of not only the four physical elements (earth, wind, water,

⁷ Exodus 7:14-25

⁸ Revelation 14:18, 7:1; Daniel 7:2; Zechariah 6:5

and fire) but everything else in creation, including the stars and the planets. They saw the angelic as the agents who implement the will of God in the heavens; in effect, the agents who oversee the scientific workings of the natural elements.

When this angel speaks, it is rendered in the *present participle*, it is **now** happening. "... *the angel of the waters is now saying ..." The point is that this commentary stands out from the sequential narrative. If this were a commentary by this angel of water after the rivers and the springs of water were judged and became, by choice, blood, it would have been rendered in the <i>aorist active indicative*. "... the angel of the waters said ..." almost as a reaction to this judgment. But no, he is *now* saying these amazing things about God's righteousness in judgment.

This declaration therefore serves as another WARNING.

What this tells us is that just like the angels who even **now** are holding the vials of judgment, there are those in heaven who are prepped for this day of wrath, and they seem to know what is going to happen. This angel is speaking in advance of the act, and declaring that it is right, just, and deserving.

Jesus once told the Jewish leadership that the guilt of all the righteous blood shed on earth, from the blood of righteous Abel to the blood of Zechariah, the son of Berechiah, whom they murdered between the temple and the altar, would come upon "this generation" or "this age."⁹ What generation? What age? Was Jesus talking about those few who lived in the first century? That would make no sense at all.

He was addressing the generation or the age of the **unbelieving**, the age that has defined all those from Cain onward who, despite their knowledge of God, refuse to honor Him; refuse to give Him glory despite warning after warning; refuse to repent of the **work of their hands**, convinced they are serving God; refuse to repent of their idolatry so as not to worship demons, and the idols of gold and of silver and of brass and of stone and of wood, which can neither see nor hear nor walk; and who refuse to repent of their murders, their sorceries, their immorality, and their thefts.¹⁰

Since the murder of Abel, those in the heavenly realms have watched what has been done to God's people by the ungodly – by the **unbelieving**. And so, in these judgments, the angel of the waters now declares God's righteousness: "*Righteous now are You* ..." There is no injustice in these brutal poundings of humanity.

The Holy Epithet

This angel includes an epithet that is unique to God alone. "... who are now being <u>who are now being</u> and who, <u>who</u> were, O Holy One, <u>O Holy One</u> ..."

In this phrase, the verbs are parsed, and the *vocative* case is used which accounts for all the dramatic emphasis, repetition, and highlighting of certain words. This angel of the waters is not just being dramatic for drama's sake; rather, it seems that he is making a point that we are not to miss.

The Point

In *Revelation 17:8*, there is a strangely similar epithet that is used twice of the Beast, two being the number of division and witness. And though the *vocative* case of heightened expression is not used, the

⁹ Matthew 25:35-36

¹⁰ See **Revelation 9:20-21**

repetition that is used has a similar impact. This first version of the epithet claims that the Beast "... was and now is not and now shall now ascend out of the Abys," The second version says, the Beast "was and **now** is not and in the **future** will choose to come."

This epithet of the Beast is tied to the fact that those in the realm of darkness will wonder or marvel when they see the Beast rise out of the Abyss. They will be shocked. They thought he had been butchered, as they know he suffered a fatal wound. And though he bears the scars, though he appears to have been resurrected from the dead, this spirit is different, or divided, from the Holy One. Yet, he is ascribed an epithet that is in part somewhat like that spoken of about God.

It seems the angel of the water gets out in front of the demonic epithet which honors the Beast, and makes it clear that the Holy one, Holy one, is separate and divided from all else. This angel of the waters wants us to know that there is **NO** correlation between the Beast and the Holy one, the *Holy one*. He is righteous because He judged and brought about a reckoning in blood, a settling of the score, and He is the only one who can.

The key differentiator is that the Holy one never was an "is not." Yet twice we are told that the Beast "now is not." This is because the Beast was removed from the realms of the living (both the active spiritual and physical realms). As far as the demonic, they think he is dead for he was butchered and tossed to the lowest parts of hell, into the depths of the Abyss. This explains why they will be shocked when he seemingly arises from the dead.

In contrast, Yahweh never had a time when He was not. By His very name He is known as the ever existent one. That is the meaning captured in His name **Yahweh**, which is derived from the Hebrew name "Hayah."¹¹

In the famed burning bush event, Moses asked God whom he should say sent him to declare to Pharoah that he must set the Jews free from their captivity. "And God said unto Moses, 'Hayah that Hayah;' and He said, thus you shall say to the children of Israel, 'Hayah has sent me.'"

"Transliterated, "And God said unto Moses, 'I AM that I AM;' and He said, thus you shall say to the children of Israel, 'I AM has sent me.'" More than just a verb declaring God to be the ever existent one, He even uses it as a name, as a moniker, as an identification of His personhood. He is "Hayah," He is I AM.

Then *Hayah* told Moses that He is **Yahweh**, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and that **Yahweh** is His forever name, His memorial name for all generations, the name which is rooted in the **Hayah**.

This declaration by the angel of the waters also takes us back to **Revelation 1:8** and to the first words Jesus spoke to John. He said, "I AM (or I AM now being) the Alpha and the Omega," now says the Lord God, "who is **now** being and who was and who chooses to **now** be coming, the Almighty."

As the ever existent one, God has never had a moment where it could be said of Him that He "now is not." And with this declaration said twice, of Jesus being the one who is now being, it is the division and the witness that the angel wants us to grasp, and which stands in contrast to that which is said about the Beast.

In comparison, the Beast is not the Lord God, the Almighty. The Beast is not self-existent but was created by the Lord God, the Almighty. The Beast "now is not." In fact, everything about the Beast's

¹¹ Exodus 3:13-14

existence, including his authority and power, is dependent upon **Yahweh Sabaoth**, the Lord of Heaven's Armies. And being a servant of **Yahweh**, the Beast can only do what his Master permits Him to do.

Still Plan-A

"Righteous **now** are You **... You have judged; for they poured out** the blood of holy ones and prophets, and You had given to them, you gave to them, blood to drink. They **now** deserve it."

It is important to note that the verb "given" or "gave" is parsed and is rendered in both the perfect active indicative (had given) and the acrist active indicative (gave).

The *perfect* tense tells us that even though this "wound" is not poured out upon mankind until the **time of wrath**, indicated by the *aorist active indicative* ("You gave to them"), God **had given** it to "them" – to humanity – sometime in the past.

The point the Spirit is intending to convey is that this pounding of humanity is **not** a reaction because they finally went too far; rather, this is a plan (**Plan-A**) that had been prepared and determined. This is part of the mystery of His will, the summing up of all things in Christ, things in heaven and on earth.¹² With the use of the *perfect active indicative*, we can be sure that this judgment had been assigned or "had been given to them" from times past, and that is a statement of fact.

This also explains why **Revelation 15:6** said that the angels are even **now** holding the vials of wrath. They have all been prepared and are waiting for the time that the angels are permitted to release them upon the earth. But make no mistake, God had given it to them.

Righteousness & Judgment

"*Righteous now* are You ... You have judged; for they poured out the blood of holy ones and prophets, and You had given to them, you gave to them blood to drink. They **now** deserve it."¹³

It may seem odd that righteousness and judgment are complementary traits. But this angel of the waters declares that it is right and just that God brings forth this judgment; in fact, His righteousness absolutely demands it. It would be unrighteous if God did not bring forth judgment upon those who have spilled the blood of the holy ones and prophets. *"They now deserve it."*

In the **Codex**, the perfect law of God required a judgment of death for those who poured out the blood of others; and it was to be a public affair. It was deemed to be a righteous act of the community to keep lawlessness from getting out of control and rotting out their land.

Genesis 9:1

Whoever sheds man's blood, by man his blood shall be shed, for in the image of God He made man.

Exodus 21:12-14

He who strikes a man so that he dies shall surely be put to death. "But if he did not lie in wait for him,

¹² Ephesians 1:9-10

¹³ "deserve" is rendered in the *present active indicative*

but God let him fall into his hand, then I will appoint you a place to which he may flee. "If, however, a man acts presumptuously toward his neighbor, so as to kill him craftily, you are to take him even from My altar, that he may die.

Leviticus 24:17

If a man takes the life of any human being, he shall surely be put to death.

Somewhere along the road, in the names of "goodness" and "progressive enlightenment," society, at large, choose to no longer implement God's standards when it comes to murder and the pouring out of innocent blood. Those claiming to be progressive, enlightened even, state that this judgment of death is a cruel and unusual punishment. The result of ignoring God's wisdom has been nothing short of horrific. Our lands, our world, have been and continue to be corrupted.

But God is now making things right and settling the score, so to speak, and in righteousness is publicly and openly judging those who have spilled innocent blood.

Early in the **Codex**, in the book of *Genesis*, we are given the story of the first murder. The children of Adam and Eve were two brothers, Cain and Able. Out of anger and bitter jealousy, Cain murdered Able. God approached Cain and the following discussion ensued:

Genesis 4:9-11

Then **Yahweh** said to Cain, "Where is Abel your brother?" And he said, "I do not know. Am I my brother's keeper?" He said, "What have you done? The voice of your brother's blood is crying to Me from the ground. "Now you are cursed from the ground, which has opened its mouth to receive your brother's blood from your hand."

In this judgment of blood upon the waters, it's as if the earth opens its mouth once again. This time it's not to receive blood, but to vomit up the blood that it has consumed over the centuries. From the very beginning of mankind's existence, the innocent blood of God's people has been spilled on this earth, and it will culminate with the blood of the two witnesses as blood, innocent blood, will be spilled across the entire world.

During this time of wrath, or indignation, the earth will reveal her bloodshed and will no longer cover her slain, but the earth will spew out the blood it has swallowed. Of course, this was prophesied in the **Codex** in a passage that addresses the final events of the rapture, and this time of the Lord's Great Wrath.

Isaiah 26:19-21

Your dead will live; their corpses will rise. You who lie in the dust, awake and shout for joy, for your dew is as the dew of the dawn, and the earth will give birth to the departed spirits. Come, my people, enter into your rooms and close your doors behind you; hide for a little while until *indignation* runs its

course. For behold, **Yahweh** is about to come out from His place to punish the inhabitants of the earth for their iniquity; *and the earth will reveal her bloodshed and will no longer cover her slain*.

A Cleansing?

The waters of blood are a testimony which speaks of the righteousness inherent in this judgment. But perhaps there is something else going on that is not readily apparent. Right now, we are in "judgment" mindset, after all we are studying the seven vials of wrath. And it is too easy to focus only on the reckoning of these great wrongs, but what if God is accomplishing more than just judgment? What if God is simultaneously cleansing the earth for what will come after this time of judgment?

The scene of a judgment of blood and righteousness provides an ironic God like twist to the shedding of blood. In the **Codex**, we are told that according to the Law, almost all things are cleansed with blood and without the shedding of blood there is no remission of sin.¹⁴ The perfect law of God is the standard of judgment for those who did not receive the free gift of God, whereby Jesus was judged in their place.

Perhaps in this judgment of blood, God is beginning the process of *cleansing* the earth by bringing forth, or bringing out of its bowels, all the innocent blood that has been spilled; and in so doing, He begins a process that will lead to the remission of sins for those who survive these judgments and who will enter Jesus' one-thousand-year reign on this earth.

Those who enter Jesus' millennial reign will not be "born-again" believers, but both the **Righteous** and the **Elect** will have been cleansed by their faith, and they will have the opportunity to live on the earth that has been cleansed by the outpouring of blood, for without the shedding of blood there is no remission of sin.

They NOW Deserve It

"... and You have given to them, you gave to them blood to drink. They now deserve it." Without question, when the Beast declares his war against those who will not worship him and he leads a world-wide slaughter of the two witnesses, those who have made their abode on this earth will deserve the judgment of blood for being the Beast's agents who carry out his bloody edicts. Keep in mind, this group even partied and shared gifts while they looked at the dead bodies of the two witnesses strewn all across the nations. They are sick and twisted beyond anything we can imagine. Yes, they are without doubt deserving of this judgment of blood.

But this angel is saying that they even **now** deserve it. Throughout the ages, there has been more than enough innocent blood of God's people spilled such that every moment of now, those who have made their abode in this earth, now deserve it.

The fact that this judgment upon the water, upon the very means of life, does not occur until the **time of wrath** (the time of indignation), should blow our minds. This speaks of God's wonderful and amazing mercy and patience, not wanting any to perish, even though they **now** deserve judgment.¹⁵

With that said, they have spilled the blood of His saints and prophets, and so they must drink blood.

¹⁴ Hebrews 9:22

¹⁵ 2 Peter 3:8-9

Angel of the Altar

Revelation 16:7

And I heard the altar now saying,

"Yes, O Lord the God, the Almighty, the God, the Almighty true and righteous Your judgments."

We are not told specifically which altar, but given this is all about blood and judgment, it is most likely a reference to the bronze altar of sacrifice, upon which all the blood of the holy ones and the prophets have been spilled. There is no indication that this altar is connected to the prayers of God's people which would be connected with the golden altar in the Sanctuary. Oddly, it is apparent that this altar in heaven is somehow sentient, angelic perhaps.

And I heard the altar saying, "Yes, O *Lord* the God, the Almighty, *the God, the Almighty* true and righteous Your judgments."

The altar agrees with the angel of the waters. In fact, the altar is even now saying, this proclamation, which is in part a recapitulation of a key phrase in the song of Moses and the Lamb, *"righteous and true your ways."*¹⁶

Why Does the Altar Speak?

This altar is in heaven, and it relates to the sacrifice or the slaughter of God's people, and it has an opinion forged from what has occurred on its grates. If this is the bronze altar of sacrifice, it tells us a remarkable truth that we have studied over-and-over, and that is the intersection between the Sovereign will of God and the free will of mankind to choose.

- Because this altar is in heaven, we know that what has occurred on its grates has been in accordance with the Plan-A of Yahweh. It all has been His plan. He is sovereign and it all has occurred according to His will. In the same way that a sparrow does not fall from the sky apart from the Father, it has been an act of His sovereign will to have His own people sacrificed, just as He did His Son.¹⁷
- 2. Perhaps this spilling of blood was for others (whether those sacrificed knew it or not). Perhaps as the sacrificed became imagers of the Son, their sacrifice provided an appeasement of love, and their sacrifice is what caused God to pour out "thumos" on the world and not "ogre" (reserving "ogre" his supercharged, great, and terrible fury and indignation for the spiritual forces of wickedness). We do not know, but we know that it all happened according to God's sovereign plan, and it had purpose and meaning.
- 3. Yet, God also holds accountable those who *choose* to spill the blood of the innocent people of God. No one forced them; they chose. As such, they will be judged in kind, and they will drink blood for *they now deserve it*. And this judgment is a righteous act of God.

¹⁶ Revelation 15:3-4

¹⁷ See *Matthew* 10:29

It is hard to fathom this kind of extensive and devastating judgment where there will be no water anywhere, just blood. But this reckoning is required, again, *they now deserve it*.

Keep in mind, those who have rejected the Son and choose to spill the blood of the innocent people of God, did so after God has reached out to them over-and-over again inviting them to behold the Son for who He is (**Yahweh**) and to be believing in Him. But, after much **WARNING**, they have dug down deep in their soul and rejected God's attempts to reveal to them their desperate need for the Son of God, the Lord God Almighty. This is on their backs.

God has seen (and surprisingly ordained) every atrocity, every act of cruelty and violence, every act of bigotry and injustice, every lie, betrayal, murder, theft, and deception, which others on their own volition *chose* to enact on the innocent people of God. God did not force them to act, they chose to act, they exercised their free will and chose to follow the Beast and in cold blood willfully murdered God's faithful witnesses. Because of their own personal *choice*, they in effect made themselves available to be used as a tool by God to bring forth these sacrifices.

And God holds this generation of unbelievers accountable for how they treated His bride, His woman, with violence, harm, disregard, and disrespect; and they get their full comeuppance. Keep in mind, these people are so hardened to God and to the love associated with each of His sacrifices (whether the sacrifice of His Son or His own loved ones) that they have the gall to party and send gifts to each another while the dead bodies of the two witnesses lay in the streets of the great city of religious apostasy.¹⁸ Therefore, they get what they deserve: they get blood to drink.

This event was prophesied in the Codex.

Isaiah 49:25-26

I will contend with those who contend with you, and I will save your children. I will make your oppressors eat their own flesh, and they shall be drunk with their own blood as with wine. Then all flesh shall know that I am **Yahweh** your Savior, and your Redeemer, the Mighty One of Jacob.

Let's stop here, and in our next podcast we will continue with the fourth vial of wrath.

I am glad you "tuned in" and have been "ready to listen."

¹⁸ Revelation 11:7-10