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“God Overturns Nature”

And the seventh angel poured out his vial into the air; and there came a great voice out of the temple of heaven, from the throne, saying, It is done. And there were voices, and thunders, and lightnings; and there was a great earthquake, such

as was not since men were upon the earth, so mighty an earthquake, and so great. Revelation 16:17, 18.

We need to study the pouring out of the seventh vial. The powers of evil will not yield up the conflict without a struggle. SDA Bible Commentary 7:983.

In the midst of the angry heavens is one clear space of indescribable glory, whence comes the voice of God like the sound of many waters, saying: “It is done.” Revelation 16:17.

That voice shakes the heavens and the earth. There is a mighty earthquake, “such as was not since men were upon the earth, so mighty an earthquake, and so great.” Verses 17, 18. The firmament appears to open and



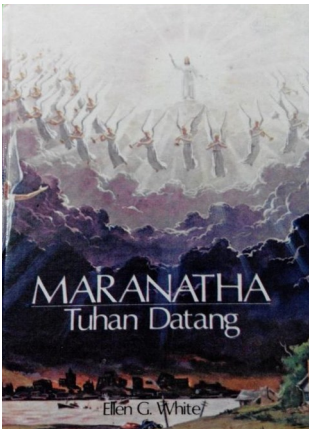
fierceness of his wrath.” Great hailstones, every one “about the weight of a talent,” are doing their work of destruction. Verses 19, 21. The proudest cities of the earth are laid low. The lordly palaces, upon which the world’s great men have lavished their

shut. The glory from the throne of God seems flashing through. The mountains shake like a reed in the wind, and ragged rocks are scattered on every side. There is a roar as of a coming tempest. The sea is lashed into fury. There is heard the shriek of a hurricane like the voice of demons upon a mission of destruction. The whole earth heaves and swells like the waves of the sea. Its surface is breaking up. Its very foundations seem to be giving away. Mountain chains are sinking. Inhabited islands disappear. The seaports that have become like Sodom for wickedness are swallowed up by the angry waters. Babylon the great has come in remembrance before God, “to give unto her the cup of the wine of the

and God’s people, who have been held in bondage for their faith, are set free. The Great Controversy, 636, 637.

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"Allah Menjungkirbalikkan Alam"



Dan malaikat yang ketujuh menumpahkan cawannya ke angkasa. Dan dari dalam Bait Suci kedengaranlah suara yang nyaring dari takhta itu, katanya: "Sudah terlaksana." Maka memancarlah kilat dan menderulah bunyi guruh, dan



terjadilah gempa bumi yang dahsyat seperti belum pernah terjadi sejak manusia ada di atas bumi. Begitu hebatnya gempa bumi itu. Wahyu 16:17, 18.

Kita perlu mempelajari pencurahan dari cawan yang ketujuh. Kuasa-kuasa jahat tidak akan meninggalkan pertentangan tanpa perjuangan.

Di tengah-tengah langit yang sedang marah terdapat sebuah ruang celah yang bersih yang tidak dapat digambarkan, yang darinya terdengar suara Allah bagaikan desau air bah, mengatakan: "Sudah terlaksana." Wahyu 16:17.

Suara itu menggoncangkan langit dan bumi. Ada sebuah gempa bumi yang dahsyat, "seperti belum pernah terjadi sejak manusia ada di atas bumi, dan begitu hebat." Ayat 17,18. Langit mem-

buka dan menutup. Kemuliaan dari tahta Allah terlihat memancar. Gunung-gunung bergetar seperti buluh dalam angin, dan batu-batunya bertebaran ke mana-mana. Terdengar deru badai yang datang. Laut marah. Terdengar pekik badai seperti suara setan-setan yang membawa misi kehancuran. Seluruh bumi mengalun dan menggelembung seperti ombak lautan. Permukaannya pecah. Dasar-dasarnya seperti lenyap. Barisan gunung tenggelam. Para penduduk pulau-pulau menghilang. Pelabuhan-pelabuhan yang sudah menjadi seperti Sodom bagi kejahatan-kejahatan ditelan oleh air yang marah. Babel besar itu telah datang dalam pembalasan di hadapan Allah, "untuk memberikan kepadanya cawan anggur keganasan murkaNya." Hujan es besar "seberat seratus pon", mengadakan perusakan. Ayat 19, 21.

Kota-kota yang sangat sombong di bumi ini direndahkan. Istana-istana agung, yang di dalamnya para pembesar dunia ini telah memboroskan kekayaan mereka untuk memuliakan diri mereka sendiri, runtuh di depan mata mereka. Tembok penjara terbelah, dan umat Allah, yang telah ditahan karena iman mereka, dibebaskan.