

## Chapter 15

This chapter will cover the seven Angles that have the seven bowls. The Purpose of Wrath is Judgment for the Wicked not purification of the church - By Grace not by works. You are told about it in great detail so you can make sure you do your part to make sure the seed is scatter. This is the most intense of all judgments. These bowls end the Great Tribulation!

The order here is not chronological but logical. It is here where; we will go back and cover something that has already happened with new detail and explanation. This is the same method used by God since Genesis and

### Bitterness – Deep Thoughts (Hebrews 12:15)

In Chapter 14, the 144,000 were singing. Stop and ponder on that a minute. Many were likely killed as martyrs, and they were undoubtedly persecuted to a level we will never know being spared the Great Tribulation - yet they were singing.

Now, what about your trial in that light? **Do you have any reason to be bitter that it is not going as you planned?** Oh that, all of us made be given eyes to see His purpose and not our circumstances and fall to bitterness.

creation and through new testament (4 Gospels to Cover Jesus). Judgment is by God – not Antichrist or anyone else this is direct action by God.

***Revelation 15:1-5 Then I saw another sign in heaven, great and marvelous: seven angels having the seven last plagues, for in them the wrath of God is complete. And I saw something like a sea of glass mingled with fire, and those who have the victory over the beast, over his image and over his mark and over the number of his name, standing on the sea of glass, having harps of God. They sing the song of Moses, the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying: "Great and marvelous are Your works, Lord God Almighty! Just and true are Your ways, O King of the saints! Who shall not fear You, O Lord, and glorify Your name? For You alone are holy. For all nations shall come and worship before You, For Your judgments have been manifested." After these things I looked, and behold, the temple of the tabernacle of the testimony in heaven was opened.***

**Have we seen the sea of glass reference before? If so, how is this different, where is it, and what is the significance?**

Glassy Sea mingled with Fire; this is a picture of how grim the picture is on earth with the Judgment. This why Jesus said in these days, if you give a cup of cold water, you will be remembered.

### **Why the song of Moses and the song of the Lamb?**

Song of Moses (Ex. 15:1-21 and Det 32:1-43) Song of Lamb (Rev 5:9-12) - The song of Moses celebrates God's miraculous rescue of Israel from Egyptian slavery, and the Song of the Lamb speak to Christ's ransom and victory over Satan. This book is centered on Christ. Don't be distracted on the wild events and lose focus on Christ - The Author and finisher of our faith, Lord and Savior – King of the Ages... Christ is Love but He is

a Light also. He is a Holy GOD! Fearing God is beginning of all knowledge. Phil 2:9-11 God...exalted Him...Every tongue, every knee will bow, in heaven, in earth and under earth.

## **Why is the temple referenced and not the Church or Churches?**

Church or Churches are referenced 19 times in Revelation. 18 occur in the first three chapters. Then in chapter 4, there is a trumpet sound and reference to the seven lamps in Heaven with the 24 elders. Temple on the other hand is referenced 15 times in Revelation (14 times after Chapter 3). Only one people (The Jews) were given instructions by God on Earth to build a temple. There is no temple in New Jerusalem where the Church is going. Temple is for Old Testament believers. The angels departing from the temple signifies them moving from the mercy seat to the judgment phase. Gold indicates they are coming under Christ Authority.

## **Is there precedence for Rapture?**

Enoch was taken out prior to the flood, but Noah was sealed so he could go through it. 144,000 from the 12 tribes was sealed and possible others are sealed in the Temple on Earth.

***Revelation 15:6-8 And out of the temple came the seven angels having the seven plagues, clothed in pure bright linen, and having their chests girded with golden bands. Then one of the four living creatures gave to the seven angels seven golden bowls full of the wrath of God who lives forever and ever. The temple was filled with smoke from the glory of God and from His power, and no one was able to enter the temple till the seven plagues of the seven angels were completed.***

**What is the symbolism of the angels dress? Why is there a reference to the Tent of Meetings or Tabernacle? Do you see the parallels from Exodus? What would the bowls be filled with in Exodus for atonement?**

Bowls were used in Temple Service – Blood used for atonement but now because the bowl containing the blood of Christ was denied by man, so God will fill it with wrath! Seven is the perfect number. It denotes completeness of wrath and the last of the Great Tribulation. In His perfect justice, God's power and might is on display and even His temple had become so Holy no may enter it until the judgment has past.

## Chapter 16

**Bowls of Wrath** – Similar to Trumpets without the restraint.

*16:1-2 Then I heard a loud voice from the temple saying to the seven angels, “Go and pour out the bowls of the wrath of God on the earth.” So the first went and poured out his bowl upon the earth, and a foul and loathsome sore came upon the men who had the mark of the beast and those who worshiped his image.*

The Lord directs all seven to be poured without delay! This time only a very brief pause between 6 and 7<sup>th</sup> bowl.

**Why are Angels instructed to leave the temple? What is the significance of this?** The sores are a direct attack on people and this was prophesied in Deuteronomy 28:15, 27, and 35.

Lord is in charge from the time he opened the seven seals. He was found worthy. God granted Him the responsibility to carry out Judgment. This world is passing away. As Jesus told the disciples when they spoke of the splendor of the temple, not one stone will be left on another. Remember; don't get too attached to this world of your stuff in it. Keep spiritually pure to Christ.

Each Angel leaves the temple and the place of the mercy seat. The day of all out Judgment has arrived. The sores are a direct attack on people and this was prophesied in Deuteronomy 28:15, 27, and 35.

*16:3 - 7 Then the second angel poured out his bowl on the sea, and it became blood as of a dead man; and every living creature in the sea died. Then the third angel poured out his bowl on the rivers and springs of water, and they became blood. And I heard the angel of the waters saying: “You are righteous, O Lord, The One who is and who was and who is to be, Because You have judged these things. For they have shed the blood of saints and prophets, And You have given them blood to drink. For it is their just due.” And I heard another from the altar saying, “Even so, Lord God Almighty, true and righteous are Your judgments.”*

Unlike the 2<sup>nd</sup> trumpet which was restrained to only 1/3 of the sea, this is all. Image the sea breeze and the smell of death all around. **What would the impact be?**

Unlike the 3<sup>rd</sup> Trumpet which was 1/3 of the fresh water supply, this is all. Imagine it for a moment. Picture a creek, river or lake near you or one that you know. **What does the scene look like? What do you do?**

Destruction of life will be unparalleled. God is always about his laws and justice. Here we see sowing and reaping. They spilled the Saints blood and will not accept the blood of Christ, so now they will drink blood.

*16:8-11 Then the fourth angel poured out his bowl on the sun, and power was given to him to scorch men with fire. And men were scorched with great heat, and they blasphemed the name of God who has power over these plagues; and they did not repent and give Him glory. Then the fifth angel poured out his bowl on the throne of the beast, and his kingdom became full of darkness; and they gnawed their tongues because of the pain. They blasphemed the God of heaven because of their pains and their sores, and did not repent of their deeds.*

**How might God increase the intensity of the Sun? What might be the impact on those that remain? What is this strange darkness over the beast's kingdom?**

The fourth and fifth bowls are on the Sun. Jesus spoke of signs in the sun, moon and stars (Luke 21:25). The 4<sup>th</sup> is like the atmosphere is peeled back a little or the earth is moved closer to the sun. Prophecy fulfilled from Deuteronomy 32:24, Isaiah 24:6, and Mal. The 5<sup>th</sup> bowl is a strange darkness; however, the heat is still there just no light now. (Reference Isaiah 62 and Joel).

**Why would people still not repent?** Read Romans 2:4. Paul said The Goodness of God leads to repentance.

*16:12-14 Then the sixth angel poured out his bowl on the great river Euphrates, and its water was dried up, so that the way of the kings from the east might be prepared. And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs coming out of the mouth of the dragon, out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet. For they are spirits of demons, performing signs, which go out to the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty.*

The sixth bowl is poured out on Euphrates to clear way for Armageddon. Euphrates is mentioned in the bible 25 times. From Genesis 2 to Revelations, it is prominent in the first and last days of Man. It is the border of the Far East and Middle East. The river is also 1700 miles long just to give you an idea of the scale.

Since it says "like frogs", **what can we infer they are being used to symbolize and why?** This is the interlude between the 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> bowl. Consistent with the pattern John follows. Notice, the verse says looked like Frogs, it does not say they are frogs. This verse maybe one of the spots where symbolism instead of literal interpretation is used to reference the demons and spirits. Frogs were worshipped in Egypt as idols. Psalm 105:30 "Their land teemed with **frogs**, which went up into the bedrooms of their rulers." **Based on this, why might have frogs been used as a symbol?**

*16:15-16 "Behold, I am coming as a thief. Blessed is he who watches, and keeps his garments, lest he walk naked and they see his shame." And they gathered them together to the place called in Hebrew, Armageddon.*

**Why the reference to not sleeping or getting caught naked?**

He comes as a thief to unbeliever yet is the blessed hope of believers. Naked is not clothed in righteousness. Note: The captain of the Temple would make rounds at night and any guard found sleeping would either be beaten or they would light his garment on fire. He would be shamefully exposed.

**How many references are there in the bible to Armageddon?** This is the only reference to Armageddon. This is a fertile valley with a history.

*16:17-20 Then the seventh angel poured out his bowl into the air, and a loud voice came out of the temple of heaven, from the throne, saying, "It is done!" And there were noises and thunderings and lightnings; and there was a great earthquake, such a mighty and great earthquake as had not occurred since men were on the earth. Now the great city was divided into three parts, and the cities of the nations fell. And great Babylon was remembered before God, to give her the cup of the wine of the fierceness of His wrath. Then every island fled away, and the mountains were not found.*

The seventh bowl is that judgment poured out in the Great Tribulation. **What is the significance that it is poured out in the Air?** Earthquake like no other with it center in Jerusalem. Notice the Temple is referenced

again. Israel will have to go through the Great Tribulation, but the church is not mentioned. Just like with the last judgment on the whole earth, God called one up and sealed one to go through. Enoch was taken up prior to the flood, but Noah was sealed in the arc so he could go through it.

***16:21 And great hail from heaven fell upon men, each hailstone about the weight of a talent. Men blasphemed God because of the plague of the hail, since that plague was exceedingly great.***

**How much does each hail stone weigh? Is there any precedence in the Lord using hail stones for judgment?**

The hail stones weigh a talent Greek 56lbs or Jewish 114 lbs. This has happened before see Joshua 10:11.

## Chapter 17

### Introduction:

The Great Tribulation has now been poured out, so chapters 17 and 18 are going to focus on the Judgment that will come on the two Babylons – Ecclesiastical (17) and Commercial (18). Two cities? Two Systems?

<b>Ecclesiastical Babylon</b>	<b>Commercial Babylon</b>
Destroyed by the Wild Beast	Destroyed by Christ on His Return
Hated by the Beast	Loved by the World
Destroyed at the beginning of the last 3.5 years of the Great Tribulation	Destroyed at the end of the last 3.5 years of the Great Tribulation

***Revelation 17:1-2 Then one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls came and talked with me, saying to me, "Come, I will show you the judgment of the great harlot who sits on many waters, with whom the kings of the earth committed fornication, and the inhabitants of the earth were made drunk with the wine of her fornication."***

**What is significance of the symbolism? The Beast represents? Why does it say Kings are committing adultery with the Harlot?**

The Beast is presumed to be the revived Roman Empire by most Theologians. The church of Thyatira permitted Jezebel to teach, but that will be minor compared to this. Many waters speak of great masses, nations or peoples. Kings fornicating likely speaks of the unholy alliance of Church and State.

Today, we have two types of Churches (Philadelphia & Laodicea). Philadelphia represents the true Church and it is given the promise of the rapture (rev. 3:10). Laodicea represents those apostate churches that go straight into the Tribulation.

**Past chapter four the Laodicea church is no longer the bride of Christ, so what is it called? Why?**

In that day, the church will sell out to the World system and compromise so it can be a top the scarlet beast as described in Chapter 13. Being unfaithful, the apostate church becomes the harlot instead of the bride. Did you know in the Old Testament, punishment for prostitution was being burned at the stake?

**Does the apostate church co-exists today with the true church of Jesus? What do we do about it?**