

Chapters 15 & 16: The Seven Vials

Foundation Scriptures

Joh 17:15 I pray **not** that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil.

Rev 21:7 He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son.

Rev 12:11 And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.

Dan 12:10 Many shall be purified, and made white, and tried; but the wicked shall do wickedly: and none of the wicked shall understand; but the wise shall understand.

A. Introduction to the Seven Last Plagues

1. The Final Plagues

Rev 15:1 And I saw another sign in heaven, great and **marvelous**, seven angels having the seven **last** plagues; **for in them is filled up the wrath of God.**

a) Overview of Rev 12-20

Dan 12:1 And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people (*Refer: Rev 12*): and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation [even] to that same time (*Refer: Rev 14*): and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book (*Refer: Rev 20*).

Dan 12:2 And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame [and] everlasting contempt (*Refer to Rev 20*).

Rev 12:4 and the dragon stood before the woman which was ready to be delivered, for to devour her child as soon as it was born.

Rev 12:6 And the woman fled into the wilderness, where she hath a place prepared of God, that they should feed her there a **thousand two hundred [and] threescore days.**

b) Overview of Rev 14

Dan 12:7 And I heard the man clothed in linen, which [was] upon the waters of the river, when he held up his right hand and his left hand unto heaven, and swore by him that liveth for ever that [it shall be] **for a time, times, and an half (3 ½ years or 1260 days at 30 days per month)**; and **when he shall have accomplished to scatter the power of the holy people**, all these [things] shall be finished.

Note: The power of the holy people (*i.e., the Jews, specifically Israel*) is destroyed by the end of Rev 14. This marks the end of the 1260 days for those observant Jews who fled into the wilderness. Not all the Jews have been killed but the anti-Christ will be much too challenged with plagues to be concerned about them for the next 30 days.

c) Overview of Chap 16

Dan 12:11 And from the time [that] the daily [sacrifice] shall be taken away, and the abomination that maketh desolate set up, [there shall be] **a thousand two hundred and ninety days.**

Note: These Seven Plagues, just as with the last seven plagues in the days of Pharaoh (*Refer to BOR Series Part 11*), affect only the enemy and break the power of the anti-Christ. The period of the 1290 days of the anti-Christ's power ends with the Seventh Vial.

d) The time of the Rapture

Dan 12:12 Blessed [is] he that waiteth, and cometh to the thousand three hundred and five and thirty days.

Note: The word "waiteth" implies that he is alive; the word "cometh" implies that he remains until the appropriate time; in other words, he that is alive and remain is blessed.

2. Those who are alive and remain

Rev 15:2 And I saw as it were a sea of glass mingled with fire: and **them that had gotten the victory over the beast**, and over his image, and over his mark, [and] over the number of his name, stand on the sea of glass, having the harps of God.

Rev 12:11 These are overcomers who have gotten the victory by the Blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony. These are **not** martyrs who refused the mark

Rev 15:3 And they sing the song of Moses the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying, Great and marvelous [are] thy works, Lord God Almighty; just and true [are] thy ways, thou King of saints.

Rev 15:4 Who shall not fear thee, O Lord, and glorify thy name? for [thou] only [art] holy: for all nations shall come and worship before thee; for thy judgments are made manifest.

Rev 15:5 And after that I looked, and, behold, the temple of the tabernacle of the testimony in heaven was opened:

Note: The Temple of the Tabernacle is a place of mercy. God's mercy was still available to all.

3. Seven vials

Rev 15:6 And the seven angels came out of the temple, having the seven plagues, clothed in pure and white linen, and having their breasts girded with golden girdles.

Rev 15:7 And one of the four beasts gave unto the seven angels seven golden vials full of the wrath of God, who liveth for ever and ever.

Rev 15:8 And the temple was filled with smoke from the glory of God, and from his power; and no man was able to enter into the temple, till the seven plagues of the seven angels were fulfilled.

Note: Mercy has been suspended and judgment released via the vials. These Seven Plagues are directly intended for the anti-Christ, his partners and those who serve him.

B. The Seven Vials of Plagues

1. Vials 1-6

Rev 16:1 And I heard a great voice out of the temple saying to the seven angels, Go your ways, and pour out the vials of the wrath of God upon the earth.

Rev 16:2 And the **first** went, and poured out his vial upon the earth; and there fell a noisome and grievous sore **upon the men which had the mark of the beast, and [upon] them which worshipped his image.**

Rev 16:3 And the **second** angel poured out his vial upon the sea; and it became as the blood of a dead [man]: and every living soul died in the sea.

Rev 16:4 And the **third** angel poured out his vial upon the rivers and fountains of waters; and they became blood.

Rev 16:5 And I heard the angel of the waters say, Thou art righteous, O Lord, which art, and wast, and shalt be, because thou hast judged thus.

Rev 16:6 For they have shed the blood of saints and prophets, and thou hast given them blood to drink; for they are worthy.

Rev 16:7 And I heard another out of the altar say, Even so, Lord God Almighty, true and righteous [are] thy judgments.

Rev 16:8 And the **fourth** angel poured out his vial upon the sun; and power was given unto him to scorch men with fire.

Rev 16:9 And men were scorched with great heat, and blasphemed the name of **God, which hath power over these plagues:** and they repented not to give him glory.

Rev 16:10 And the **fifth** angel poured out his vial upon the seat of the beast; and his kingdom was full of darkness; and they gnawed their tongues for pain, (*Babylon, Pergamos, (Berlin), Mystery Babylon/Rome*).

Rev 16:11 And blasphemed the God of heaven because of their pains and their sores, and repented not of their deeds.

Rev 16:12 And the **sixth** angel poured out his vial upon the great river Euphrates; and the water thereof was dried up, that the way of the kings of the east might be prepared.

2. Call to Armageddon

Rev 16:13 And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs [come] out of the mouth of the **dragon**, and out of the mouth of the **beast**, and out of the mouth of the **false prophet.**

Rev 16:14 For they are the spirits of devils, working miracles, [which] go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty.

Rev 16:15 Behold, I come as a thief. Blessed [is] he that watcheth, and keepeth his garments, lest he walk naked, and they see his shame.

Rev 16:16 And he gathered them together into a place called in the Hebrew tongue Armageddon.

3. Vial 7

Rev 16:17 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.**

Note: Compare this utterance with “It is finished” in John 19:30.

Rev 16:18 And there were voices, and thunders, and lightnings; and there was a great earth quake, such as was not since men were upon the earth, so mighty an earthquake, [and] so great.

Rev 16:19 And **the great city** was divided into three parts, and the cities of the nations fell: and great Babylon came in remembrance before God, to give unto her the cup of the wine of the fierceness of his wrath.

Rev 11:8 And their dead bodies [shall lie] in the street of the great city, which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, where also our Lord was crucified.

Rev 16:20 And every island fled away, and the mountains were not found.

Rev 16:21 And there fell upon men a great hail out of heaven, [every stone] about the weight of a talent: and men blasphemed God because of the plague of the hail; for the plague thereof was exceeding great.

Note: God has poured out his wrath with the Seven Trumpets and the Seven Vials. The reign of the anti-Christ is at an end. The 1290 days are over. All that is left is the destruction of Mystery Babylon, and the disposition of the false prophet and the anti-Christ (the beast) and His followers.

C. What is done?

God has poured out His wrath on those who have rejected Him, beginning with the Trumpets and now finishing with Vial 6. The pouring out of His wrath is done. Spiritually, the anti-Christ has already been defeated. Now, here, “It is done.” is a prophetic Word declaring the end of the anti-Christ and his army/people. The result is the calling of the anti-Christ and His people to the Battle of Armageddon, which is preceded by the return of Jesus Messiah.

Mat 24:29 (1) Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and (2) the powers of the heavens shall be shaken:

Mat 24:30 (3) And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. (*Note: the numbers in parentheses refer to the subsections below*).

Dan 12:12 Blessed [is] he that waiteth, and cometh to the thousand three hundred and five and thirty days.

1. The Beginning.

Remember Rev 7:14 refers to the martyrs of Seal 5 in Chap 6:9 as coming out of great tribulation.

Rev 6:12 And I beheld when he had opened the sixth seal, and, lo, there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became as blood;

Rev 6:13 And the stars of heaven fell unto the earth, even as a fig tree casteth her untimely figs, when she is shaken of a mighty wind.

Rev 6:14 And the heaven departed as a scroll when it is rolled together; and every mountain and island were moved out of their places.

Rev 6:15 And the kings of the earth, and the great men, and the rich men, and the chief captains, and the mighty men, and every bondman, and every free man, hid themselves in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains;

Rev 6:16 And said to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb:

Rev 6:17 For the great day (*i.e., period of time*) of his wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?

2. Powers of heaven shaken

Rev 12:7 And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels,

Rev 12:8 And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven.

Rev 12:9 And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.

3. Son of Man coming.

Rev 19:11 And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him [was] called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war.

a) Summary:

Seal 7 – There have been no salvations for a period, so there is silence in Heaven. Then, God's wrath is initiated by the giving of the Seven Trumpets to the angels.

Trumpet 7 – The kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of the Lord and of His Christ which results in the casting of satan down to the earth.

Vial 7 – God's wrath has been completely poured out which causes the anti-Christ to come to Armageddon, where he will be cast into the Lake of fire.

b) Question: If God's wrath has been poured out, what about the coming destruction of that great city of Mystery Babylon?

Rev 17:16 And the ten horns (*i.e., ten kings*) which thou sawest upon the beast, these shall hate the whore (*i.e., the city on seven hills*), and shall make her desolate and naked, and shall eat her flesh, and burn her with fire.

Rev 17:18 And the woman which thou sawest is that great city, which reigneth over the kings of the earth.