

Wednesday Evening Bible Study
The Book of Revelation
Chapter 16
Lesson 23

- Chapter 16 marks the end of the pause/parenthesis we examined from chapter 12-15
- We now resume the Great Tribulation in progress.
- The events we cover tonight, chronologically come after chapter 11
- However, if we were not given the important information found in these pauses and parentheses, the remaining chapters would make little sense
- v. 1, “Then I heard a loud voice from the temple saying to the seven angels, ‘Go and pour out the _____ of wrath of God on the earth.’”
- Whose voice does John hear, here?
- This voice comes, “from the Temple” therefore many scholars believe that this is the voice of _____.

First Bowl, v. 2

When the angel pours out the 1st bowl, “a foul and loathsome _____ came upon the men who had the mark of the beast and those who worshipped his image.”

Interestingly, the Greek word used here for “sore” is the same word used by in the Greek Old Testament (Septuagint- LXX) in Exodus 9:9-11 to represent the boils inflicted upon the Egyptians

Second Bowl, v. 3

When the 2nd angel pours out his bowl, “the sea . . . became _____ as of a dead man; and every living creature in the sea died.”

Again, notice the parallel with Exodus 7:20-25

Just as God killed all the fish and made the Nile River unfit to drink, so He will do the same when the 2nd bowl is poured out.

Third Bowl, v. 4-7

When the seas become unsanitary, men will turn to the fresh water creeks and rivers

But the third angel will cause them to become unsanitary too, “Then the third angel poured out his bowl on the _____ and _____ of water, and they became blood.”

This 3rd bowl introduces us to a new angel, one we have not seen before the, “angel of the _____”

Notice another angel mentioned, in v. 7, “another from the altar saying, ‘Even so, Lord God Almighty, true and righteous are Your judgements.’”

Fourth Bowl, v. 8-9

When the 4th angel pours out his bowl, the _____ is effected

“Then the fourth angel poured out his bowl on the sun, and power was given to him to scorch men with fire.”

Fifth Bowl, v. 10-11

The 5th angel’s wrath is directed toward “the _____ of the beast”

As in the 9th plague in Egypt, the 5th bowl results in “darkness”

This is a literal and spiritual darkness. Yes, the earth will literally be dark, but spiritually the hearts of men will be even darker!

v. 11 tells us that again, “they _____ the God of heaven because of their pains and sores, and did not repent of their deeds.”

Sixth Bowl, v. 12-16

The 6th bowl is directed toward the River _____

There’s a reason that this great river is dried up, “so that the _____ from the east might be prepared.”

This is an important event that allows Satan to gather his remaining followers/armies together for the upcoming battle at Meggido, which v. 16 calls, _____

But what about v. 13-14, who are these “three unclean spirits like _____”

Where do these unclean spirits come from?

“the dragon, out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet.”

v. 14 tells us what these spirits will be doing, “performing _____”

v. 15 is an important statement for the saints of that day, as well as you and me today. God is telling the saints of that day to be ready, for Jesus will come, “as a thief” meaning He will come quickly and unexpectedly.

Friend, you and I must also be ready for Jesus may appear again at any moment to rapture His bride, the church. Are YOU ready?

How about your family, friends, neighbors, and coworkers, are they ready?

Seventh Bowl, v. 17-21

Notice where the 7th bowl is poured, “Then the seventh angel poured out his bowl into the _____”

What is the response from heaven, “and a loud voice came out of the temple in heaven, from the throne, saying, ‘It is done!’”

This great earthquake causes, “the great city (to be) divided into three parts, and the cities of the nations fell”

All the cities that remain in that day will crumble, but one city in particular will be divided into “three parts”

v. 20 tells us that due to the earthquake, the entire planet will geographically and topographically be changed, “Then every _____ fled away and the _____ were not found.”

v. 21 is the culmination of the 7th bowl as we read of, “great _____” falling upon men from heaven.

The weight of each hailstone is, “the weight of a talent” = _____ lbs.

This is similar to the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah, but rather than just effecting 2 cities, this hailstorm will cover the entire earth!

Chronologically, we need to turn to Rev. 19:11 where Christ established His millennial kingdom on earth.

However we enter into another pause/parenthesis, for God wants to give us some more information/details in chapters 17 and 18 first.