

Revelation Chapter 16

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Verses 1 – 2

1Then I heard a loud voice from the temple, saying to the seven angels, "Go and pour out on the earth the seven bowls of the wrath of God."

2So the first angel went and poured out his bowl on the earth; and it became a loathsome and malignant sore on the people who had the mark of the beast and who worshiped his image.

If that image could speak, you would worship it or get killed. Remember the plagues on Egypt to force Pharaoh to let the Hebrew slaves go? Scripture says all the Egyptians suffered "Boils breaking out with sores on man and beast." (Exodus 9:10)

As with the 1st of the 7 Babylon, "mystery of iniquity" empires, so now with the last.

Verse 3

3The second angel poured out his bowl into the sea, and it became blood like that of a dead man; and every living thing in the sea died.

Remember the judgment on Egypt: "*By this you will know that I am the Lord; behold I will strike the water that is in the Nile with the staff that is in my hand, it will be turned to blood. The fish that are in the Nile will die.*" (Exodus 7:17)

At the 2nd trumpet judgment was warning: repent, or else. Or else greater judgment is to follow and now does follow here in chapter 16. Earth-dwellers didn't repent at that warning. Like Pharaoh's heart remained hard.

Verse 4

4Then the third angel poured out his bowl into the rivers and the springs of waters; and they became blood.

5And I heard the angel of the waters saying, "Righteous are You, who are and who were, O Holy One, because You judged these things;

Same plague struck Egypt, even down to their wood and stone water pots at home.

3rd trumpet judgment in Revelation 8 did the same, but only to 1/3 of the fresh waters.

Earth-dwellers didn't repent at that earlier warning. Like Pharaoh's heart remained hard.

Verse 6

6for they poured out the blood of saints and prophets, and You have given them blood to drink. They deserve it."

Not the time for words like those of Jesus on the cross: "Father, forgive them, they know not what they do."

Now is the time for undiluted wrath.

Verse 7

7And I heard the altar saying, "Yes, O Lord God, the Almighty, true and righteous are Your judgments."

The altar – the place of prayer and worship in the temple sanctuary.

Verses 8 – 9

8The fourth angel poured out his bowl upon the sun, and it was given to it to scorch men with fire.

9Men were scorched with fierce heat; and they blasphemed the name of God who has the power over these plagues, and they did not repent so as to give Him glory.

No such judgment on Egypt. This one is unique. These judgments are God's wrath and they are his last minute plea to "repent or else".

They're not the still, small voice saying "this is the way, walk ye in it."

This is a punch to the nose saying "repent or else."

Verses 10-11

10Then the fifth angel poured out his bowl on the throne of the beast, and his kingdom became darkened; and they gnawed their tongues because of pain,

11and they blasphemed the God of heaven because of their pains and their sores; and they did not repent of their deeds.

Same plague fell upon Egypt,

"Even a darkness which may be felt" scripture says (Exodus 10: 21) lasted 3 days. "But all the sons of Israel had light in their dwellings". (Exodus 10:23)

Verse 12

12The sixth angel poured out his bowl on the great river, the Euphrates; and its water was dried up, so that the way would be prepared for the kings from the east.

East is relative to Jerusalem. The way is being prepared for all the armies of the earth, even from all lands east of the Euphrates (in modern day Iraq), to march to Armageddon.

Verse 13 -14

13And I saw coming out of the mouth of the dragon and out of the mouth of the beast and out of the mouth of the false prophet, three unclean spirits like frogs;

14for they are spirits of demons, performing signs, which go out to the kings of the whole world, to gather them together for the war of the great day of God, the Almighty.

Demons, not all secret nor behind the scenes; gathering the armies of the earth to Armageddon to fight against Jesus Christ at his return.

15"Behold, I am coming like a thief Blessed is the one who stays awake and keeps his clothes, so that he will not walk about naked and men will not see his shame."

16And they gathered them together to the place which in Hebrew is called Har-Magedon.

Verse 17

17Then the seventh angel poured out his bowl upon the air, and a loud voice came out of the temple from the throne, saying, "It is done."

Must be the voice of God because 15:8 says nobody could enter that place but God, during the time of this wrath.

"It is Done."

When Jesus gave up his spirit on the cross, he said, "It is finished." He'd paid the death penalty on behalf of all who'd turn to him and repent.

Now, God says, "It is finished." The death penalty upon all who don't turn and repent.

Verses 18-20

18And there were flashes of lightning and sounds and peals of thunder; and there was a great earthquake, such as there had not been since man came to be upon the earth, so great an earthquake was it, and so mighty.

19The great city was split into three parts, and the cities of the nations fell Babylon the great was remembered before God, to give her the cup of the wine of His fierce wrath.

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

Remember immediately following the death of Jesus, there was an earthquake so powerful even rocks were split. From noon to 3pm (6th hour to 9th hour) as Jesus hung alive on the cross, scripture says "there was a darkness over the face of the whole land." Greek word for land could just as easily be translated to "earth."

I believe that darkness was over the whole earth. It was not any eclipse of the sun, because eclipse last a short time- nowhere near 3 hours. Sun, moon and earth are in motion relative to each other, so all eclipse are local and short.

The earthquake and darkness when Rome (the 6th mystery Babylon, mystery of iniquity, empire) put Christ to death were a warning and prophecy that the same would happen when the 7th such empire murders his followers in the last days. Saul, Saul why persecute me? Only now the darkness and earthquake are not a warning, they are undiluted wrath.

The Great City

Identified in Revelation 11:8 as Jerusalem.

Babylon the Great

The 7th empire, this last-days world-wide empire is the consummation of Lucifer's mystery of iniquity" / mystery of Babylon. He's been trying to manifest from the time of the Tower of Babel

We talked about it previously and we'll be behooved to talk about it in greater detail in chapter 17.

Verse 21

21 And huge hailstones, about one hundred pounds each, came down from heaven upon men; and men blasphemed God because of the plague of the hail, because its plague was extremely severe.

Only one conclusion, they are evil.

23 When Moses stretched out his staff toward the sky, the LORD sent thunder and hail, and lightning flashed down to the ground. So the LORD rained hail on the land of Egypt; 24 hail fell and lightning flashed back and forth. It was the worst storm in all the land of Egypt since it had become a nation. 25 Throughout Egypt hail struck everything in the fields—both men and animals; it beat down everything growing in the fields and stripped every tree. 26 The only place it did not hail was the land of Goshen, where the Israelites were. (Exodus 9:23-26)