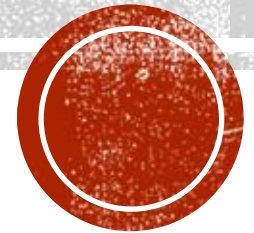


ESCHATOLOGY – WEEK 6

THE TRIBULATION PART 4: REV. 14-18

– FINAL JUDGMENTS

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REVELATION CHAPTER 14

The Lamb and the 144,000

- John sees them standing on Mount Zion. These are the same who were 'sealed' in chapter 7. No doubt the same seal as well – the Name of God!!
- This is a special group of Christ-followers, who are given an exclusive privilege to learn a song of worship written just for them.
- They did not defile themselves during the Tribulation.

The Three Angels

- **Angel #1** – flying midair, declaring the eternal gospel to all who live on the earth, calling for worship of the one True God.
 - Yet another attempt by God to bring man to repentance! And this after 3.5 years of prophetic preaching from the Two Witnesses!
 - Do we see here also God pleading with people to worship Him rather than Antichrist?



REVELATION CHAPTER 14

The Three Angels

- **Angel #2** – follows angel #1, decries a judgment on Babylon the Great.
 - Babylon the Great likely represent the new world order of nations under the rule of Antichrist.
- **Angel #3** – announces that anyone who worships the beast *and* his image *and* receives his mark will drink God's wrath.
 - Those who do this will be tormented for ever and ever in burning sulfur. Note that it seems this condemnation is irreversible.
 - (vs.11). KJV renders “and for anyone who receives the mark...”
 - Another call for patience endurances and faithfulness for followers of Christ.



REVELATION CHAPTER 14

The Harvest of the Earth

- John is now shown a white cloud, with one seated on it like a 'son of man' with a gold crown on his head and a sharp sickle in his hand. (Dan. 7:13)
- Another angel comes from the Temple announcing that the time to harvest the earth is ripe.
- Two more angels now appear from the Temple, one having a sharp sickle and one holding fire.
- The sickle-wielding angel swings his sickle to harvest the earth. Its harvest is thrown into the 'great winepress of God's wrath.'
 - This results in much bloodshed. Literal or symbolic?



REVELATION CHAPTER 15

SEVEN ANGELS WITH SEVEN PLAGUES

- John still peering into heaven, beholds another 'great and marvelous sign'
- Seven Angels with the Seven Last Plagues to complete God's Wrath
- John is shown a sea of glass and fire, standing next to it are those who were victorious over the beast and his image and the number of his name.
- They are holding harps and sing the song of Moses (vs.3-4).
- He then sees the temple opened, from which is exiting the Seven Angels with the Seven Plagues, dressed in shining linen with golden sashes.



REVELATION CHAPTER 15

SEVEN ANGELS WITH SEVEN PLAGUES

- Next, one of the Four Living Creatures gives to the Angels the Seven Golden Bowls filled with the wrath of God, who lives for ever and ever.
- The Temple was filled with smoke from the Lord's glory. The Bowl Judgments begin.
- They begin with another announcement from heaven: "Go, pour out the seven bowls of God's wrath on the earth."



REVELATION CHAPTER 16

THE BOWL JUDGMENTS

BOWL #1 – wrath on the land, ugly and painful sores break out on those who have the mark of the beast *and* worshiped his image.

BOWL #2 – wrath on the sea, turned to blood and *every* living thing in the sea died.

BOWL #3 – wrath on the fresh water, turned to blood. This appears to be an answer to the question of the martyrs in Rev. 6:9-11.

BOWL #4 – wrath through the sun, it was given power to scorch people, who curse God's name and *refuse to repent still*. (massive solar flare?)



REVELATION CHAPTER 16

THE BOWL JUDGMENTS

BOWL #5 – wrath on world power (throne of the beast), his kingdom is plunged into darkness. Men gnawed their tongues in agony, curse God and *refuse to repent still*. Painful sores have not gone away yet.

BOWL #6 – wrath on the Euphrates River, making way for the kings from the East and for the Battle of Armageddon.

- John now sees three evil spirits from the mouths of the dragon, beast and false prophet. These are spirits of demons performing miraculous signs and are sent to recruit the world for war against God.



REVELATION CHAPTER 16

THE BOWL JUDGMENTS

BOWL #7 – wrath into the air, a loud voice from the Temple saying “It is done.”
Lightning, thunder, most severe earthquake in history.

- This earthquake is so intense that the city of Babylon will split into 3 parts, and the cities of the nations will collapse.
- **Every** island covered, mountains leveled, 100 lb. hailstones fall upon men. More cursing of God resulting from this plague.
 - Remember Rev. 6:14. “and every mountain and island was removed from it’s place.”?
 - That couldn’t have previously been fully literal if there are still mountains and islands on earth as of Rev. 16:20. Will it be literal *this* time?



SEVEN BOWL JUDGMENTS

7 Bowls of Wrath

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Rev. 16:2	Rev. 16:3	Rev. 16:4-7	Rev. 16:8-9	Rev. 16:10-11	Rev. 16:12-16	Rev. 16:17-21
Malignant ulcers appear on those with the mark of the Beast.	Sea turns to blood, all living creatures in the sea die.	Drinking water turns to blood, men given blood to drink..	The sun becomes extremely hot, and scorches men.	Antichrist's kingdom struck with darkness.	Euphrates river dried up, armies gathered for Armageddon.	Worldwide earthquake, cities collapse, 120lb. hailstones fall from the sky

Abomination of Desolation

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REVELATION CHAPTER 17

THE WOMAN AND THE BEAST

- One of the Seven Angels then says to John that he will show him the punishment awaiting the great prostitute 'who sits on many waters.' (Read Rev.17:1-2)
- John is then carried away 'in the Spirit' by the Angel into a desert, where he sees a woman sitting on a scarlet beast that is covered with blasphemous names, also having 7 heads and 10 horns.
- This sounds like the same beast described in Rev. 13:1, the Antichrist.
- This 'harlot' is likely symbolic of wealth, power, extravagance, luxury, and ease. She is given several names in Rev. 17:5.



REVELATION CHAPTER 17

THE WOMAN AND THE BEAST

- Although John describes her features, his focus is on her deception of the earth and her violence against the saints.
- This 'harlot' seems to enjoy the martyrdom of the saints. (vs.6)
- The beast 'was, is not, and will be' – to come out of the Abyss to go to his destruction. Unsaved inhabitants of the earth are also astonished at the sight of the beast.
- Seven Heads = seven hills, and seven kings (note that in the ancient world, Rome was known to have been built on seven hills). Rebuilt Roman Empire?
- Five have fallen, one is, the other is yet to come.
- The beast who 'once was and now is not' is an eighth king, who belongs to the seven.



REVELATION CHAPTER 17

THE WOMAN AND THE BEAST

- Ten Horns = Ten Kings who have not yet received a kingdom, but for one hour will be given authority along with the beast.
- These Ten Kings will then give their authority to the Beast, and together will make war against the Lamb, and lose!!
- The Lamb is 'Lord of Lords and King of Kings'!
- **READ** Rev. 17:15-18 together. Almost sounds like the nations of the earth are NOT united at some point. Does the Antichrist turn on the key 'great city'?
- The woman represents the Great City that rules over the kings of the earth. This could be Babylon. But it could also represent an idolatrous world religion, based in Jerusalem. See Rev. 11:8, 16:9.



REVELATION CHAPTER 17

THE WOMAN AND THE BEAST

- For detailed study:
- <http://www.revelationcommentary.org>

REVELATION 18

- May represent the Fall of Jerusalem in AD 70
- May represent the Fall of Rome in AD 476
- May represent a future Babylonian Empire / World System
- One thing is certain – the systems of this world are doomed and will someday be subject to the King of Kings!

