

# Book of Revelation – The Seven Last Plagues

--Revelation 16:8-11 Part II

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## The Fourt & Fifth Plagues (Rev 16:8-11)

As we move into the next two plagues, we need first to recap and recognize the two philosophies that are at war in the Great Controversy.

We need to ever keep in mind, especially in studying this Book, that “the wrath of the Lamb” spoken of in Rev 6:16, 17 is altogether different than that of the “dragon’s wrath” (Rev 12:17). “Who has ever witnessed the wrath of a gentle lamb, much less of a “**slaughtered Lamb**” (Rev 5:6, 9, 12; 13:8).” We need to see that “God has definitively manifested His rule in Jesus, who turned out not to be the Lion who devoured our enemies, but [rather] the **Lamb who was slain**.” The reality that the **Lamb is slaughtered** reveals God’s methods and the way He rules the world...Christ and the saints conquer by **dying**; Satan and the powers of evil by physical force.”

God as a **slaughtered Lamb** means that God’s omnipotence is not to be understood as the power of unlimited coercion, but as the power of infinite persuasion, the invincible power of **self-negating, self-sacrificial love**.” {Truth Love and Freedom p.142-3

The rest of the lesson we will be looking at Leslie Hardinge’s thoughts on the subject from his book, The Lamb—God’s Greatest Gift.

### **The Meaning Of The Wrath Of God**

The word that is used to describe the wrath of God is a very suggestive word. I have brought it to your attention several times before. It is the word *orge*, pronounced “orgay” from which we get “orgy,” and several similar words. The word *orge* means the pouring out of what is in one without restraint. Now whose *orgay* is this? This is the Judgment of God being poured out. What is in God? What is the stuff and substance of God? God is love. That is what He is full of. When He pours out without restraint what is in Him to be poured out? Let us look at this carefully. Six thousand years ago Satan seduced our first parents and plunged this world into the beginnings of ruin that reaches their climax at the Close of Probation.