

Book of Revelation – The Seven Last Plagues

--Revelation 16:1-7 Part I

Series REV-50

The First Two Plagues (Rev 16:1, 2)

[Read the Addendum in conjunction to this lesson.] As we begin this fearful chapter, we must pause to pray. Revelation 15, was the setting up of chp 16. The seven angels who were given seven plagues, full of the wrath of God are now commanded to pour out those vials of the wrath of God upon the earth. What a fearful time this will be. Everyone has made their decision. The execution of judgment so long restrained is now let loose (those four angels of Rev 7, letting go of the winds of strife).

The prophet Jeremiah penned this period as _____ (Jer 30:5-7).
{John also recorded this period as the “hour of temptation” as stated in Rev 3:10, under the Philadelphia church.}

Though we will look at only the first three plagues being poured out in this week’s lesson, yet, it would do well to draw a table to see the similarities and differences between the 7 last plagues and the 7 trumpets.

In vs.1 we see this angel pour out his vial upon the earth, whereas in verse 2 & 3, the angel pours out the contents on the sea and rivers/foundations of water. These early plagues are recorded in just one verse each. [Not so with the last four plagues, more time and attention is given because these plagues increase intensify going forward.]

Putting aside the understanding of the second and third plague specifically (i.e. whether literal or figurative—we will discuss in our Monday night segment, but be thinking about it), I want to focus on the next three verses in our last part of this lesson.

Vss. 5-7

The fact that space is given to state that God is just in His judgments, particularly upon the ‘plagues of the waters’ is worth our study. Not only are two angels speaking, but the passage is in a chiastic form with vs. 6 as the pinnacle. This gives key as to reason why specifically God is just and true. What is that reason? _____

This phrase, “Lord God Almighty” shows up five times in the book of Revelation. Four of these times are significant, with the 4th here in verse 7. Share your findings accordingly with what the Lord reveals to you as to the relationship of this phrase in light of the passages. [Hint: You may need to look them up in the KJV. It is deep in significance and one that will require thought, but an exciting discovery, indeed. The Great Controversy theme is at the heart of the matter. I recommend writing all the four passages out, include Rev 16:5 & 7 as one passage.]

Look forward to our discussion together