

The Book of Revelation

Lesson Ten

Revelation 16-17

Revelation 16:1

- **The seven bowls have similarities to the plagues in Egypt (Exodus 7-11) and to the devastation brought about by the trumpet angels (8:6-9:21; 11:15-19).**
- **The severity of God's wrath will increase as the end of the world draws near.**

Revelation 16:2-4

- **Bowl #1 – painful sores – parallels the six plague on Egypt (Exodus 9:9-10).**
- **Bowl #2 – bodies of water become like blood of a corpse – first plague in Egypt.**
- **Bowl #3 – all fresh water becomes like blood.**

Revelation 16:5-7

- **John hears heavenly affirmations of God's holiness and justice.**
- **God again is referred to as the One, "who is and who was."**

Revelation 16:8-9

- **Bowl #4 – the sun is allowed to scorch people with fire.**
- **The response of people – they cursed the name of God and did not repent.**

Revelation 16:10-11

- **Bowl #5 – against the throne of the beast and his claim to sovereignty.**
- **The response of people – they cursed the God of heaven and did not repent.**

Revelation 16:12

- **Bowl #6 – the great river Euphrates is dried up.**
- **The river is dried up to allow the evil host to invade and surround God's people.**

Revelation 16:13

- **What is the power behind the kings from the east – the unholy trinity.**
- **The beast from the earth appears in three different guises – the second beast (13:11-18), the false prophet (16:13), and the harlot (17:1,5).**
- **Why frogs? See Leviticus 11:9-11 and remember the plague of frogs in Egypt.**

Revelation 16:14

- **Jesus spoke of those false miraculous signs (Matthew 24:6, 13-14).**
- **The great day of God the Almighty.**

Revelation 16:15

- **He will come like a thief in the night – Matthew 24:43.**
- **This is the third of seven beatitudes in Revelation.**

Revelation 16:16

- **What is Armageddon? The valley of Megiddo.**
- **Psalm 2:1-6.**

Revelation 16:17

- **Bowl #7 – angel poured out his bowl into the air.**
- **This is the fourth time that John has received a view of the end.**

Revelation 16:18-19

- Added to the lightning and thunder – a great earthquake.
- The city of Babylon became type of all future enemies of God’s people.

Revelation 16:20-21

- The bowl judgments end with a scene of cosmic upheaval.

Revelation 17:1-2

- For the first time the enemy of the church is called the “great prostitute” or “harlot.”
- The harlot is seated “on many waters.”

Revelation 17:3-6a

- What else do we find out about the harlot:
 - She sits on a scarlet beast.
 - The beast is full of blasphemous names.
 - She is sumptuously dressed.
 - She holds in her hand a cup of abominations.
 - The mystery of the harlot’s name.
 - She is in a drunken stupor.

Revelation 17:6b-8

- The beast, “was, and is not, and is about to rise.”
- The source of everything that is represented by the beast is the abyss.

Revelation 17:9-10

- Why is wisdom needed?
- What do the seven hills represent?

Revelation 17:11-14

- Who is the 8th king?
- Who are the 10 kings?

Revelation 17:15-18

- The beast wars with the woman – God carries out His purpose.