

Lesson 16

The Bowl Judgments

Revelation 15-16

Invite the Holy Spirit to teach and speak to you through the Word of God as you meditate on Revelation 15-16 every day this week.

As you read through the verses presented this week, look for a special verse to make your memory verse for the week. We will share our verses at the end of our discussion time.

1. What was a new or interesting thought from last week's lesson?

“Great and marvelous are Thy works, O Lord God, the Almighty; Righteous and true are Thy ways, Thou King of the nations. Who will not fear, O Lord, and glorify Thy name?”

Revelation 15:3-4

Revelation 15 begins the fourth chronological section in the book of Revelation. As John's vision begins, he sees a scene in heaven. It is the “temple of the tabernacle.” This is the place where God dwells. It is also the place where the prayers of the saints ascend and where the judgments of God are released.

2. John sees that seven plagues are about to be released. What will be accomplished with these plagues according to Revelation 15:1?
3. Compare “the sea of glass” of Revelation 4:6 with that of Revelation 15:2.
4. Who are these people and what are they doing in Revelation 15:2-4.
5. The Song of Moses is in Exodus 15 and the Song of the Lamb is in Revelation 5:9-12. What do these songs commemorate? What are they declaring in Revelation 15:3-4?

6. As severe as the bowl judgments are, will the Lord judge rightly?
See John 5:30 and Revelation 16:7.

7. Earlier in Revelation we saw bowls that were full of incense, the prayers of the saints.
With what are the bowls of Revelation 15:7 filled?

The seal judgments alert that something important is about to happen. The trumpet judgments warn that something even more severe is about to happen. The bowl judgments are the culmination of all the other judgments.

8. In Revelation 15:9 there is no access to the presence of God while these judgments are being released. Based on this picture, do you think that God will be persuaded by prayer to “change His mind” about these judgment?

9. From Revelation 15:1,6-8 and 16:1, who initiates these bowl judgments?

10. Describe and discuss the first bowl judgment in Revelation 16:2.

11. What similarities do you see between this judgment and the sixth plague in Exodus 9:9-11?

12. Describe and discuss the second bowl judgment in Revelation 16:3.

13. What happens when the third bowl is poured out in Revelation 16:4?

14. What similarities do you see between bowls 2 and 3 and the first plague in Exodus 7:14-25?
15. How do the angelic beings respond when they hear of these bowl judgments? Do they think they are just or not? See Revelation 16:5-7.
16. Describe and discuss the fourth bowl judgment in Revelation 16:8-9. Notice the response of the people who receive this judgment.
17. Describe and discuss the fifth bowl judgment in Revelation 16:10-11.
18. How does this fifth bowl judgment parallel with the ninth plague of Egypt in Exodus 10:21-23?
19. What is the general response to this plague? Discuss why you think this occurs?

Armageddon

When the sixth bowl judgment is poured out, it is the only time that the word Armageddon appears in the Bible. This is a literal place near the hill of Megiddo in northern Israel. It is prophesied that just before the Lord's return, the nations of the world will gather at Armageddon for a series of battles, culminating in the battle of the Lord's return. We should think of Armageddon as a campaign, a series of battles, not just one battle.

20. What happens when the sixth bowl is poured out in Revelation 16:12-16?
21. What do Romans 1:24, 26 and 28 teach about the way God deals with people who willfully continue in sin and refuse to turn to Him after being given ample opportunity to repent?

22. What is the result of the sixth bowl being poured out?

23. What happens when the seventh bowl, the last judgment, is poured out in Revelation 16:17-21?

24. How does Jesus sum up these times in Matthew 24:21-22?

25. Share the memory verse that you found through this week's study and why you chose it.

26. From your meditation this week on Revelation 15-16, what do you want to remember?

Lecture Notes: