

LESSON TEN

Revelation 16 – 18

The seventh Trumpet judgment or last trumpet seems to mark the beginning of the reign of God on earth as it is in heaven. It also inaugurates the seven bowl judgments. There is a pause in chapter 17 and 18 for an explanation of why the bowl judgments were necessary. In these two chapters, you can sense the antithesis of what God values.

1. Review Revelation 11:15. Compare this to 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18, 1 Corinthians 15:51-58 and Matthew 24:31.
2. It seems that the bowl judgments mark the fullness of God's wrath. Those who believe in Jesus will no longer be on earth. What do you notice about the reaction of the people in chapter 16?
3. Read Revelation 17 with Daniel 7:23-24 and 11:21-45. What do you notice are the similarities?
4. Chapter 18 is a description of Babylon. Babylon represents defiance to God. What are some of the characteristics of this world wide economic and religious system? Notice verses 13 and 24.
5. Do you see any similarities between Babylon and the world we live in? Any differences?
6. What do these two chapters teach us about those who defy God?

Prayer Holy Father, from the beginning there has been good and there has been evil. You wait patiently for the full contingent of believers to come to faith. Give us eyes to see where we may be falling short in our values. Give us hearts aligned to your heart that we may give to the poor, feed the hungry, clothe the naked. It is in doing these things that we are blessed, and You are glorified. We lift up those in our lives that do not follow Jesus. We ask that You capture their hearts for You. Show us how to pray fervently for their salvation. We ask this in our savior's name, Jesus. Amen.