

Steve Greenberg's Handout: August 20, 2025 (Wed p.m.), (Communion)

Week 26: Rev 16:17-21 Seventh Bowl of God's Wrath

### Rev 16:17-21 Seventh Bowl: The Earth Utterly Shaken

#### Rev 16:17

We see chronological order, again, first angel, second angel, third angel, etc. seventh angel. The attention to numbering essentially affecting the fact that there is a sequential order, for the most part.

Notice: Judgement originates from God in His heavenly temple.

It is done: This is the climax of all judgments. Gods final act before Jesus Christ second coming.

#### Mystery of God would be finished

Rev 10:5 The angel whom I(John) saw standing on the sea and on the land raised up his hand to heaven

Rev 10:6 and swore by Him who lives forever and ever, who created heaven and the things that are in it, the earth and the things that are in it, and the sea and the things that are in it, that there should be delay no longer,

Rev 10:7 but in the days of the sounding of the seventh angel, when he is about to sound, the mystery of God would be finished, as He declared to His servants the prophets.

#### "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End.

Rev 21:6 And He said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. I will give of the fountain of the water of life freely to him who thirsts.

Rev 21:7 "He who overcomes shall inherit all things, and I will be his God and he shall be My son.

Rev 21:8 "But the cowardly, unbelieving, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death."

#### Rev 16:18

We have seen thunderings and lightnings previously:

Rev 4:5 And from the throne proceeded lightnings, thunderings, and voices. Seven lamps of fire were burning before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of God.

Rev 11:19 Then the temple of God was opened in heaven, and the ark of His covenant was seen in His temple. And there were lightnings, noises, thunderings, an earthquake, and great hail.

Great earthquake, as had not occurred since men were on the earth:

There has always been earthquakes but this is the worst

Previous earthquake were less intense

Rev 11:13 In the same hour there was a great earthquake, and a tenth of the city fell. In the earthquake seven thousand people were killed, and the rest were afraid and gave glory to the God of heaven.

When this seventh bowl is poured out upon the earth the people will experience the greatest shaking of the earth that has ever happened since humanity existed.

And this makes us aware of the fact that the things of the world are temporary.

How important it is to live for things that are eternal, that cannot be shaken or destroyed

God said Yet once more I shake not only the earth, but also heaven

Heb 12:26 whose voice then shook the earth (**then**); but now He has promised, saying, "Yet once more I shake not only the earth, but also heaven."

Heb 12:27 Now this, "Yet once more," indicates the removal of those things that are being shaken, as of things that are made, that the things which cannot be shaken may (**or will**) remain.

Heb 12:28 Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom which cannot be shaken, let us have grace (**be thankful, show gratitude**), by which we may serve God (**worship God**) acceptably with reverence and godly fear (**awe**).

Heb 12:29 For our God is a consuming fire (quoted from Deut. 4:24).

Think of those living only for the things of this earth, status, money, prestige, property, pleasures etc. how they can all be taken away. Earth quakes reveals to us we are not in control, earth quakes should humble people.

The world is passing away, but he who does the will of God abides forever.

1John 2:15 Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

1John 2:16 For all that is in the world--the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life--is not of the Father but is of the world.

1John 2:17 And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever.

2Cor 4:18 while we do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For the things which are seen are temporary, but the things which are not seen are eternal.

2Cor 5:1 For we know that if our earthly house, this tent, is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

Jde 1:21 keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life.

### Where is your treasure?

Mat 6:19 "Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal;

Mat 6:20 "but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal.

Mat 6:21 "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

### A time of trouble, such as never was, since there was a nation

Dan 12:1 "At that time Michael shall stand up, The great prince who stands watch over the sons of your people; And there shall be a time of trouble, Such as never was since there was a nation, Even to that time. And at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone who is found written in the book.

### Rev 16:19

Seventh bowl judgment and the greatest earthquake in human history, cities will be destroyed, also the third temple will be destroyed.

Reminder that we are always able to look for understanding and clarity as more than 400 verses in the Book of Revelation are alluded to some way to the Old Testament Scriptures. If you want to understand the Book of Revelation you have to understand the Book of Daniel also, we call it the hub of prophesy. They go hand in hand.

### The division into thirds reminds us of the city of Jerusalem at the time of Ezekiel

Eze 5:1 "And you, son of man, take a sharp sword, take it as a barber's razor, and pass it over your head and your beard; then take scales to weigh and divide the hair.

Eze 5:2 "You shall burn with fire one-third in the midst of the city, when the days of the siege are finished; then you shall take one-third and strike around it with the sword, and one-third you shall scatter in the wind: I will draw out a sword after them.

### One third to be converted, two thirds will be cut off and perish

Zec 13:7 "Awake, O sword, against My Shepherd, Against the Man who is My Companion," Says the LORD of hosts. "Strike the Shepherd, And the sheep will be scattered; Then I will turn My hand against the little ones.

Zec 13:8 And it shall come to pass in all the land," Says the LORD, "That two-thirds in it shall be cut off and die, But one-third shall be left in it:

Zec 13:9 I will bring the one-third through the fire, Will refine them as silver is refined, And test them as gold is tested. They will call on My name, And I will answer them. I will say, 'This is My people'; And each one will say, 'The LORD is my God.' "

### Great city: is known as Jerusalem

Rev 11:8 And their dead bodies will lie in the street of the great city which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, where also our Lord was crucified (**Jerusalem**).

Spiritually Sodom symbolizing depravity; Egypt symbolizing bondage and legalism. Just think about the spiritual state of the city of Jerusalem at this time.

Angel preaching the gospel, Fear God and give glory to Him

Rev 14:6 Then I saw another angel flying in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach to those who dwell on the earth--to every nation, tribe, tongue, and people--

Rev 14:7 saying with a loud voice, "Fear God and give glory to Him, for the hour of His judgment has come; and worship Him who made heaven and earth, the sea and springs of water."

Rev 14:8 And another angel followed, saying, "Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city, because she has made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication."

Millennium Period, 1,000 years

Isa 2:2 Now it shall come to pass in the latter days That the mountain of the LORD's house Shall be established on the top of the mountains, And shall be exalted above the hills; And all nations shall flow to it.

Isa 2:3 Many people shall come and say, "Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, To the house of the God of Jacob; He will teach us His ways, And we shall walk in His paths." For out of Zion shall go forth the law, And the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

Zec 14:16 And it shall come to pass that everyone who is left of all the nations which came against Jerusalem shall go up from year to year to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, and to keep the Feast of Tabernacles.

Zec 14:17 And it shall be that whichever of the families of the earth do not come up to Jerusalem to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, on them there will be no rain.

Zec 14:18 If the family of Egypt will not come up and enter in, they shall have no rain; they shall receive the plague with which the LORD strikes the nations who do not come up to keep the Feast of Tabernacles.

Zec 14:19 This shall be the punishment of Egypt and the punishment of all the nations that do not come up to keep the Feast of Tabernacles.

Satan will be released from a 1,000 years in prison and went to attack the saints

Rev 20:7 Now when the thousand years have expired, Satan will be released from his prison

Rev 20:8 and will go out to deceive the nations which are in the four corners of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle, whose number is as the sand of the sea.

Rev 20:9 They went up on the breadth of the earth and surrounded the camp of the saints and the beloved city. And fire came down from God out of heaven and devoured them.

Rev 20:10 The devil, who deceived them, was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone where the beast and the false prophet are. And they will be tormented day and night forever and ever.

### King Nebuchadnezzar and great Babylon which He Says He Built

Dan 4:30 The king (**Nebuchadnezzar**) spoke, saying, "Is not this great Babylon, that I have built for a royal dwelling by my mighty power and for the honor of my majesty?"

Dan 4:33 That very hour the word was fulfilled concerning Nebuchadnezzar; he was driven from men and ate grass like oxen; his body was wet with the dew of heaven till his hair had grown like eagles' feathers and his nails like birds' claws.

Dan 4:34 And at the end of the time I, Nebuchadnezzar, lifted my eyes to heaven, and my understanding returned to me; and I blessed the Most High and praised and honored Him who lives forever: For His dominion is an everlasting dominion, And His kingdom is from generation to generation.

Dan 4:35 All the inhabitants of the earth are reputed as nothing; He does according to His will in the army of heaven And among the inhabitants of the earth. No one can restrain His hand Or say to Him, "What have You done?"

Dan 4:36 At the same time my reason returned to me, and for the glory of my kingdom, my honor and splendor returned to me. My counselors and nobles resorted to me, I was restored to my kingdom, and excellent majesty was added to me.

Dan 4:37 Now I, Nebuchadnezzar, praise and extol and honor the King of heaven, all of whose works are truth, and His ways justice. And those who walk in pride He is able to put down.

Did you know that the city of Jerusalem in the Bible is mentioned more than 700 times.  
Do a study on Jerusalem and you will be blessed  
Babylon is mentioned more than 200 times.

### Rev 16:20

This earthquake will radically alter the earth, destroy the third temple and will be ultimately be prepared for the Millennium kingdom

Rev 6:14 Then the sky receded as a scroll when it is rolled up, and every mountain and island was moved out of its place.

Rev 20:11 Then I saw a great white throne and Him who sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away. And there was found no place for them.

### Rev 16:21

#### God sent hail as judgment

Exo 9:18 "Behold, tomorrow about this time I will cause very heavy hail to rain down, such as has not been in Egypt since its founding until now.

Exo 9:19 "Therefore send now and gather your livestock and all that you have in the field, for the hail shall come down on every man and every animal which is found in the field and is not brought home; and they shall die." ' '

Judgment and suffering alone doesn't change hearts, it often hardens hearts unless accompanied by grace, humility and repentance. How do I respond to hardship and trials: do I surrender or complain?

### The LORD Reveals How Great He is to Job

Job 38:22 "Have you entered the treasury of snow, Or have you seen the treasury of hail,  
Job 38:23 Which I have reserved for the time of trouble, For the day of battle and war?  
Job 38:25 "Who has divided a channel for the overflowing water, Or a path for the thunderbolt,  
Job 38:35 Can you send out lightnings, that they may go, And say to you, 'Here we are!'"

Massive size hailstones will destroy the earth in preparation for the Millennium.  
God has completed his plan (10:7 the mystery of God would be finished).  
His wrath against evil is finished (15:1, 8 wrath of God will be completed).  
His kingdom is fully come (11:15 The kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ).

### Extra Notes

### Comparisons: Seven Bowls of Wrath and Old Testament Scriptures

Bowl #	Poured Into	Result / Judgment	OT Comparison	NT Reference
Bowl 1	Into the earth	Sores on people, beast's mark	Exo 9:8–12; Boils on Egyptians; Deut 28:27, 35 Curse sore and boils	Rev 16:2
Bowl 2	Into the sea	Sea blood; living thing dies	Exo 7:17–21 Nile to blood, fish died; Ezek 32:6 water land with blood	Rev 16:3
Bowl 3	Into rivers/springs	Fresh waters become blood	Exo 7:19 Water throughout Egypt turns to blood	Rev 16:4
Bowl 4	On the sun	Burned, blaspheme God	Isa 24:6, Earth scorched by sin; Mal 4:1 Day, burning like an oven	Rev 16:8–9
Bowl 5	On throne of beast	Darkness agony and pain	Ex 10:21–23 Plague darkness; Joel 2:2 Day darkness; Isa 8:22 Distress	Rev 16:10–11
Bowl 6	Euphrates River	River dries up;	Exo 14 Red Sea parted; Isa 11:15 Lord dries rivers;	Rev 16:12–16
Bowl 7	Into the air	Babylon judged: quake, hail,	Exo 9:23–26 – Hail and fire; Ezek 38:22 Hail, earthquake	Rev 16:17–21

Trumpet #	Scripture	Summary of judgement
Trumpet 1	Rev 8:7	Hail, fire, and blood thrown to earth, 1/3 of trees and all green grass burned up
Trumpet 2	Rev 8:8–9	Something like a burning mountain thrown into the sea, 1/3 of the ocean & ships destroyed
Trumpet 3	Rev 8:10–11	A star (Wormwood) falls from heaven, 1/3 of rivers and springs become bitter, people die
Trumpet 4	Rev 8:12	Celestial darkness, 1/3 of the sun, moon, and stars darkened, 1/3 of day and night lose light
Trumpet 5	Rev 9:1–12	1st Woe: Star (angel) falls, opens the Abyss; Demonic locusts torment people for 5 months. Only harm those without God's seal
Trumpet 6	Rev 9:13–21	2nd Woe: Four angels released 200 million demon horsemen, kill 1/3 of humanity. People still do not repent
Trumpet 7	Rev 11:14–19	3rd Woe: Loud voices in heaven declare God's kingdom. Christ's legal transfer announced. Lightning, thunder, earthquake, and hail. God's temple in heaven open. Christ reigning

Judgement will increase in intensity, and get worse.

7 seals judgments

7 trumpet judgments

7 bowls or vial judgments



## Review:

**Rev 11:15 Then the seventh angel sounded: And there were loud voices in heaven, saying, "The kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever!"**

Satan has enjoyed running this world since the fall of man,. The long awaited transfer of the world which Satan acquired and usurped through Adam's sin (fall of man Gen 3:6, dominion Gen 1:26, Rev 5 scroll). Now here coming back into the hands of God according to the Book of Revelation.

The seven seals, the seven trumpets, and the seven bowls of God's wrath, they probably are running concurrently. If you will compare the seven trumpet judgments with the seven bowls of God's wrath, you will see that there is a similar order as far as what will be affected when the first trumpet sounds. It is similar to what will be affected when the first bowl of God's wrath is poured out and it follows together. It seems they just sort of lay out the whole picture and then come back and fill in the blanks. We notice that there is an order 1-7, second set 1-7 and third set 1-7 and increase in intensity with each group.

In the Book of Revelation, we noticed when we hit a six, between a six and a seven, there is a pause (break, or interlude). Five times in the book we have chronology stops or pauses to give us insights into something that is related or happening in the section. These pauses are often called "interludes" or "parenthetical sections" moments when the narrative "stops" to explain something important before continuing.

We just passed the four interruption or pause in the chronology, Rev 16:13-16 Nations gathering for war at Armageddon. The last pause will start at Rev 17. Chart below:

<u># Scripture</u>	<u>Five Pauses</u>	<u>Summary</u>
1. Rev 7	144,000 Sealed	God can preserve and protect His people during judgment
2. Rev 10-11:14	Two Witnesses	God continuous call for repentance, no more delays
3. Rev 12-14	Woman-Satan-Beast	Satan's role in history and end times, Israel's flight, two beast
4. Rev 16:13-16	Nations Gathering	Gathering the nations to war at Armageddon
5. Rev 17-19:6	Fall of Babylon	Collapse and judgement of world systems, before Christ returns

## Important signs and meanings

The woman, representing Israel.

The dragon, representing Satan (Devil).

The man-child, referring to Jesus.

The angel Michael, head of the angelic host.

The offspring of the woman, representing Gentiles who come to faith in the Tribulation.

The beast out of the sea, a man representing, associated with the antichrist (future world leader), empowered by the Satan (Devil). Seen as a specific man who will rise during the end times, be a ruler-leader, and demand worship. Rev 13:18 ... The number of the beast, for it is the number of a man: His number is 666.

The beast out of the earth, representing the false prophet who promotes the antichrist.