

Revelation

The in-depth study of revelation

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Rev. 16 : 1 – 21

Study # 9

The seven Bowl judgment

1. Verse fifteen in chapter sixteen should be known as what?

a. -----

2. The great day of the Lord will come without any more what

a. -----

3. Scripture teaches that God is a -----God.

a. -----

4. Within scripture the city of Jerusalem is considered to be what three things?

a. -----

5. A thief is someone who has been ----- out.

6. The meaning of to be caught by a thief is to be caught by what?

a. -----

7. Why will there not be another warning or appeal for repentance?
 - a. Prophecy –(has been fulfilled or completed)

8. How important is it for us to know what scripture teaches about.
 - a. The signs and wonders-(Warning signs of His return)
 - b. The fulfillment of prophecy
 - c. The coming day of the Lord

9. John moves from one event to another very quickly.
 - a. He has seen six angels pour out their six Bowls of judgments upon this earth.
 1. The first Bowl caused all mankind to be affected by sores.
 2. The second Bowl caused the sea's to be come as blood killing all living creatures.
 3. The third Bowl caused all the fresh water to become as blood also
 4. The fourth Bowl caused all men to be scorched by the rays of the sun.
 5. The fifth Bowl was poured out upon beast and his throne and followers causing a darkness to come upon the earth so dark it caused the gnashing of their teeth with pain.
 6. The sixth Bowl caused the Euphrates River to dry up allowing the 200-million man army of revelation chapter nine to cross the river into the valley known as Armageddon.

10. John attention is drawn now to the seventh angle and its bowl of judgment
 - a. It's the final bowl
 - b. It's the final judgment
 - c. It set the stage for the completion of the seven years tribulation

Revelation 16:17-21 (NKJV)

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11. Notice the order of which God directed His last set of Judgments

- a. God first struck
 1. Rebellious mankind
 2. Their Sea's
 3. Their Fresh waters
 4. Their Heavens – sun – moon – stars
 5. The beast and the antichrist and his regen.
 6. The Euphrates River
 7. Now He strikes – the very air they breathe.

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12. The very air that man breaths is .

- a. Taken away
- b. Poisoned
- c. Contaminated
- d. Becomes unbreathable
 1. How or by what scripture does not say.

13. Millions will die in just seconds.

- a. There is no water to drink
- b. No food to eat
- c. The atmosphere is so hot it burns the skin
- d. Darkness so dark no one can see
- e. All are gnashing their teeth in severe pain.
 1. Now the very first thing that God gave man is the very last thing God takes away.

Genesis 2:7 (NKJV)

⁷ And the LORD God formed man *of* the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being.

14. God judgments have come full circle.

- a. The words upon the air means – In or through space.
 1. It carries the understanding, though out space or through-out the atmosphere.

15. The heavens and earth are under constant attack.
- a. Loud voices from heaven proclaiming the realization of the kingdom of God.
[Rev. 11 : 15](#)
 - b. The twenty-four elders announce the arrival of the coming judgment.
[Rev. 11 : 18](#)
 - c. The temple of God in heaven is open and visible.
[Rev. 11 : 19](#)
 - d. Lighting and thunder flashing and rumbling and hailstorms are a Constance from the opening to the closing of the time known as the seven years of tribulations.
[Rev. 11 : 19 : 21](#)
 1. Just to mention a few.
 - e. Again Loud voices are heard from heaven for all to hear declaring the purpose of God accompanied by thunder lighting and earthquakes.
[Rev. 16 : 16 - 17](#)
 1. All to a point that no man has ever seen are experienced.
 2. Even from the beginning of the period called the great Tribulation has any been as severe.
16. The seven Bowl judgments have run their course and brought the earth to its knees.
- a. It brings mankind to the brink of total, destruction.
 - b. The word air incorporates.
 1. Any and all living creators
 2. Any and all that remain of evil mankind
 3. Any and all of the demonic evil spirits that operate in the earth atmosphere.
[Eoh. 2 : 2 - Eph. 6 : 12](#)
 - c. All are punished to the brink of destruction.
 1. The 144,000 will make it through the great tribulation.
 2. A small remnant hidden at Perta will make it through.
 3. Satan and the antichrist and the false prophets will make it through.
 4. All demonic evil spirits will make it through.
 - a. Scripture is unclear if anyone else makes it through this time called the great tribulation.
 1. There is no water to drink or air to breath are no place To hide from the great day of the Lord.
 2. All are exposed to His wrath just as they were in the Flood. where only eight survived.
Genesis chapter six through eight

17. John says at this point he hears a voice that comes out of the temple of heaven.

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- a. The word temple here has been mentioned throughout the book of revelation from chapter three to chapter twenty-two.
- b. Here in chapter sixteen verse seventeen is the last time we will see the word temple used.
 1. In chapter twenty-two it states there is no temple to be seen.
 - a. The temple will not be needed in the new city of Jerusalem.
- c. This is the same temple we have seen many times the one found in heaven where all the judgments have been dispatched from.
 1. From the throne of God to His messengers the angles of God.

18. The moment the air was consumed.

- a. God voice is heard.

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- b. God is an all-consuming God, and all has been consumed.

Hebrews 12:29 (NKJV)

²⁹ For our God *is* a consuming fire.

Exodus 24:17(NKJV)

¹⁷ The sight of the glory of the LORD *was* like a consuming fire on the top of the mountain in the eyes of the children of Israel.

19. God makes the announcement that only God can announce.

- a. He says, It is done.
 1. Being the second time God has used this phrase.
 - a. He used the same terminology on the cross when he said it is finished.

John 19:30 (NKJV)

³⁰ So when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, "It is finished!" And bowing His head, He gave up His spirit.

- b. There will be no more.
 1. Seals judgments
 2. Trumpets judgments
 3. Bowl judgments are any other judgments to follow
 - a. God work is done.
- c. Judgment has come and it is finished.

20. God thundering voice makes the final announcement to a rebellious world

a. He says it is done.

1. Meaning – it is over

b. The earth response to the announcement is horrifying within itself.

Revelation 16:18 (NKJV)

¹⁸ And there were noises and thunderings and lightnings; and there was a great earthquake, such a mighty and great earthquake as had not occurred since men were on the earth.

1. Thunder and lighting and with earthquakes as no man has ever seen in the history of mankind.

c. The only thing that has come close is when Jesus died on the cross.

Matt. 27 : 45 – 54

1. This is how the earth responded on that day.

a. The whole earth was shocked by a great earthquake and rocks were split the temple was shaken and the veil ripped from top to bottom.

b. Tombs were opened – Tombs in biblical times were usually caves or holes dug into the side of hills or mountains with a large stone or a rock or many rock placed over the openings.

c. Many bodies of the saints-(not all)-but many were awakened and after the resurrection came out of their tombs and walked around and into the Holy City-(Jerusalem)- and appeared to many.

1. They walked

2. Scripture does not say they talked-(but we can assume they did). because Lazarus did and ate and drank.

3. They were of those who had died recently-(without decay).

4. They had to be known-(they were seen by those who knew them).

5. They were Jewish believers in Jesus and His promise of His and their resurrection.

d. Jesus being the first fruit of the resurrection is the reason why they only rose after His resurrection.

1 Corinthians 15:20 (NKJV)

²⁰ But now Christ is risen from the dead, *and* has become the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

1. They came out in body.
 - a. In the pagan doctrine of immortality there is no place for the body-(it just goes away not to be anymore or unimportant).
 - b. In biblical doctrine the body is always included in the resurrection as something important it always included in the redemption doctrine.
2. The Greek word used for bodies in Matthew twenty-seven verse fifth two is the word-(Soma)-which carries the understanding of full body.
 - a. The purpose is symbolic – It symbolizes the Lord Jesus Christ victory over death and the grave.
 1. Even though it was literally-(it really happened) it is symbolic of the Lord Jesus Christ promise to overcome man’s greatest fear, the sting of death and the grave.
 1Cor. 15 : 25 – 26 - 1 Cor. 15 : 50 – 58 - Heb. 2 : 14
 2. It symbolizes the calling up or the caught-up of the believers In Christ Jesus Paul mentions in First Thessalonians.
 1 Thessalonians 4:16-18 (NKJV)

¹⁶ For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first.

¹⁷ Then we who are alive *and* remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord.

¹⁸ Therefore comfort one another with these words.

3. They shall be recognized as resurrected believers.

John 11 : 25 – 26 - Matt. 27 : 53 - John 5 : 28 – 29

John 6 : 40 - 11Cor. 4 : 14 - 1Thess. 4 : 16 : 17

4. Scripture does not say what happened to them.

- a. But we can assume that they also were taken to heaven with the Lord Jesus Christ the day he ascended into heaven with all of the other captives mentioned in the book of Ephesians.

Ephesians 4:7-10 (NKJV)

5. Three times we have heard the voice of God concerning His son

- a. In Matthew 3 : 16 - 17 is symbolic of His son resurrection
- b. In revelation sixteen it’s symbolic of his son return

21. To many have neglected the Garce of God and now have received the Judgements of God.

Hebrews 2:2-4 (NKJV)

- ² For if the word spoken through angels proved steadfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just reward,
- ³ how shall we escape if we neglect so great a salvation, which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed to us by those who heard *Him*,
- ⁴ God also bearing witness both with signs and wonders, with various miracles, and gifts of the Holy Spirit, according to His own will?

22. The great city of Jerusalem has been shaken and divided into three parts.

Revelation 16:18-19 (NKJV)

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- ¹⁹ Now the great city was divided into three parts, and the cities of the nations fell. And great Babylon was remembered before God, to give her the cup of the wine of the fierceness of His wrath.
- a. The center of the earth or universe known as the city of Jerusalem is shaken so terribly that it is shaken into three parts.
 1. Or better understood or translated, utterly destroyed.
 - b. It seems as if the epipt center of the earthquake, it's centered of destruction is in Jerusalem.
 1. The reason why is because of their submission to worship evil.
 - c. But it is not just restrained in that region, scripture says and the cites of the nations fell.
 1. Meaning – No nation or city there in was exempt as some teach.
 2. At this point any city that remains with a standing building after all the earthquakes, hail-storms wars and more wars will fall to a heap of rubble on that day.

23. Here the great Babylon is mentioned again as it was in chapter fourteen and verse eight.

Revelation 14:8 (NKJV)

- 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."
- a. The next two chapters will give us a better understanding of this Babylon.

24. John says every Island and mountain was affected by this great earthquake.

Revelation 16:20-21 (NKJV)

- ²⁰ Then every island fled away, and the mountains were not found.
- a. Every Island fled meaning - moved from its place of existence.
 - b. Every mountain disappeared meaning - to be no more.
 1. The earth has been completely reshaped and reformed in just a blink of an eye.
 - c. If we wonder about the new heavens and the new earth this could give us a clue.
 1. In a moment of time everything is newly shaped and reformed.

Haggai 2:6-7 (NKJV)

⁶ "For thus says the LORD of hosts: 'Once more (it is a little while) I will shake heaven and earth, the sea and dry land; ⁷ and I will shake all nations, and they shall come to the Desire of All Nations, and I will fill this temple with glory,' says the LORD of hosts.

25. The terror of God wrath has not stopped with just the earthquake the wrath of God continues to pound the earth with hailstones.
- a. The Greek word for Talent means- up to fifty-five to one hundred and twenty pounds in size, depending on where you get your information.
 1. The Jewish talent could weigh up to 120 lbs.
 2. The Troy talent weighed in at approx. 96 lbs.

Revelation 16:21 (NKJV)

²¹ And great hail from heaven fell upon men, *each hailstone* about the weight of a talent. Men blasphemed God because of the plague of the hail, since that plague was exceedingly great.

- b. These are not just rocks these are boulders size hail crashing down and falling upon the entire earth.
 1. We have the worse earthquake in the history of mankind happening.
 2. Along with hailstones the size of 55lbs boulders raining down Out of the heavens.
 3. The seas swallowing up the islands
 4. The earth swallowing up the mountains
 5. All happening at the same time.

26. The results of God Judgments?

- a. Is the Blasphemy of His name.

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- b. There will be not many if any at all that survive God final judgment.

1. The last appeal for repentance
2. Warnings
3. Jealous
4. The center of the earth
 - The center of the universe
 - The Hud of worship
5. Shut out