

**Daniel & Revelation End-time Prophecies Sermon Series**  
**Study #66: The Seven Last Plagues**  
**Revelation 16:1 - 21**  
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“The power of the Holy Ghost must be upon us, and the Captain of the Lord's host will stand at the head of the angels of heaven to direct the battle. Solemn events before us are yet to transpire. Trumpet after trumpet is to be sounded, vial after vial poured out one after another upon the inhabitants of the earth.” {Ellen White - 14 Manuscript Releases p. 287.1}

**After John sees the completion of the investigative Judgment at the end of Revelation chapter 15, what does John see next?**

**Revelation 16:1**

1 And I heard a great voice out of the temple saying to the seven angels, Go your ways, and pour out the vials of the **wrath of God** upon the earth.

Remember, the wrath of God in the context of Revelation is the seven last plagues.

**Revelation 15:1**

1 And I saw another sign in heaven, great and marvellous, seven angels having the **seven last plagues; for in them is filled up the wrath of God.**

**Remember, who will be impacted by the seven last plagues?** Those who worship the beast, his image, and have the mark of the beast in their foreheads or hand.

In our study in Revelation chapter 8 on the seven trumpets, we learned that they are the same literal end time events as the seven last plague. The seven trumpets blow after Jesus completes his investigative judgment and throws down His censer filled with fire upon the earth. The entire context of Revelation 8 and 16 is literal. There are no images of beasts, etc.

**The seven trumpets are the same event as the seven last plagues.**

**What does John call the sixth trumpet when it blew?**

**Revelation 9:13, 18**

13 And the sixth angel sounded, and I heard a voice from the four horns of the golden altar which is before God,

20 And the rest of the men which were not killed by these **plagues...**

When you compare each plague with each other you get a complete picture of each plague.

In general, the seven last plagues in Revelation 16 give us information of WHAT happens, but the same plagues described after the seven trumpets blow give us details like WHEN, WHERE, WHY, and HOW. These trumpets also explain the CAUSE and EFFECT of the plagues. In other words the seven last plagues in Revelation chapters 16, 17 is the effect and the trumpets in Revelation chapter 8, 9 explain the cause.

**How long do the seven last plagues last? (review)**

**Revelation 18:8**

8 Therefore shall her (Babylon) **plagues come in one day**, death, and mourning, and famine; and she shall be utterly burned with fire: for strong is the Lord God who judgeth her.

Context of Revelation 18 is written in symbolic context. So a day-for-a-year principle applies.

**One day = 1 year**

All those in Babylon will suffer from the plagues. The seven last plagues will last for one year.

When you see the plagues fall as described in Revelation you will know approximately how long you have until your deliverance!

**What is the effect of the first plague that is poured out?****Revelation 16:2**

2 And the first went, and poured out his vial upon the earth; and there **fell a noisome and grievous** sore upon the men which had the mark of the beast, and upon them which worshipped his image.

**What is the cause of the noisome and grievous sores that fell?** Trumpet 1 gives us the answer.

**Revelation 8:7**

7 The first angel sounded, and there followed hail and fire mingled with blood, and they were cast upon the earth: and the **third part of trees was burnt up, and all green grass was burnt up.**

Notice that the first plague impacts the land.

**What is the effect of the second plague that is poured out?****Revelation 16:3**

3 And the second angel poured out his vial upon the **sea**; and it became as the blood of a dead man: and every living soul died in the sea.

**What is the cause of the second plague?****Revelation 8:8**

8 And the second angel sounded, and as it were a **great mountain burning with fire** was cast into the sea: and the **third part of the sea became blood**;

Notice both the plague and trumpet directly impact the sea (oceans). The great mountain burning with fire is volcanic activity.

**What is the effect of the third plague?****Revelation 16:4-7**

4 And the third angel poured out his vial **upon the rivers and fountains of waters**; and they became blood.

***What does the third angel say about those receiving the third plague?***

5 And I heard the angel of the waters say, Thou art righteous, O Lord, which art, and wast, and shalt be, because thou hast judged thus.

6 For they have shed the blood of saints and prophets, and thou hast given them blood to drink; for they are worthy.

7 And I heard another out of the altar say, Even so, Lord God Almighty, true and righteous are thy judgments.

**What is the cause of the third plague?****Revelation 8:10-11**

10 And the third angel sounded, and there fell a great star from heaven, burning as it were a lamp, and it fell upon the third part of the **rivers, and upon the fountains of waters**;

11 And the name of the **star is called Wormwood**: and the **third part of the waters** became wormwood; and many men died of the waters, because they were made bitter.

A meteorite or asteroid called Wormwood causes the earth's drinking water supply to become undrinkably "bitter". The impact of the meteorite causes the drinking water supply to become blood. It probably became blood as a result of the millions killed from Wormwood.

Notice all drinking water supplies are impacted: rivers and fountains of waters.

**A large meteorite would cause major devastation! Are officials very concerned of the reality of a large meteor impacting this planet?**

**NASA Warns We Need to Take Threat of a Meteor Impact Much More Seriously**, Jason Hahn, May 2, 2019, People Magazine - <https://people.com/human-interest/nasa-warns-potential-meteor-impacts/>

"While modern society hasn't experienced the effects of a catastrophic meteor impact on Earth, fortunately, a hit from rock massive enough to destroy an entire U.S. state is a genuine threat, NASA warned this week.

**What is the event of the fourth plague?**

**Revelation 16:8-9**

8 And the fourth angel poured out his vial upon the sun; and power was given unto him to scorch men with fire.

9 And men were scorched with great heat, and blasphemed the name of God, which hath power over these plagues: and they repented not to give him glory.

**What was the cause of the fourth plague?** Notice what is "smitten"....

**Revelation 8:12**

12 And the fourth angel sounded, and the third part of the **sun was smitten**, and the third part of the moon, and the third part of the stars; so as the third part of them was darkened, and the day shone not for a third part of it, and the night likewise.

Sun, moon and stars will not give light. In a 24 hour period about 12 hours are daylight hours and about 12 hours are night time hours. 1/3 of a 12 hours is 4 hours (12 divided by 3 = 4). 1/3 or approximately 4 hours of the day the sun will be darkened and 1/3 (4 hours) of the night the moon and stars will not give light. It appears that this will happen worldwide! The darkening of the sun WILL NOT be as a result of an eclipse.

**The fourth plague in Revelation 16:8, 9 describes the 2/3 day (8 hours) that will scorch men with fire!**

**Notice again what each of the four plagues directly impact that cause the great death?**

**1<sup>st</sup> plague: land**

**2<sup>nd</sup> plague: 1/3 sea (oceans)**

**3<sup>rd</sup> plague: 1/3 drinking water from rivers and foundations (wells)**

**4<sup>th</sup> plague: sun, moon, and stars**

**Remember, What does the trumpets call the next three plagues that follow (5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, & 7<sup>th</sup>)?**

**Revelation 8:13**

13 And I beheld, and heard an angel flying through the midst of heaven, saying with a loud voice, **Woe, woe, woe**, to the inhabitants of the earth by reason of the other voices of the trumpet of the three angels, which are yet to sound!

**What was the effect of the fifth plague?**

**Revelation 16:10-11**

10 And the fifth angel poured out his vial upon the seat of the beast; and his kingdom was full of darkness; and they gnawed their tongues for pain,

11 And blasphemed the God of heaven because of their pains and their sores, and repented not of their deeds.

### **What is the cause of the fifth plague?**

**Go back to study #44: Fifth Trumpet's Plague Stings Like Scorpions to get details. This is the first of the three woes!**

**In Revelation 9:1 – 12 Satan and his demons are given permission to torture those who have the mark of the beast like a scorpions sting.**

#### **Revelation 9:4, 5**

4 And it was commanded them that they should not hurt the grass of the earth, neither any green thing, neither any tree; but only those men which have not the seal of God in their foreheads.

5 And to them it was given that they should not kill them, but that they should be **tormented five months**: and their torment was as the torment of a scorpion, when he striketh a man.

**For five months, Satan is torturing his own people. At this point he is not given permission to torture them.**

#### **Revelation 9:6**

6 And in those days shall **men seek death, and shall not find it**; and shall desire to die, and death shall flee from them.

**Going back to Revelation 16:10 – 11, the reason why the wicked with the mark of the beast are gnawing the tongues from intense pain is because Satan and his demons are torturing them like the sting of scorpions. They also blaspheme God's name because of the pain. They are tortured by the one they have chosen as their leader!**

The fifth plague has a direct impact on all the wicked in Babylon!

Before the plagues God pleads with those in Babylon to get out!

#### **Revelation 18:4**

4 And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye **receive not of her plagues**.

Those who remain in Babylon will receive the seven last plagues. Now is time to heed to the message before it is too late.

### **What is the effect of the six plague?**

#### **Revelation 16:12**

12 And the sixth angel poured out his vial upon the **great river Euphrates**; and the water thereof was dried up, that the **way of the kings of the east might be prepared**.

Go to study # 45 for details, **Sixth Trumpet's Mass Casualties & Armageddon**

In a literal sense the great river of Euphrates runs through the city of Babylon. It was a vital life line to Babylon's survival.

Babylon as an empire that was conquered by the Media and Persian empire led by Cyrus. He diverted the river of Euphrates and his men were able to enter through the dry river bed at the entry and exit points at the walls of the city!

Symbolically the political power, wealth and life of the modern spiritual or symbolic Babylon are the people who are in spiritual Babylon. They are symbolically the great river Euphrates that is the "life-line" to spiritual Babylon in the last days. Jesus will dry up their support to Babylon in preparation of Babylon's final fall!

### **What happened to cause the river Euphrates to be dried up in support of Babylon?**

#### **Revelation 9:14-15**

14 Saying to the sixth angel which had the trumpet, Loose the four angels which are bound in the **great river Euphrates**.

15 And the four angels were loosed, which were prepared for an hour, and a day, and a month, and a year, for to **slay the third part of men**.

**What is Babylon full of based on Revelation 18:2?** It is a habitation of devils! So there is no doubt that the four angels loosed from Euphrates river are evil.

### **Who will accompany these four evil angels in killing one third of the wicked?**

#### **Revelation 9:16**

16 And the number of the army of the horsemen were **two hundred thousand thousand**: and I heard the number of them.

**"Two hundred thousand thousand" is  $200,000 \times 1,000 = 200,000,000$  million army** of demons being lead by four generals of evil demons. In the fifth plague the evil angels were given permission to torture men for five months. In the sixth plague they are given permission to kill one third of the living population who have the mark of the beast! This is the reason why it is called the second woe!

These mass casualties of those in Babylon is one of the main reasons why Babylon's support is dried up!

**In Revelation 9:17 – 19** it appears that John is describing our modern weapons of mass destruction, such as nuclear bombs, that will be used by Satan's army of demons to kill one third of all living who have the mark of the beast!

#### **Revelation 9:18**

18 By these three was the third part of men killed, by the fire, and by the smoke, and by the brimstone, which issued out of their mouths.

Going back to Revelation 16:12 all support of Babylon will be dried up like the great river Euphrates that went through Babylon.

Remember, who are the kings of the east who will be prepared to totally overthrow Babylon after the Euphrates is dried up?

The Godhead: God the Father, Son (Jesus), and the Holy Ghost!

### **The second coming of Jesus will be from the east:**

#### **Matthew 24:27**

27 For as the lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.

**What will Satan's response be after one third of the wicked are killed on this earth?****Revelation 16:13-14**

13 And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs come out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet.

14 For they are the **spirits of devils, working miracles**, which go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty.

In Revelation 14, Jesus gives us three angels' messages that reveals the true versus Satan's false church. Here, in Revelation 16:13, is the counterfeit three angels' message from the spirit of devils in Babylon. **Instead of being described as angels this false message is described as frogs.**

Lie after lie leaps out of mouth of those in Babylon like frogs from the beast, the false prophet, and the dragon. These are all those who make up Babylon. **1) The Beast, papal Rome 2) The false prophet is an image to the beast, all apostate churches 3) The dragon, Satan, who also leads all other false "non-christian" religions like Muslims, Buddha, Hindu and pop culture.**

Instead of the holy spirit, they have a demonic spirit that leaps upon all those who reject the truth of God's Word and receive the mark of the beast. Many in apostate churches will confuse this demonic spirit with the Holy Spirit. They will go by their feelings instead of the Word of God. They will make proclamation of being a prophet of God, when instead they are prophets of the devil.

**Why does God's people in the last days need to test every spirit?****1 John 4:1**

1 Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world.

**Going back to Revelation 16:14**, the spirit of devils work miracles, blame God for the great devastation upon the earth and go to the kings of the world to gather them to battle against God Almighty!

**Satan, who impersonates Christ, will then convince nations to pass a universal death decree as prophesied in Revelation 13:15 that "as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed."**

**What does Jesus personally say in response?****Revelation 16:15**

**15 Behold, I come as a thief. Blessed is he that watcheth, and keepeth his garments, lest he walk naked, and they see his shame.**

Jesus coming is only as a thief to the wicked who are not prepared. But the faithful who are sealed with the seal of the living God are greatly anticipating the coming of the Lord as they see almost the end of the seven last plagues.

**What is Jesus' response to Satan's gathering to battle against God?****Revelation 16:16**

16 And he gathered them together into a place called in the Hebrew tongue Armageddon.

Here are some things we learned in our previous studies on this subject of Armageddon (Study #45: **Sixth Trumpet's Mass Casualties & Armageddon**)

- Armageddon = A mountain gathering!
- Armageddon is a spiritual symbolic mountain of Jesus, the Rock

- Jesus gathers them who “watcheth and keepeth his garments,” sealed with the seal of the living God, 144,000 plus their harvest during the mark of the beast crisis before the seven last plagues.
- Jesus takes account of all His faithful at this time who are being hunted down by the universal death decree and spiritually gathers His faithful people on the spiritual Rock in preparation of their great deliverance at the second coming of Jesus!

**Can you imagine it?** On one side gathered is Satan and his followers and on the other side is Jesus and His followers gathered at Armageddon, a mountain gathering. All those on this mountain gathering with Christ will be ready for deliverance and victory over Satan in the final battle!

Not only does Jesus gather his people spiritually on His mountain of truth, but he physically helps get his people up into the mountains and other safe places during the universal death decree! But some will be thrown in prisons and dungeons. But God still has them spiritually gathered on Armageddon!

### What is the effect of the seventh plague?

#### **Revelation 16:17-21**

17 And the seventh angel poured out his vial into the air; and there came a great voice out of the temple of heaven, from the throne, saying, **It is done.**

18 And there were voices, and thunders, and lightnings; and there was a great earthquake, such as was **not since men were upon the earth, so mighty an earthquake, and so great.**

**19 And the great city was divided into three parts, and the cities of the nations fell: and great Babylon came in remembrance before God, to give unto her the cup of the wine of the fierceness of his wrath.**

20 And every island fled away, and the mountains were not found.

21 And there fell upon men a great hail out of heaven, every stone about the weight of a talent: and men blasphemed God because of the plague of the hail; for the plague thereof was exceeding great.

IT IS DONE! Jesus is ready to get His people! The three parts are divided among those who make of the great city, Babylon: 1) The beast 2) the false prophet, image of the beast, and 3) the dragon – all false religions and pop culture.

### What is the cause of the seventh plague?

#### **Revelation 11:14, 15**

14 The second woe is past; *and*, behold, the third woe cometh quickly.

15 And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become *the kingdoms* of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever.

The events of the seventh plague that take place as Jesus makes His descent from Heaven to earth's atmosphere at His second coming. His coming is the cause of the earthquakes and great hail storm. Jesus rules forever. He is coming to get ALL his faithful children who had a complete sacrifice.

**When the 7<sup>th</sup> trumpet (7<sup>th</sup> plague) sounds the dead in Christ shall rise.**

#### **1 Corinthians 15:51-52**

51 Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed,

52 In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, **at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible**, and we shall be changed.

#### **1 Thessalonians 4:16**

16 For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with **the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:**

### Appeal

Those who are ready for God's deliverance at the end of the seven last plagues were prepared BEFORE the seven last plagues are poured out. Remember probation for every person is CLOSED when the seven last plagues begin.

Prepare, get ready, get ready, NOW. We only have a very short time left. What is the message of the 144,000 Three Angels message, plus the fourth angel (repeat of the second) – GET OUT OF BABYLON!

Next Study Revelation 17