

# Revelation<sup>5/13</sup>

## Of Jesus Christ

### The Seven Last Plagues

#### Study Guide #6 - Revelation 15-19

#### I. Introduction

- A. God will not eternally endure the sin problem. There will come a time when sin has reached its limit, iniquity has run its course, and God has no reason to delay any longer. The harvest is ripe and ready. Then will come a time of terrible retribution known as the Seven Last Plagues. When will these plagues come? On whom will they fall? Will anyone escape these judgments? Why are they sent?
- B. Revelation chapters 17-19 are yet to be fulfilled. God has given prophecy so that when it comes to pass our faith might be reinforced [See John 14:29 (935)]. These chapters elaborate on the events outlined in the plagues of chapter 16. We need to meditate on these things and fix them in our minds so that as we see them begin to happen we can grasp ever tighter to the hand of our God by faith and let him take us through to the kingdom.

#### II. Chapter 15 -- Prelude to the Seven Bowls of God's Wrath

- A. Verse 1 -- Seven Angels with the Seven Last Plagues - Psalm 91:10 - Complete and Final
  - 1. Seven - Complete
  - 2. Last - Final
- B. Verse 2 -- Sea of Glass and Fire = A right of passage for ALL people
  - 1. Before God's Throne - 4:6; Exodus 24:10 - Must be crossed to reach eternity
    - a. Brazen Sea/Laver - Exodus 30:18; 38:8; 1 Kings 7:23,24
    - b. Between the Altar of Burnt Offering (cross) and the Ark (throne)
    - c. Represents washing, cleansing, baptism - Exodus 30:18-21; Ephesians 5:26; Titus 3:5
  - 2. Between Egypt and Canaan - Exodus 14:13-29
    - a. Israel passed safely through the SEA - 1 Corinthians 10:1,2
    - b. God's enemies drown in the SEA - NONE SURVIVED - Exodus 14:23-29
  - 3. Mingled with Fire - 1 Corinthians 3:11-13
    - a. Purifies, tests, separates - 2 Thessalonians 1:6-10
    - b. The SEA is a LAKE OF FIRE to the wicked - 19:20; 21:10,14,15; 21:8
  - 4. The 144,000 on the Sea victorious - 13:15 - 14:2,11
  - 5. The righteous stand on the SEA by FAITH ALONE - Matthew 14:22-33
- C. Verses 3,4 -- The Song of Moses and the Lamb - Song of the Passage = *Ex-odus*
  - 1. Song of Moses - Exodus 15:1-18; 1 Corinthians 10:1-4
  - 2. Song of the Lamb - Luke 9:30,31
- D. Verses 5-8 -- The Temple Opened - 11:19
  - 1. Temple is identified by the LAW it contains - Exodus 25:16,21
  - 2. Opened - The INVESTIGATIVE proceedings within are complete
  - 3. Angels come out to EXECUTE judgment - Matthew 13:36-43
  - 4. Filled with smoke so that no one could enter - No ministry within
  - 5. Note the CHRONOLOGICAL CONNECTION with the 7TH TRUMPET - 11:19
- E. Verses 1,7; 16:1 -- The Wrath of God
  - 1. Wrath
    - a. "orge" - The pouring out without restraint of what is within
      - 1) Translated in NKJV as "wrath" - 6:16,17; 11:18; 16:19; 19:15
      - 2) Translated in NKJV as "indignation" - 14:10

- b. "thumos" - Killing mind, anger, or disposition
  - 1) A derivative of "thuo" - to kill or sacrifice
  - 2) Translated as "wrath" - 12:12; 14:8,10,19; 15:1,7; 16:1; 18:3
  - 3) Translated as "fierceness" - 16:19; 19:15
- 2. What is IN God? What is his mind or disposition?
  - a. Mercy and Justice - Exodus 34:6,7
  - b. Light and Love - 1 John 1:5; 4:8
  - c. Consuming fire - Hebrews 12:29
- 3. What is the result of the pouring out of God's wrath?
  - a. Glorification or destruction - 2 Thessalonians 1:8-10; 2:8
  - b. Smelting, purifying, cleansing - 1 Corinthians 3:11-13
  - c. No mortal can survive, unless "sealed" - Revelation 6:17
  - d. Righteous will DWELL safely IN the FIRE - Isaiah 33:14-16
- 4. The Gospel and the Wrath of God
  - a. Jesus - Matthew 26:39
  - b. Wicked - Revelation 14:9,10; 16:1-21; 18:6

### III. Chapter 16 -- The Seven Bowls of God's Wrath

- A. Verse 1 -- The Command - Go and pour - v.1 - Active vs. Passive judgments
  - 1. Seven Plagues - Active judgments - Sent by God
  - 2. Seven Trumpets - Passive judgments - Allowed by God - 8:2,6
- B. The PLAGUES follow the same sequence of symbols as the TRUMPETS
- C. Verses 2-21 -- The Seven Bowls
  - 1. 1st Plague (v.2) - On the EARTH = New World IMAGE - 12:16; 13:11
    - a. Sores - Bad and evil - Physical or Spiritual??
    - b. On those with the Mark - Not on the sealed 144,000
    - c. **Concept** - Trouble falls on those involved with the New World Superpower which created the IMAGE (13:11) supporting the Beast, then...
  - 2. 2nd Plague (v.3) - On the SEA = Old World BEAST - 13:1; Daniel 7:2,3
    - a. Became as the blood of a dead man - Lifeless, toxic
    - b. Every living creature died - Popular support for Papal system dies
    - c. **Concept** - Trouble falls on those involved with the Old World Beast (13:1). These two (Image and Beast) have joined together to create trouble for God's people and annihilate them. Instead they have trouble. They begin to reap what they have sown.
  - 3. 3rd Plague (v.4) - On the RIVERS AND SPRINGS of Water = Sources of Truth
    - a. Spiritual thirst quenching water for the soul -  
John 4:14; 7:37-39; Isaiah 41:17,18; 55:1; Jeremiah 2:13; 17:13
    - b. Became blood - Fountains of death - Holy Spirit withdrawn  
John 7:37-39; 14:16,17,26; 16:7-13
    - c. **Concept** - All this trouble causes humanity to perceive that the sources of spiritual life and truth they have chosen are lethal and deadly, leaving them spiritually empty, thirsty, and unsatisfied.
- \*\*\* INTERLUDE (vs 5-7) - Heaven proclaims that God is just and fair in these judgments. They are long overdue. They are not overly severe.
- 4. 4th Plague (vs.8,9) - On the SUN = Source of Light and Warmth
  - a. Scorches - Much sun and no fresh water (3rd plague) = Desert and famine
    - 1) Famine - Joel 1:10-12,17-20
    - 2) Spiritual famine - Amos 8:11-14
  - b. Response - All blaspheme, none repent
  - c. **Concept** - The light of reality burns down on the wicked with the full realization of eternal loss. They have chosen the wrong course. Yet they only blaspheme. No one repents or seeks God's forgiveness.

5. 5th Plague (vs.10,11) - On the THRONE of the BEAST = Heart of its power  
2:13; 13:2; 17:12-17; Daniel 11:45; 2 Thessalonians 2:3,4
  - a. Darkness - Matthew 6:22,23; Luke 11:34,35; Isaiah 5:20
  - b. Gnawed tongues - Gnashing of teeth at painful realization of eternal loss
  - c. Response - All blaspheme, none repent
  - d. Because of their "SORES" - v.2 - Connection to 1st Plague
  - e. **Concept** - Darkness settles over the great universal system of self worship. It is finally clearly seen for what it really is - a system that cannot impart life, only death. And the darkness is painful - the painful awareness of eternal loss. Yet no one repents. All blaspheme.
6. 6th Plague (vs.12-16) - On the river EUPHRATES = Lifeline of Babylon
  - a. Water dries up - which prepares the way for the kings from the east
    - 1) Water - People support
    - 2) Dried up - Plagued (1,2); Staved (3,4); Aware (5); Withdraw support (6)  
Isaiah 11:11-16; 44:27,28; Jeremiah 50:38; 51:36
  - b. Kings from the East - All is ready for God to step in to rescue His people  
Daniel 11:44,45; Isaiah 41:1-4
  - c. Three unclean spirits like frogs - Direct supernatural intervention
    - 1) Dragon - 12:9 - Satan, paganism, spiritism, NEW AGE
    - 2) Beast - 13:2,3 - Old World Papal system
    - 3) False Prophet - 19:20; 13:11-14 - New World Image system
  - d. Rallying the Kings of the Earth - Universal regrouping for one last stand
  - e. Armageddon - v.14 - MOUNTAIN of Assembly - Battle of great day of God
  - f. **Concept** - The human support for the system of self worship - Babylon - dries up, opening the way for God and his heavenly army (Kings from the East) to enter and take control. Satan now steps out from behind his mask and sends out miracle working demons to rally the world to a final, desperate stand against God. This is Armageddon -the Mountain of Assembly - when the whole world is aligned against God.
7. 7th Plague (vs.17-21) - Into the AIR - Universal, no one misses this one
  - a. Voice from temple - John 19:30; Isaiah 66:6
  - b. Noises, thunderings, lightnings, earthquake - 4:5; 8:5; 11:19
  - c. Great earthquake - 6:12; Ezekiel 38:20-22
    - 1) Great City - 14:8; 17:18,21 = Babylon
    - 2) Divided into three parts - destruction of 6th plague coalition
    - 3) Cities of the nations fell - Total political/economic collapse. The focus of chapters 17,18
  - d. Great hail - a talent - Psalm 18:12,13; Ezekiel 13:11-13
  - e. Response - All blaspheme, none repent
  - f. **Concept** - The voice of God routs the enemy. The battle ends before it really begins; sin is no match for God. The evil triumvirate disintegrates. God's arsenal of fire and hail destroys the wicked. They die blaspheming God. Not one person cries in repentance for mercy.

### C. Plagues of Egypt compared with the Seven Last Plagues - Exodus 7:14-12:30

1. Each Plague attacked one of the gods the Egyptians worshiped.
  - a. Worship = from Greek: *pros-kuneo* -
  - b. Worship = Old English: *weorth-scripe* -

<u>PLAGUES OF EGYPT</u>	<u>SEVEN LAST PLAGUES</u>
(1) Water to Blood	(3) Sea and Water to Blood
(2) Frogs	(5) Three Unclean Spirits like Frogs
(3) Lice	
(4) Flies	
(5) Disease - on livestock	(2) Creatures in Sea die
(6) Boils - Sores	(1) Sores
(7) Hail - mingled with fire	(7) Hail - also 1st Trumpet
(8) Locusts	--- 5th Trumpet
(9) Darkness	(5) Darkness
(10) Death of Firstborn prepares for exodus of Israel	(6) River dries up preparing for final rescue and exodus of Spiritual Israel

3. Righteous spared - Exodus 8:22; 9:4,6,26; 10:23; Psalm 91:7-10
  4. Possible scenario of plagues as God attacking the "gods" of modern man.
    - a. **Plague of Sores** - Man has worshiped medical science as the cure for all his diseases, instead of worshiping Christ, the Great Physician. God sends a disease which medical science is unable to solve or cure.
    - b. **Plague on the Sea** - Man has worshiped the sea as the evolutionary source of life and sustenance in place of the Creator God. God strikes the sea as He did the Nile in Egypt.
    - c. **Plague on the Springs and Rivers** - Man has worshiped his own intellect and reason as the source of refreshing truth and spiritual philosophy, replacing God's revelations with pagan, humanistic systems. God strikes the world with events which reveal the utter futility of these human systems of thought and spirituality.
    - d. **Plague on the Sun** - Man has worshiped the sun as the supreme god since the days of the tower of Babel. The supreme legacy of sun worship is the substitute day of worship, Sunday. God strikes the sun so that it scorches the very ones who have paid it homage.
    - e. **Plague on the Beast** - Man has worshiped the beast, giving allegiance to that false religio-political hybrid power which rules during the time of the end. God strikes the beast, revealing that the "light" it claimed to disseminate was really gross darkness.
    - f. **Plague on the Euphrates** - As the Euphrates river supported ancient Babylon, the origin of false worship, so people have supported spiritual Babylon's spiritual perversions throughout time. Now that this false system has been fully exposed, the people support dries up. Satan then uses his supernatural powers to convince the world that his great power as their only hope, and that God's faithful remnant is the real cause of the plagues. Thus he rallies the world for a last ditch stand against God and His people.
    - g. **Plague on the Air** - Here the doom of all false spiritual systems and their political allies is announced and executed. The false religio-political coalition which has united to oppose God and his people is dissolved by the arsenal of God as He moves out through the universe with his army of angels to defeat the enemy and rescue the faithful.
  5. In that the plagues of Egypt were real, literal, physical plagues with strong spiritual ramifications, the same may be true of the Seven Last Plagues.
- E. Judgments of God described in sign language
1. Maturing the Wicked - Calling until NO ONE will respond anymore
    - a. God calls with love and truth - GOSPEL - 7 CHURCHES
    - b. God warns through strife, bloodshed and truth - 7 TRUMPETS
    - c. God jolts with PLAGUES - No one responds
  2. The Unpardonable Sin
    - a. Sin against the Holy Spirit - Matthew 12:31,32; Mark 3:29
    - b. Purpose of the Holy Spirit
      - 1) Teach - John 14:26
      - 2) Convict - John 16:8
      - 3) Guide - John 16:13
    - c. Holy Spirit will not always call - Genesis 6:3
    - d. Holy Spirit applies God's SEAL - Ephesians 4:30
  3. The Plagues reveal that the wicked have ALL committed the unpardonable sin.
- IV. Chapter 17 -- The Mystery of the Great Harlot - Judgment Time for Babylon
- A. Verse 1 -- One of the seven angels with plagues - A close-up of plague-related events which build on the scenario already laid out in chapter 16.
  - B. Verses 1-6 -- Great Harlot in the wilderness - Ezekiel 16
    1. v.1 - Harlot
      - a. Promiscuous, unfaithful to the Bridegroom - 2 Corinthians 11:2
      - b. Sits on many waters - 17:15; Jeremiah 51:13
    2. v.2 - Committed fornication with the kings of the earth - 14:8
      - a. Illicit union - Church/State, Truth/Tradition, Civil/Holy Spirit Power
      - b. Opposite of 14:12 - Saints waiting patiently by faith for bridegroom
    3. v.2 - Inhabitants made drunk with the wine of her fornication
      - a. Wine - Matthew 26:28; Isaiah 28:15
      - b. Drunk - Jeremiah 51:7- Confused by false teachings

4. v.3 - Riding on the Scarlet Beast with 7 heads and 10 horns - 12:3,9; 13:1
5. Comparison of the two Women of Revelation 12 and 17
 

<u>Woman of Rev. 12:1</u>	<u>Woman of Rev 17:1-6</u>
a. Clothed with the sun (Christ)	Arrayed in purple and scarlet
b. Adorned with Gospel leadership	Adorned with gold and jewels
c. Standing on the Moon - Christ as reflected through OT Sanctuary	Seated on scarlet beast - Satan as reflected through earthly powers
d. Faithful - Virgin (14:4,5)	Unfaithful - Fornicator
e. Attacked by the Dragon (12:17)	Rides the Dragon
f. Father's name on forehead (14:1)	Name on forehead - Mystery, Babylon the Great, Mother of Harlots
g. Fed by God in wilderness (12:6)	Drunk with the Blood of Saints
h. Hiding in the wilderness (12:6)	Now in the wilderness
i. Headed for glory (19:7)	Headed for oblivion (17:17; 18)
6. v.5 - Names of the Harlot
  - a. Mystery -
    - 1) Mystery of God - 1 Timothy 3:16
    - 2) Mystery of Iniquity - 2 Thessalonians 2:3-8
  - b. Babylon the Great - Genesis 10:8-10; 11:9
  - c. Mother of Harlots and Abominations - Ezekiel 16:44,45
    - 1) Mother - Old World Papal system
    - 2) Daughters - New World Image system
7. Drunk with the Blood of the Saints - End time persecution

### C. Verses 7-18 -- Clues to the Identity of the Beast

1. Overall Perspective - v.7 - Beast - 12:3; 13:1; Daniel 7:7,20,24
  - a. Heads are consecutive kingdoms antagonistic to God's people - 17:9,10
  - b. Seven Heads = Egypt - Assyria - Babylon - Medo-Persia - Greece - Pagan Rome - Papal Rome
  - c. 10 horns = Nations of Europe - From disintegration of Rome to the END
2. Millennial Perspective - v.8 - "Was, and is not, and WILL ASCEND OUT OF THE BOTTOMLESS PIT AND GO TO PERDITION..." - 20:1,7,10
  - a. Was - Satan before millennium
  - b. Is not - Bound in bottomless pit during millennium
  - c. Will ascend out of the bottomless pit - Released at end of millennium and goes out to deceive
  - d. Go to perdition = Destruction - Cast into the lake of fire
3. Mortal Wound Perspective - v.8 - "THOSE WHO DWELL ON THE EARTH WILL MARVEL ...when they see the beast that was, and is not, and yet is" - 13:3,8
  - a. Was - Beast (Little Horn) prior to the mortal wound
  - b. Is not - The mortal wound
  - c. And yet is - literally: "will be present" - Survives the mortal wound to thrive again
4. John's Perspective - vs.9,10 - Literally: "The seven heads are seven mountains...AND are seven kings"
  - a. Five have fallen - Egypt, Assyria, Babylon, Medo-Persia, Greece
  - b. One is - Pagan Rome
  - c. The other has not yet come - Papal Rome
  - d. Must continue a short (limited) time - 12:12 - 1260 years plus End Time  
Romans 9:28; Isaiah 10:23; 28:22
5. End Time Perspective - vs.11-18
  - a. PERSONIFICATION - v.11 - The beast that was, and is not, is HIMSELF also the eighth, and is of the seven, and is going to perdition.
    - 1) Personification - 16:14 - No longer masked behind earthly powers
    - 2) The eighth - Satan's final overwhelming delusion  
2 Corinthians 11:14; 2 Thessalonians 2:1-12; Matthew 24:23-26
    - 3) Of the seven - literally: "out of the seven" - Sum and substance
    - 4) Goes to perdition - v.8; Daniel 7:11,26; 11:45

- b. REALIGNMENT and COALITION - vs.12-14 - Ten horns = Ten kings (kingdoms)
    - 1) Have received no kingdom yet - 17:1 - Future during plagues
    - 2) Of one mind and give power and authority to the beast - 16:13-16
    - 3) One hour - NOT the 1260 year time of medieval support
    - 4) Transfer allegiance from Harlot (v.2) to Beast (Satan)
      - a) People abandon Babylon = Harlot (17:5,15) - Waters dry up (16:12)
      - b) Kings abandon Harlot in favor of Beast (17:2,13,16)
    - 5) Make war with the Lamb = 6th Plague - 16:14,16; Matthew 25:40
    - 6) Lamb overcomes them = 7th Plague - 16:17-21; 18; 19:11-21
  - c. DISINTEGRATION - vs.16,17 - Ten horns turn on and destroy harlot
    - 1) 7th Plague - 16:12,19 - City splits and nations fall
    - 2) They fulfill God's purpose - to support and then destroy
    - 3) Satan casts off and brings to destruction that which he had used to divert worship from God (Lamb). Ultimately, he wants to be the one who is worshiped, and not through a proxy. He, himself, wants to fight God.
6. Waters - v.15 - The real support for all rebellious systems is PEOPLE
    - a. Woman sits on many waters (17:1) and rides the beast (17:3)
    - b. Beast rises out of the water - 13:1
  7. The Woman - v.18 - The apostate spiritual system
    - a. IS the great city - 16:19 = Babylon - 17:5
    - b. "Reigns OVER the kings of the earth" - 17:3 - Rides and directs beast

D. Chart of the Beast of Revelation 17

1.	WAS					2	IS	WILL
2.	WAS					IS	NOT	ASCEND
3.	5 HAVE FALLEN					1 IS	NOT YET	White Throne
4.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8th
	E	A	B	MP	G	538	1798	Satan
	G	S	A	EE	R	PAGAN	PAPAL	Mortal
	Y	S	B	DR	E	ROME	ROME	Wound
	P	Y	Y	OS	E			REVIVED
	T	R	L	/I	C			PAPACY
		I	O	A	E			Inflicted
		A	N					Healed
								Resurrections
								1st
								2nd
								Righteous
								Wicked
								Satan
								Loosed
								Hell
								Fire

V. Chapter 18 -- The Judgment of Babylon the Great

- A. Verses 1-8 -- God's FINAL INVITATION and WARNING - A homiletical parenthesis
  1. v.1 - Mighty angel illuminated Earth with his glory - Isaiah 60:1-3
    - God's counterpart to the FALSE end time revival - 13:13
  2. v.2,3 - Final Message to the World - Babylon is Fallen! - A PROPHECY
    - She appears stronger than ever. God says she is going down.
  3. v.4 - Come out of her, MY people, lest you share in her sins
    - a. LEAVE NOW! You cannot stay in her and survive - Isaiah 48:20; Jeremiah 50:8-10; 51:6-8,45-50; Zechariah 2:6,7
    - b. Like Sodom - Decide and act NOW - Don't look back! - Genesis 19:12-17
    - c. Like Jerusalem - Flee - Don't go back for anything - Matthew 24:15-20
  4. v.6 - Repay her double - She had two chances
  5. v.7 - I sit as queen...and will not see sorrow - Isaiah 47:5-9; Daniel 3:1

6. v.8 - "One day" or "One hour" - vs.10,17,19; Jeremiah 51:8
    - a. Her fall comes suddenly. One moment she is strong, the next gone.
    - b. Like Neo-Babylon, spiritual Babylon falls while at her height of power, without a fight, and in the midst of a rebellious, drunken orgy.
    - c. Like Sodom, once her destructions begins, it will be too late to leave
  7. v.8 - Strong is the Lord God who judges her - No reprieve or escape
- B. Verses 9-20 - Mourning over Babylon - Her destroyers mourn over her destruction
1. vs.9,10 - Political collapse - The Kings of the Earth - Loss of power
  2. vs.11-19 - Economic collapse - Merchants and Shipmates - Loss of wealth
    - a. v.13 - Souls of men - Is yours for sale? - Matthew 16:24-26
    - b. v.17 - Such great riches came to nothing - Matthew 6:19-21
  3. v.20 - Vindication called for in the 5th seal (6:9-11) finally comes
    - a. AVENGE, not revenge - 13:10; Galatians 6:7-9
    - b. Literally: "As she judged (condemned) you, so God has judged her
    - c. God is concerned with saving, not with getting even. But it is not fair to the rest of the universe to let sin spoil things forever - Matthew 23:37,38; Ezekiel 18:31,32; 33:11
- C. Verses 21-24 -- The Utter End of Babylon - Who throws her down? - 17:16
1. v.21 - Great millstone - Matthew 18:6; Jeremiah 51:63,64
  2. v.22 - Sound of musicians and craftsmen found no more
  3. v.23 - Lamp goes out - 16:10
- VI. Chapter 19 -- The Final Battle
- A. Verses 1-10 -- The Song of Battle - In contrast with the lament over Babylon
1. Concern for vindication of God vs. Concern over personal loss (18:9-19)
  2. "Righteous nesses of the Saints" vs. Fornication of harlot and kings (18:3)
  3. Time for Marriage Supper vs. No more voice of bride of bridegroom (18:23)
  4. Glory of God - Glorification of the saints vs. Destruction of the Wicked
- B. Verses 11-16 -- The Army of Heaven Passes in Review - The 2nd Coming
1. Jesus leads the armies of heaven - vs.11-13,15
    - a. Faithful and true - 1:5; 3:7,14
    - b. Eyes like a flame of fire - 1:16; 2:18; Daniel 10:6
    - c. Many crowns - v.16; 1:27; Psalm 2:8,9; Daniel 6:13,14
    - d. A new name written - 3:12
    - e. Robe dipped in blood - 5:6
    - f. Called The Word of God - John 1:1,14; Hebrews 4:12
  2. Armies - Clothed in white
    - a. All the Angels - Matthew 25:31
    - b. Enoch and Elijah - Genesis 5:24; 2 Kings 2:11
    - c. Moses and those raised at Christ's resurrection  
Jude 9; Matthew 17:3; 27:52-53
  3. The two sides are now clearly, unmistakably identified - 17:5; 19:16
    - a. Jesus, clothed in red, rides a white horse as KING OF KINGS
    - b. Harlot, clothed in purple, rides the scarlet beast as BABYLON THE GREAT
- C. Verses 17-21 -- The Battle = This is Armageddon - 16:14,16
1. The Battle is really a call to supper
    - a. Marriage supper of the Lamb (v.9) - You have to be the bride to attend
    - b. Supper of the great God (v.17) - There you will be the menu - 6:15,16  
Isaiah 46:11; Ezekiel 39:17-20; Luke 17:34-37
  2. The Capture of the three-fold coalition - 16:13,14
    - a. Beast = Old World Power System - 13:1,2; 16:13 - DESTROYED
    - b. False Prophet = New World Power System - 13:11-14; 16:13 - DESTROYED
    - c. The Dragon = Satan - 12:9; 20:1,2 - BOUND for 1000 years
    - d. The rest KILLED = None allied with any of the three survive - 14:9-11; Jeremiah 4:23-27

## VII. Summary

- A. God is redemptive by nature. Everything He does is therefore redemptive in nature. He seeks to bring each person to a realization of their lost condition and the acceptance of salvation through Christ. But the plagues fall after every person has come to a decision for or against Christ; SEALED or MARKED (14:14-20). Why does God bring the plagues, then?

In a certain sense, the plagues are God's last altar call; one which no one can miss, yet to which no one responds. HE knows that the decision of each person is irreversible. He knows each heart. But this internal reality must become externally visible for all to see, in order for it to serve as evidence FOR God in the Great Controversy. So God sends the plagues as a final loud call, which no lost person can miss, to see if anyone is still moveable. Yet, no matter how loudly He calls, or how severely He jolts, not one person is brought to his senses or his knees. The plagues elicit only blasphemy and curses.

By their own choice, in full light of the evidence, the wicked have set themselves in eternal opposition to God. They are unmovable and unredeemable. God, in his omnipotent power, has done everything He can to save them, but they will not let Him. They have made their decision based on full and complete evidence, as given in the messages of the three angels of Revelation 14. They have refused to listen to the prompts of the Holy Spirit and have refused His ministry in their lives. They have rejected truth and evidence. There is nothing more God can do to bring them to repentance. They have closed their minds to God's spirit. They have committed the unpardonable sin.

Rebellion is complete, mature, and final. Jesus has no reason to delay his coming in patience any longer, for there is no one left among the wicked whom he is able to bring to salvation. Were he to wait an eternity not one lost person would change sides. It is time to rescue his virgin bride and get on with the business of eternity.

- B. This is the same process that happened to Lucifer and his angels before they were thrown out of heaven. They rejected God in the full light of a complete knowledge of Him. God had no new evidence to show them to persuade them from their self-destructive ways. Therefore, Satan and his angels cannot be saved.
- C. Babylon the Great is an apostate system which claims to believe in Christ and be based on Scripture, but has stepped aside to other lovers. Instead of patiently waiting by faith for power and victory through Christ, she has allied herself with political powers. Instead of keeping herself purely for the true Word of God she has wandered into pagan and traditional philosophies.
- D. No one needs to go down with Babylon when she falls. But everyone who is in Babylon will fall with her. So God is calling his faithful people out of the tradition and error of Babylon before the plagues fall on her. This is the last call. Are you listening?
- E. Two great suppers are about to be hosted. One is the MARRIAGE SUPPER OF THE LAMB at which the 144,000 are guaranteed a place. The other is the SUPPER OF THE GREAT GOD to which the buzzards are called and you are the menu. You have to survive the buzzards in order to attend the marriage supper. You have to be the bride of the Lamb in order to attend the wedding. "Blessed are those who are called to the marriage supper of the Lamb." Many are called, but few choose to come. The choice is up to you.
- F. Now is the time to prepare yourself for the awful outpouring of God's wrath. The righteous will be shielded at that time. But the wicked will perish. All things are now being prepared for the final events. Are you ready?



D. Chart of the Beast of Revelation 17

1.						WAS		2	IS	WILL
2.						WAS		IS	YET	A
3.	5 HAVE FALLEN					1 IS	NOT YET	10	Horns	White
4.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8th	1 Hr. N	White Throne Judgment
	E	A	B	M	G	538	1798	Satan	Satan	Hell
	G	S	A	E	R	PAGAN	PAPAL	Bound	Loosed	Fire
	Y	S	B	D	E	ROME	ROME	REVIVED		
	P	Y	Y	O	E			PAPACY		
	T	R	L	/	I					
	I	O	A	E				Inflicted	Resurrections	
	A	N						Healed	1st	2nd
									Righteous	Wicked