

Chapter 16 – Preview

1 st Bowl-	Painful sores on lost
2 nd Bowl-	Sea to blood- all life in sea dies
3 rd Bowl-	Rivers and springs to blood
4 th Bowl-	Fierce heat from the sun
5 th Bowl-	Darkness and pain on lost
6 th Bowl-	Euphrates dries up
Interlude-	Armies gather at Har-Magedon
7 th Bowl-	“It is done”- lightning, thunder, earthquake levels cities, Jerusalem split into three, hailstones

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Verse 8- *and they did not prevail, and there was no longer a place found for them in heaven.*

- Future- Revelation 20:7-10- *“When the thousand years are completed, Satan will be released from his prison, and will come out to deceive the nations which are at the four corners of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together for the war; the number of them is like the sand of the seashore. And they came up on the broad plain of the earth and surrounded the camp of the saints and the beloved city, and fire came down from heaven and devoured them.”*

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Verse 9- *And the great dragon was thrown down, the serpent of old who is called the devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him.*

dragon- (drakon) serpent. The ancient serpent in the Garden.

devil- Greek (diabolos) dia- through + ballo- to throw. The devil throw accusations and slander against us and to us (2:10).

Satan- Hebrew- (שָׂטָן- satan) A deceiver.

Satan, Heaven, and Hell

- Created by God and with Him in heaven (Col. 1:16-17)
- Fell from heaven but still had access to God (Ezekiel 28)
- Access to heaven stopped- consigned to the earth (Rev. 12:7-8)

Matthew 24:22- "And if those days had not been cut short, no life would have been saved; but for the sake of the elect those days will be cut short."

- Satan is bound in hell for 1000 years. (Rev. 20:1-3)
- Satan is cast from hell into the lake of fire. (Rev. 20:10)

Timeline

John receives Revelation	AD 90
End of 1 st Century Church	AD 100
Early Church Fathers	AD 100 – 300
Fall of Rome	AD 476
Middle Ages	AD 500 – 1300
Renaissance	AD 1300 – 1500 ✓
Gutenberg's Printing Press	AD 1440
Reformation (<i>sola Scriptura</i>)	AD 1517 – 1600
The Enlightenment	AD 1700s
Industrial Revolution	AD 1760 – 1840

Dante Alighieri – The Renaissance

The Divine Comedy (1320)

- *Inferno* – Shaped a modern view of hell for the last 700 years
- *Purgatorio* (9 levels)
- *Paradiso* (9 spheres)

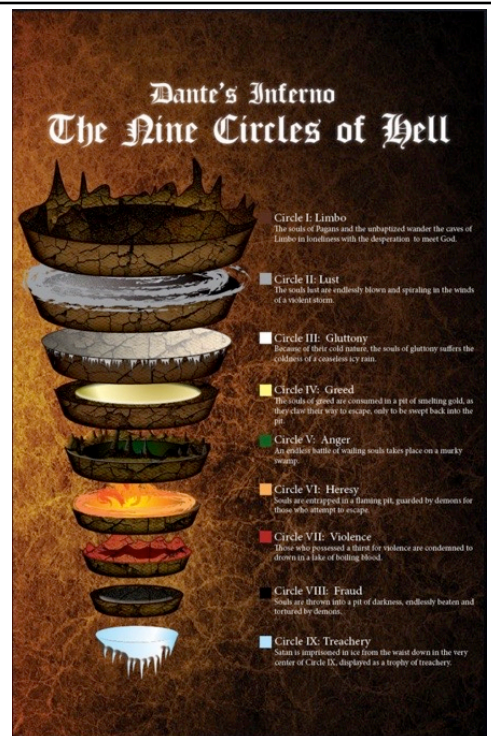


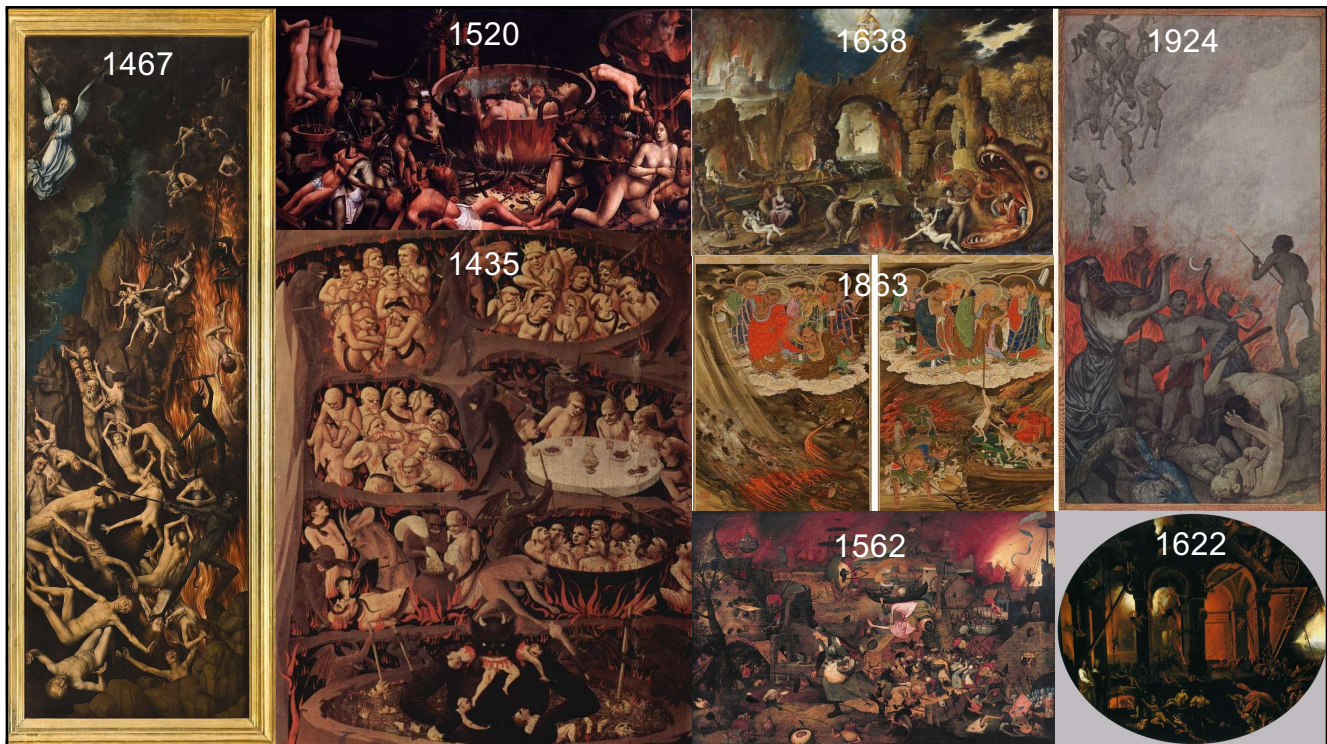
9 Levels of Hell

- Limbo
- Lust
- Gluttony
- Greed
- Anger
- Heresy
- Violence
- Fraud
- Treachery



The ninth level is the lowest and is where Satan is encased in ice.





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The battle will be between Satan and Michael, not Satan and God.

Michael is a military leader (archangel) mentioned in Dan. 10:13, 21; and 12:1.

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Verse 10- *Then I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, "Now the salvation, and the power, and the kingdom of our God and the authority of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brothers and sisters has been thrown down, the one who accuses them before our God day and night.*

a loud voice in heaven, saying- This is the fifth of seven hymns in the book (4:8-11; 5:9-13; 7:10-12; 11:15-18; 12:10-12; 15:3-4; 19:1-8). The voice probably belongs to one of the martyrs at the foot of the altar in heaven (6:9-11) or one in the crowd of the redeemed standing in front of the throne of God (7:9-17).

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Verse 11- *And they overcame him because of the blood of the Lamb and because of the word of their testimony, and they did not love their life even when faced with death.*

because of the blood of the Lamb- The reason for their (and our) victory over Satan has NOTHING to do with what they/we have done or will do. It is based on Jesus' death on the cross.

word of their testimony- About Jesus' atoning work on the cross.

did not love their life- They were willing to pay the price of martyrdom in order to be faithful to Jesus Christ.

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Verse 12- *For this reason, rejoice, you heavens and you who dwell in them. Woe to the earth and the sea, because the devil has come down to you with great wrath, knowing that he has only a short time."*

Woe to the earth and the sea- The devil now has only the earth on which to dwell for 3½ years- he will call forth all demon forces (5th and 6th trumpet judgments) to help him destroy as much as possible because he knows his time is limited.

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Verse 13- *And when the dragon saw that he was thrown down to the earth, he persecuted the woman who gave birth to the male Child.*

persecuted the woman- Satan will attack "the woman" (Israel) three times:

1. Satan persecutes the woman- She flees to the wilderness. (12:13-14)
2. Satan tries to sweep the woman away with a flood. (12:15)
3. Satan makes war with "the rest of her children." (12:17)

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Verse 14- *But the two wings of the great eagle were given to the woman, so that she could fly into the wilderness to her place, where she was nourished for a time, times, and half a time, away from the presence of the serpent.*

wings of the great eagle- This image has been used before:

Exodus 19:4- *'You yourselves have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I carried you on eagles' wings, and brought you to Myself.*

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Deut. 32:10-11- *He found him in a desert land, And in the howling wasteland of a wilderness; He encircled him, He cared for him, He guarded him as the apple of His eye. As an eagle stirs up its nest, And hovers over its young, He spread His wings, He caught them, He carried them on His pinions.*

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Isaiah 40:31 (KJV)- *But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up **with wings as eagles**; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.*

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the wilderness- This place is not specified. Many think it will be in the ancient city of Petra built by the Nabataeans in the 1st century BC. It was destroyed by an earthquake in AD 363.



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Verse 15- *And the serpent hurled water like a river out of his mouth after the woman, so that he might cause her to be swept away with the flood.*

out of his mouth- This “flood” could be an outpouring of hatred and anti-Semitic propaganda. Others believe it may symbolize armies that invade Israel and seek to defeat the remnant.

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Psalm 124:1-5 (Praise for Rescue from Enemies- David?)

*“Had it not been the Lord who was on our side,” Let Israel say,
 “Had it not been the Lord who was on our side When people rose up against us, Then they **would have swallowed us alive**, When their anger was kindled against us; Then **the waters would have flooded over us**, The **stream would have swept over our souls**; Then **the raging waters would have swept over our souls.**”*

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Verse 16- *But the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened its mouth and drank up the river which the dragon had hurled out of his mouth.*

earth opened its mouth- If literal, this could be an earthquake. If figurative, God's protection of these Jews in the wilderness will be complete, which will frustrate Satan and the forces following him (Demons? Human army?)

Genesis 4:11- (The curse of Cain) *"Now you are cursed from the ground, **which has opened its mouth** to receive your brother's blood from your hand."*

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Verse 17- *So the dragon was enraged with the woman, and went off to make war with the rest of her children, who keep the commandments of God and hold to the testimony of Jesus.*

enraged- (*ōrgisthē*)- Completely exasperated.

the rest of her children- These are Gentiles who are saved during the Tribulation.

Genesis 12:3-*"And I will bless those who bless you, And the one who curses you I will curse. **And in you all the families of the earth will be blessed.**"*

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Verse 1- *And the dragon stood on the sand of the seashore. Then I saw a beast coming up out of the sea, having ten horns and seven heads, and on his horns were ten crowns, and on his heads were blasphemous names.*

beast- therion- Used 28 times for a ferocious beast, beast of prey, not zoa- living creature). The word “antichrist” does not appear in the book. John uses it four times in 1 John and 2 times in 2 John.

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Man of Lawlessness	2 Thessalonians 2:3 (NASB, NIV, HCSB)
Son of Perdition	2 Thessalonians 2:3 (KJV, NKJV, RSV, ASV)
The Foolish Shepherd	Zechariah 11:15-17
The King who Exalts Himself	Daniel 11:36-45

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sea- sea of humanity (peoples- Maybe he is a Gentile?) As opposed to beast of the land (Israel).

ten horns and seven heads- Like the dragon (12:3), the beast has ten horns and seven heads.

ten crowns- The ten crowns are reversed from those on the dragon.

Seven Heads and Ten Horns

Great Red Dragon- 12:3- *“Then another sign appeared in heaven: and behold, a great red dragon having **seven heads and ten horns**, and on his **heads were seven crowns**.”*

Beast from the Sea- 13:1 *“Then I saw a beast coming up out of the sea, **having ten horns and seven heads**, and on his **horns were ten crowns**, and on his heads were blasphemous names.*

Scarlet Beast- 17: *“And he carried me away in the Spirit into a wilderness; and I saw a woman sitting on a scarlet beast, full of blasphemous names, having **seven heads and ten horns**.”*

Seven Heads and Ten Horns

Seven Heads = Seven Hills (of Rome? Palatine, Aventine, Caelian, Equiline, Viminal, Quirinal, and Capitoline)

Rev. 17:9- *“The seven heads are seven mountains upon which the woman sits.”*



Seven Heads and Ten Horns

Seven Heads = Seven Kings/Kingdoms

Rev. 17:11- *“and they **are seven kings**; five have fallen, one is, the other has not yet come; and when he comes, he must remain a little while. **The beast** which was, and is not, **is himself also an eighth** and is one of the seven, and he goes to destruction.*

Daniel 11:36-45- Description of the Beast

“Then the king will **do as he pleases**, and he will **exalt himself** and **boast against every god** and will **speak dreadful things against the God of gods**; and **he will be successful** until the indignation is finished, because that which is determined will be done. And **he will show no regard for the gods of his fathers (A Jew?) or for the desire of women (homosexual?)**, nor will he show regard for any other god; for he will boast against them all. But instead he will honor a god of fortresses, a god whom his fathers did not know; he will honor him with gold, silver, precious stones, and treasures. And he will take action against the strongest of fortresses with the help of a foreign god; he will give great honor to those who acknowledge him and will make them rulers over the many, and will parcel out land for a price. “And at the end time the king of the South will wage war with him, and the king of the North will storm against him with chariots, horsemen, and with many ships; and he will enter countries, overflow them, and pass through. He will also enter the Beautiful Land, and many countries will fall; but these will be rescued out of his hand: Edom, Moab, and the foremost of the sons of Ammon. Then he will reach out with his hand against other countries, and the land of Egypt will not escape. But he will gain control over the hidden treasures of gold and silver, and over all the precious things of Egypt; and Libyans and Ethiopians will follow at his heels. But rumors from the East and from the North will terrify him, and he will go out with great wrath to eliminate and annihilate many. And he will pitch the tents of his royal pavilion between the seas and the beautiful Holy Mountain; yet he will come to his end, and no one will help him.