

This is the future – what Jesus says “will take place later.”

Ch. 16 “The Last Plagues”

This occurs after the seven seals and the seven trumpets. Seven angels pour their bowls of rath onto the earth.

1. **Bowl #1 – Rev. 16:2** - “...and harmful and painful sores came upon the people who bore the mark of the beast and worshipped its image.” Why are only those that have the mark afflicted?
2. **Bowl #2 – Rev. 16:3** - “...every living thing died that was in the sea.” What is the purpose of killing all life in the sea?
3. **Bowl #3 – Rev. 16:4** - The rivers and springs become blood. “...For they have shed the blood of saints and prophets, and you have given them blood to drink. It is what they deserve.” What is the purpose of turning water to blood?
4. **Bowl #4 – Rev. 16:8-9** - Heat from the sun scorched people. “...They were scorched by the fierce heat, and they cursed the name of God who had power over these plagues. They did not repent and give him glory.” If the people are worshipping a false god, why are they cursing the true God?
Luke 21:25 – Jesus says **“There will be signs in the sun, moon and stars.”**
5. **Bowl #5 – Rev. 16:10-11** - “...and its kingdom (the beast) was plunged into darkness.”...“They did not repent of their deeds.” Why will they not repent? What can you see in your human nature that prevents you from repenting?
6. **Bowl #6 - Rev. 16:12** - “The sixth angel poured out his bowl on the great river Euphrates, and its water was dried up, to prepare the way for the kings from the east.”...“three unclean spirits like frogs. For they are demonic spirits, performing signs, who go abroad to the kings of the whole world, to assemble them for battle on the great day of God the Almighty.”...“And they assembled them at the place that in Hebrew is called Armageddon.”
Who could the three frogs be?
This is the only verse in the Bible that mentions the name Armageddon. The battle will be in Israel, in Jerusalem where the Antichrist has set his likeness in the temple of God. Those alive should see the signs and be prepared for a thief in the night. What does this mean?
7. **Bowl #7 – Rev. 16:17-21** - “The seventh angel poured out his bowl into the air, and a loud voice came out of the temple, from the throne, saying, “It is done!” What does this mean?
“And there were flashes of lightning, rumblings, peals of thunder, and a great earthquake such as there had never been since man was on the earth, so great was that earthquake. The great city was split into three parts, and the cities of the nations fell, and God remembered Babylon the great, to make her drain the cup of wine of the fury of his wrath.” What is happening to the earth at this point?
“And every island fled away, and no mountains were to be found. And great hailstones, about one hundred pounds each, fell from heaven on people; and they cursed God for the plague of the hail, because the plague was so severe.” What is happening now on earth and how are the people reacting?

Ch. 17 “Religious Babylon”

One of the angels carries John away in the spirit into the wilderness to show him the judgement of the “great prostitute”.

Rev. 17:3-6 - “And he carried me away in the Spirit into a wilderness, and I saw a woman sitting on a scarlet beast that was full of Blasphemous names, and it had seven heads and ten horns.” What do the seven heads and ten horns represent and where have we heard of this before?

“The woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet, and adorned with gold and jewels and pearls, holding in her hand a golden cup full of abominations and the impurities of her sexual immorality.” Why is the angel showing us this rather than speaking it? Who does the woman represent? Where are the hearts of the people during this time on earth?

“And on her forehead was written a name of mystery: “Babylon the great, mother of prostitutes and of earth’s abominations.” And I saw the woman, drunk with the blood of the saints, the blood of the martyrs of Jesus.” Where else do we see a mark on the forehead?

Rev. 17:7 - “I will tell you the mystery of the woman, and of the beast with seven heads and ten horns that carries her.” The angel understands that John needs clarification and interpretation on what he is seeing.

1. **The Beast – Rev. 17:8** - “...was, and is not, and is about to rise from the bottomless pit and go to destruction.”
What does this mean?
2. **The Seven Heads** – These are seven kings. **Rev. 17:10** - “... five of whom have fallen, one is, the other has not yet come, and when he does come he must remain only a while.” Who are these kingdoms?
 - a. The Egyptian Kingdom (gone)
 - b. The Assyrian Kingdom (gone)
 - c. The Babylonian Kingdom (gone)
 - d. The Persian Kingdom (gone)
 - e. The Kingdom of Greece (gone)All five of these kingdoms had passed when John had his vision.
 - f. The Roman Kingdom (present during John’s time)
 - g. A Future Kingdom (had not come yet during John’s time)

Rev. 17:11 – “As for the beast that was and is not, it is an eighth but it belongs to the seven, and it goes to destruction.” This is the Antichrist’s government that has religious operations in one city and the rest of it’s operations in another unnamed city.

3. **The Ten Horns – Rev. 17:12** – “And the ten horns that you saw are ten kings who have not yet received royal power, but they are to receive authority as kings for one hour, together with the beast. These are of one mind, and they hand over their power and authority to the beast.” We do not know who these 10 are but their purpose is to wage war against the Lamb, Jesus Christ. Any ideas?

Rev. 17:16 – “And the ten horns that you saw, they and the beast will hate the prostitute. They will make her desolate and naked, and devour her flesh and burn her up with fire, for God has put it into their hearts to carry out his purpose by being of one mind and handing over their royal power to the beast, until the words of God are fulfilled.”

4. **The Woman – Rev. 17:18** – “And the woman that you saw is the great city that has dominion over the kings of the earth.” Who does the woman represent?

“She represents the apostate religious system of Babylon, which was full of false teachings. She (the religious system) will form an alliance with the beast, a political mastermind.”

She is the “mother of abominations”, riding the beast to further her cause.

Rev. 17:9 – “...the seven heads are seven mountains on which the woman is seated; ...”

Could this be Rome, the “city of seven hills”?

There is a false religious system that will enable the beast to carry out his global domination. “The Bible indicates a future false religion will be behind a lot of the persecutions of Tribulation saints who refuse to take part in the Antichrist’s plans.”

The beast and his kings will turn on the woman and **Rev. 17:16** - “make her desolate and naked, and devour her flesh and burn her up with fire.” The Antichrist will destroy the religion so that he alone will have control and be worshipped. God has put this into the hearts of the kingdoms so that they think as one with the Antichrist.

But:

The Lamb is coming. Hang on!