



WEDNESDAY NITE LIVESTREAM

January 12, 2021

Welcome! Thank you for joining us tonight. We will begin right around 7:00pm.

Please be sure and post something in the comment section in Facebook and/or Zoom so we know you are here!

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Be sure you have a Bible nearby. We will be studying the Book of Revelation tonight.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Café Devo goes up every morning at 6:00am on Facebook and YouTube. COME DEVO WITH US!

CHURCH CLEAN UP: Volunteers are needed to clean up our building THIS Saturday at 9:30am. Bring your own bucket and join us!

ANNUAL MEETING: FCC's 125th Annual Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, January 23, 2022, following Worship. All members and friends are invited and encouraged to participate. ATTENTION: All officer, board, and committee reports for the Annual Meeting must be submitted to the Church Office by January 16, 2022. Thanks!

GET INVOLVED! FCC is always in need of volunteers to facilitate worship on Sundays. If you are interested in serving as a liturgist, usher, acolyte, in the Nursery, or by donating snacks for Social Time, please sign up at the Literature Table.

KID'S WORSHIP: Boys and girls, age 4 - grade 5 are invited to join us for Kid's Worship this morning following Kid's Time!

PRAYER MINISTRY

- If you have a prayer concern call the Church Office at (989) 288-6684 and your need will be communicated through our Prayer Chain.
- If you would like to participate in our Prayer Ministry by receiving prayer updates and remembering to pray over them, please text @fccprayerc” to: 81010. To receive updates by email go to: <https://www.remind.com/join/fccprayerc> and follow the instructions.

Here is our current Prayer List:

- Prayers for our nation.
- Our local, state, and federal leaders.
- Those dealing with COVID-19:
- An end to the coronavirus pandemic.
- The COVID-19 vaccination process.
- Students, teachers, and staff of our local schools.
- PAMELA TAYLOR (friend of Amanda Bruner): cancer.
- Freida Glass’ friend: cancer.
- Linda Russell’s friend: cancer.
- CHARLENE CEKANDER (Tim’s mom): cancer.
- KEITH BARTLETT (friend of Ron Nicks): cancer.
- DEBORAH CAMPBELL (Mandy Bruner’s mom): recovering from heart attack at home.
- JASON LAYNE (friend of Rick Will): cancer.
- ERIC DAVIS: cancer.
- JASON BAADE (Gary & Sue’s son).
- BETTY BENSON: Oliver Woods Assisted Living.
- PAT BAADE (Gary’s brother): auto accident, critical.
- BECKETT SQUIRES (Baade’s granddaughter): recovering from open-heart surgery.
- Beverly Baldwin’s brother: recovering from a stroke.
- Baby Shelby and her mother, Leesa: health concerns.
- MIKE OGINSKY (Nancy Grumley’s grandson): leukemia.
- LAUREN ELLIS (Mark & Linda Russell’s daughter): awaiting test results.
- BETH AUSTIN: seeking guidance.



Lesson 17 – January 12, 2022

REVIEW

- John had a vision of heaven where the 144,000 Israelites sang a song no one else could sing. They were with Jesus and the four living creatures.
- He saw an angel who proclaimed *the eternal gospel to those who live on the earth* and warned *the hour of his judgement has come*.
- A *second angel* announced the fall of *Babylon the Great*, the economic and political system through which the beast ruled the world.
- A *third angel* warned *anyone who worship the beast and its image and receives its mark* will be punished with the *full strength ...of God's fury*.

SUMMARY

1. Jesus and the 144,000 — God's remnant of Israel.
2. The last invitation.
3. The fall of the beast and his system.
4. The doom of those who worshiped the beast and took his mark.
5. Judgement and punishment.

Revelation 14:13

¹³ Then I heard a voice from heaven say, "Write this: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on." "Yes," says the Spirit, "they will rest from their labor, for their deeds will follow them."

- Notice the contrast between, *Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on ...they will rest from their labor, for their deeds will follow them* in this passage; and, *"If anyone worships the beast and its image and receives its mark on their forehead or on their hand, they, too, will drink the wine of God's fury, which has been poured full strength into the cup of his wrath..."*
- We are talking about a difference of *they will rest from their labor*, and *they will drink the wine of God's fury...*

Revelation 14:14–16

¹⁴ I looked, and there before me was a white cloud, and seated on the cloud was one like a son of man with a crown of gold on his head and a sharp sickle in his hand. ¹⁵ Then another angel came out of the temple and called in a loud voice to him who was sitting on the cloud, "Take your sickle and reap, because the time to reap has come, for the harvest of the earth is ripe." ¹⁶ So he who was seated on the cloud swung his sickle over the earth, and the earth was harvested.

- John saw *one like a son of man with a crown of gold on his head and a sharp sickle in his hand*.
 - Some see this figure as Jesus because he often referred to himself as the son of man.

- Others see this figure as an angel because John wrote, *like a son of man...*
- Regardless of who is swinging the sickle judgement is coming.

Revelation 14:17–20

¹⁷ Another angel came out of the temple in heaven, and he too had a sharp sickle. ¹⁸ Still another angel, who had charge of the fire, came from the altar and called in a loud voice to him who had the sharp sickle, “Take your sharp sickle and gather the clusters of grapes from the earth’s vine, because its grapes are ripe.” ¹⁹ The angel swung his sickle on the earth, gathered its grapes and threw them into the great winepress of God’s wrath. ²⁰ They were trampled in the winepress outside the city, and blood flowed out of the press, rising as high as the horses’ bridles for a distance of 1,600 stadia.

- Where the previous harvest seems to be one of judgement, this one appears to be punishment.
- *The angel swung his sickle on the earth, gathered its grapes and threw them into the great winepress of God’s wrath.*
- Again, this seems to be speaking of judgement and punishment that is coming because chapter 16 records the seven bowls of God’s final wrath.

Revelation 15:1–4

¹ I saw in heaven another great and marvelous sign: seven angels with the seven last plagues—last, because with them God’s wrath is completed. ² And I saw what looked like a sea of glass glowing with fire and, standing beside the sea, those who had been victorious over the beast and its image and over the number of its name. They held harps given them by God ³ and sang the song of God’s servant Moses and of the Lamb: “Great and marvelous are your deeds, Lord God Almighty. Just and true are your ways, King of the nations. ⁴ Who will not fear you, Lord, and bring glory to your name? For you alone are holy. All nations will come and worship before you, for your righteous acts have been revealed.”

- As the events of chapter 14 are taking place, John saw in heaven another marvelous sign...
 - He saw *seven angels with the seven last plagues...*
 - He saw *what looked like a sea of glass glowing with fire...*
 - He saw *those who had been victorious over the beast and its image and over the number of its name...*
 - *They held harps... and sang the son of... Moses and of the Lamb...*
 - They worshiped God.
- God is holy and everyone will worship him.

Revelation 15:5–8

⁵ After this I looked, and I saw in heaven the temple—that is, the tabernacle of the covenant law—and it was opened. ⁶ Out of the temple came the seven angels with the seven plagues. They were dressed in clean, shining linen and wore golden sashes around their chests. ⁷ Then one of the four living creatures gave to the seven angels seven golden bowls filled with the wrath of God, who lives for ever and ever. ⁸ And the temple was filled with smoke from the glory of God and from his power, and no one could enter the temple until the seven plagues of the seven angels were completed.

- John saw the temple ...in heaven
- the seven angels with the seven plagues came out of the temple...
- one of the four living creatures gave the angels seven golden bowls filled with the wrath of God...

- God filled ...the temple so no one could enter ...until the seven plagues ...were completed.

Revelation 16:1–2

¹ Then I heard a loud voice from the temple saying to the seven angels, “Go, pour out the seven bowls of God’s wrath on the earth.” ² The first angel went and poured out his bowl on the land, and ugly, festering sores broke out on the people who had the mark of the beast and worshiped its image.

- Everything speeds up and gets more intense because this is the completion of God’s wrath.
- The Angels were instructed to *pour out the seven bowls of God’s wrath on the earth...*
- *The First angel* - poured out his bowl on the land, and ugly, festering sores broke out on the people who had the mark of the beast...

Revelation 16:3

³ The second angel poured out his bowl on the sea, and it turned into blood like that of a dead person, and every living thing in the sea died.

- *The second angel* - poured out his bowl on the sea, and it turned into blood... and every living thing in the sea died.
- Is this starting to sound familiar? Remember the plagues God inflicted on Egypt (Exodus 8-11) - water turning to blood was the first of 10 (Exodus 8:14-24).

Revelation 16:4–7

⁴ The third angel poured out his bowl on the rivers and springs of water, and they became blood. ⁵ Then I heard the angel in charge of the waters say: “You are just in these judgments, O Holy One, you who are and who were; ⁶ for they have shed the blood of your holy people and your prophets, and you have given them blood to drink as they deserve.” ⁷ and I heard the altar respond: “Yes, Lord God Almighty, true and just are your judgments.”

- *the third angel* - poured out his bowl on the rivers and springs of water, and they became blood...
- What do you think the angel meant when he said, *‘You are just in these judgments, O Holy One, you who are and who were; for they have shed the blood of your holy people and your prophets, and you have given them blood to drink as they deserve.’?*

Revelation 16:8–9

⁸ The fourth angel poured out his bowl on the sun, and the sun was allowed to scorch people with fire. ⁹ They were seared by the intense heat and they cursed the name of God, who had control over these plagues, but they refused to repent and glorify him.

- *the fourth angel* - poured out his bowl on the sun, and the sun was allowed to scorch people with fire...
- *they cursed the name of God ...and refused to repent and glorify him...*

Revelation 16:10–11

¹⁰ The fifth angel poured out his bowl on the throne of the beast, and its kingdom was plunged into darkness. People gnawed their tongues in agony ¹¹ and cursed the God of heaven because of their pains and their sores, but they refused to repent of what they had done.

- *the fifth angel* - poured out his bowl on the throne of the beast, and its kingdom was plunged into darkness...
- *People gnawed their tongues in agony...*
- These folks are suffering!
- Still, *they cursed the God of heaven... and refused to repent...*

Revelation 16:12–14

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. ¹³ Then I saw three impure spirits that looked like frogs; they came out of the mouth of the dragon, out of the mouth of the beast and out of the mouth of the false prophet. ¹⁴ They are demonic spirits that perform signs, and they go out to the kings of the whole world, to gather them for the battle on the great day of God Almighty.

- *the sixth angel* - poured out his bowl on the great river Euphrates, and its water dried up...
- This was done to *prepare the way for the kings from the East...*
 - The Euphrates is a natural barrier between Israel and the surrounding area, and Asia.
 - This is not China! Note the word kings is plural. This is everyone.

Revelation 16:15

¹⁵ ***“Look, I come like a thief! Blessed is the one who stays awake and remains clothed, so as not to go naked and be shamefully exposed.”***

- This is a warning directly from Jesus.
- Pay attention!