

A BIBLE PROPHECY ADVENTURE

REVELATION SEMINARS



THE SEVEN PLAGUES OF REVELATION

Suppose that on a dark, rainy night you were speeding along the highway in your automobile. Suddenly, seven red lights loomed up out of the darkness. They were stretched across the road in front of you. Would you stop? Of course, you would. Red lights signify emergency, danger and disaster.

In Revelation, chapters 15 and 16 (1816), God has stretched seven brilliant red lights across the road to the future. He is saying, "Stop! Look! Listen! Pray! Seven terrible scourges or plagues lie just ahead. Beware!"

Television sometimes warns that sensitive people may find a certain program offensive. Likewise, we must alert you that the contents of this lesson are not pleasant to ponder. The lesson is, in fact, shocking. The seven plagues are horrible, grim, unnerving and upsetting. Most would prefer to look the other way.

But GOD intended that we should soberly consider these awesome plagues, so He dedicated two chapters of the great book of Revelation to their presentation. And, in Revelation 1:3 (1800), He pronounced a blessing upon all who take heed to the warnings and messages of the book. Certainly God would not waste two chapters of His last message to the church on something non-essential. He included the plagues for very good reasons.

God is loving, forgiving, caring, kind, patient and gracious beyond description. But people often misunderstand His love. There is extreme danger in viewing God as a benevolent grandfather who can see nothing wrong with His earthly grandchildren, no matter what they do. The death of Jesus is proof that God does not count sin a small thing. It will be dealt with in no uncertain terms. Its continued existence would jeopardize the universe.

God DOES draw lines. We had better understand this. He drew a line once in Egypt centuries ago and sent ten devastating plagues upon the people. He is about to draw a line again. This time, seven severe and terrible scourges will smite this earth and its people.

Thank God there IS a way of escape! The purpose of this lesson is to clearly reveal that escape mechanism.

THE WRATH OF GOD

1. What are the seven plagues called? Revelation 15:1 (1816)

Ans: "Having the _____ last _____; for in them is filled up the _____ of _____."

NOTE: The seven last plagues are called the wrath of God.

2. The last three-point message of love and warning to the world is found in Revelation 14:6-12 (1815). What two punishments are mentioned for the wicked? Revelation 14:10 (1815).

Ans: "Drink of the wine of the _____ of _____
... be tormented with _____ and _____."

NOTE: The WRATH OF GOD (the seven plagues) is for those who receive the mark of the beast, Revelation 16:2 (1817). The FIRE is for all the lost (see Lesson 20). The wrath of God, in no way, depicts Jesus' wrath as human anger. It simply refers to the Divine judgment on sin.

3. Who will escape the plagues? Revelation 15:2 (1816)

Ans: "Them that have gotten the victory over the _____
and over his _____ and over his _____
and over the _____ of his _____."

NOTE: This passage makes clear how extremely important it is to avoid receiving the mark of the beast. Everyone will receive one of two marks; either God's mark or the mark of the beast. To receive God's mark is to be saved. To receive the mark of the beast is to receive the plagues and be lost. Solemn, solemn thought! No wonder Revelation says so much about these two signs or marks.

4. Whom do the saved praise for their deliverance? Revelation 15:3,4 (1816)

Ans: "Great and marvelous are thy works, _____
_____."

NOTE: Salvation is through the Lord only. "Thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ", 1 Corinthians 15:57 (1689).



SALVATION'S DOOR CLOSES

5. When will the plagues begin to fall? Revelation 15:8 (1816)

Ans: "The _____ was filled with _____ . . . and no _____ was able to _____ into the _____, till the _____ . . . were _____".

NOTE: "No man" able to enter the "temple" in heaven indicates that the judgment, which is now in progress there, ends because every case has been decided. Then the seven last plagues fall. See Lesson 15 for details on the judgment.

6. What announcement will Jesus make that will indicate the heavenly judgment has ended? Revelation 22:11,12 (1825)

Ans: "He that is _____, let him be unjust _____: and he which is _____, let him be filthy _____: and he that is _____, let him be righteous _____: and he that is _____, let him be holy _____".

NOTE: When the judgment ends in heaven, Jesus makes an announcement that all people have made final decisions and that none will ever choose to change. At that moment, probation for all people closes, forever. Each person has closed his own probation by his own choices.

NO SECOND CHANCE

7. Sometimes illness or disaster clarifies a persons thinking and causes him to turn to God. In the case of the plagues, however, no one will be converted. What purpose does God have in sending the plagues? Revelation 16:10,11,21 (1817)

Ans: "They . . . blasphemed the God of _____
. . . and _____ not".

NOTE: FOR AN IMPORTANT DISCUSSION OF QUESTION 7, SEE EXHIBIT #1.

GOD'S PLAGUES PRONOUNCE PUNISHMENT

8. How long will the plagues last? Revelation 18:8 (1820)

Ans: "Therefore shall her _____ come in one _____".

NOTE: The plagues will probably last about one year. The Bible rule is: **one prophetic day equals one literal year**, Ezekiel 4:6 (1213); Numbers 14:34 (244). Apparently the plagues are not all universal, else none would survive.

9. What are God's acts of punishment and judgment called in Isaiah 28:21 (1055)?

Ans: "His _____ work . . . His strange _____".

NOTE: Acts of punishment and judgment, like the plagues, are so foreign to God's nature that the Bible calls them strange. He has "no pleasure in the death of the wicked", Ezekiel 33:11 (1263). He will, however, "not at all acquit the wicked", Nahum 1:3 (1361) or "clear the guilty", Exodus 34:7 (145).

10. What is the first plague? Revelation 16:2 (1817)

Ans: "A _____ and _____ sore".

NOTE: Each plague strikes a blow at some aspect of false worship or apostate religion. This plague exposes the false miracle workers of Revelation 13:13,14 (1814); 16:14 (1817). They cannot cure the sores.

11. What happens during the second plague? Revelation 16:3 (1817)

Ans: "The _____ . . . became as the _____ of a _____ man".

NOTE: The nations, (a united world-wide movement), which forced people to worship contrary to conscience, suddenly find commerce and communication disrupted by the bloody waters. This plague demonstrates God's feelings regarding this evil

conglomerate. The final struggle in this world will not be atheism against democracy. It will be religious conflict between true and counterfeit religion and worship.

12. What is the third plague? Revelation 16:4-7 (1817)

Ans: "The _____ and _____
of waters . . . became _____."

NOTE: The wicked label God's people "heretics" and many, doubtless, feel that to shed their blood would do God a favor, John 16:2 (1578). God, however, to show His feelings turns fresh water into blood and gives the wicked — blood to drink. He thus exposes THEM as the real heretics. When blood comes out of the faucet for the wicked, God's people will be given fresh water, Isaiah 33:16 (1062).

13. What takes place during the fourth plague? Revelation 16:8,9 (1817)

Ans: "Men were _____ with great _____."

NOTE: The sun, which men have worshipped throughout history, will scorch men with great heat. Even today, in the Christian world, the majority still pay homage to the sun in giving reverence to Sunday (sun's day) as a holy day. Joel 1:15-20 (1334) gives a graphic description of the earth during this plague. During this time there is also a great famine for hearing the Word of God, Amos 8:11,12 (1346); Luke 13:25-27 (1521). As in Amos' days, many of the wicked, though unrepentant, hunt someone to teach them the Word of God but no one can be found because God's people will have fled to the rocks and the mountains for safety, Isaiah 33:16 (1062). The response of the wicked is one of panic and fear of consequences as was that of Judas, Matthew 27:4 (1447). God's people will be protected from the heat. "The sun shall not smite thee by day", Psalm 121:6 (953).



All with the mark of the beast receive the plagues.

- 14. When the fifth angel pours out his plague upon the seat of the beast, what happens? Revelation 16:10,11 (1817)**

Ans: "His _____ was full of _____."

NOTE: When this plague is poured upon the headquarters of the beast, his kingdom, which stretches world-wide, Revelation 13:7 (1814), and embraces most of the world's population, will be enshrouded in total darkness. This literal darkness highlights the fact that because the beast refuses God's Word his kingdom is nothing but total spiritual darkness, Isaiah 8:19,20 (1034). Revelation 16:11 (1817) points out that people still have the sores of the first plague under the fifth plague.

THE BATTLE OF ARMAGEDDON

- 15. What happens under the sixth plague when the angel pours out his vial upon the great river Euphrates? Revelation 16:12-16 (1817)**

Ans: "The _____ thereof was _____ up . . . and he _____ them together into a _____ called . . . Armageddon".

NOTE: UNDER THE SIXTH PLAGUE PREPARATION IS MADE FOR THE GREAT BATTLE OF ARMAGEDDON. SEE EXHIBIT #2 FOR DETAILS REGARDING ARMAGEDDON.

- 16. The second coming of Jesus takes place under the seventh plague. What two devastating upheavals of nature take place at that time? Revelation 16:17-21 (1817)**

Ans: (vs. 18) — "And there was a great _____
. . . (vs. 21) — And there fell upon men a great _____ out of heaven".

NOTE: The GATHERING together, or preparation for Armageddon, takes place under the sixth plague, but the battle, itself, takes place under the seventh plague. Jesus and his armies descend from heaven and destroy the wicked who were poised to kill God's people, Revelation 19:11-19 (1821).

The HAIL is real with each stone weighing more than 50 lbs. Job said God would use hail in the last great battle, Job 38:22,23 (854). God's people will be protected from the hail, Isaiah 32:18,19 (1061).

The EARTHQUAKE is indescribably devastating. It is mentioned also in Revelation 6:14-17 (1807); Isaiah 24:1,3,19,20 (1050) and Jeremiah 4:23-26 (1112).



The seventh plague brings a mighty earthquake.

- 17. During the sixth plague, what happens to Babylon's three-fold alliance of the beast, false prophet and dragon? Revelation 16:19 (1818)**

Ans: "And the great _____ was _____ into _____ parts".

NOTE: The combined world-wide alliance of religionists against God and His people falls apart.

GOD PROTECTS HIS PEOPLE

- 18. In Moses' day God sent ten plagues upon the Egyptians. How were God's people protected from the death angel of the tenth plague? Exodus 12:7,13 (105).**

Ans: "And they shall take of the _____, and strike it on the two side _____ . . . and when I see the _____, I will pass _____ you".

NOTE: They put the blood of a lamb on the door posts of their homes and the death angel promised to pass over their homes when he saw the blood. The blood represented Jesus' blood.

- 19. How will God's people overcome during the seven last plagues? Revelation 12:11 (1813)**

Ans: "They _____ by the _____ of the _____".

NOTE: God gave the people of Moses' day a sacred, annual festival in honor of Jesus' blood which caused the death angel to pass over the homes of the righteous. The feast was called the PASSOVER. Jesus shed His blood on Calvary as OUR Passover, I Corinthians 5:7 (1674). Jesus' blood applied to my heart erases my sins of the past and provides the miraculous power for me to become fully like Jesus. It means I will gladly follow wherever Jesus leads.

The armies of the Lord will pass over me and spare my life if I have Jesus' blood on the door posts of my heart. He will gladly apply the blood if I but sincerely ask Him. In fact, He can hardly wait for my request.

20. The book of Revelation contains God's last imperative message for planet earth. What did God say He would do to anyone who tried to add anything to the book of Revelation? Revelation 22:18 (1826)

Ans: "God shall _____ unto him the _____".

NOTE: God means for Revelation to be taught NOW — JUST AS IT IS, AND WITH GREAT URGENCY. And woe be to the person who tries to add something to it. Such a person is promised the plagues because he interferes with God's last urgent, precious message to the people He loves.

21. What does God promise the righteous in regard to the plagues? Psalm 91:10 (926)

Ans: "Neither shall any _____ come nigh thy _____".

NOTE: Not a single plague will strike the righteous.

22. What plan does God have to protect His people from the plagues? Psalm 91:11 (926)

Ans: "For He shall give His _____
charge over thee to _____ thee".

NOTE: Angels that excel in strength protect the righteous from the plagues.

23. What other wonderful promise, regarding the time of the plagues, is given God's people? Psalm 91:5 (926)

Ans: "Thou shalt not be _____".

NOTE: Praise God! Not a single plague will affect God's people. Angels will be their companions to protect them and not one of God's children will EVEN BE AFRAID during the dreadful and traumatic plague crisis. What a blessed privilege to serve such a wonderful Lord!

24. Jesus desperately wants to assign angels to protect you during the plagues. Will you invite Him to be your Saviour and Lord so He can do so? He is waiting with great anticipation for your answer!

Ans: _____



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