

## Purging of the Ungodly

### Overview

Joh 17:15 I pray **not** that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil.

### Overview of the Themes

1. Replenish the Earth - Chaps 6,8,9, 14-18
2. Dominion over the Earth (Authority and Dominion) – 8,9,12-18
3. Living in the Image and Likeness of God (The Glorious Church) – 1-4,7,10,11,12
4. The Last Enemy (Eating of the Fruit of the Tree of Life) – 2,3,10,11,19  
All - Chapters 13, 19-22

### A. Introduction to the Seven Last Plagues

#### 1. The Final Plagues

Rev 15:1 And I saw another sign in heaven, great and **marvellous**, seven angels having the seven **last plagues; for in them is filled up the wrath of God.**

#### 2. Those who are alive and remain

Rev 15:2 And I saw as it were a sea of glass mingled with fire: and **them that had gotten the victory over the beast**, and over his image, and over his mark, [and] over the number of his name, stand on the sea of glass, having the harps of God.

**Note:** Not martyrs who had not taken the mark.

Rev 15:3-4 And they sing the song of Moses the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb ....

Rev 15:5 And after that I looked, and, behold, the temple of the tabernacle of the testimony in heaven was opened: **Note:** The Temple is a place of mercy.

#### 3. Seven vials

Rev 15:6 And the seven angels came out of the temple, having the seven plagues, clothed in pure and white linen, and having their breasts girded with golden girdles.

Rev 15:7 And one of the four beasts gave unto the seven angels seven golden vials full of the wrath of God, who liveth for ever and ever.

Rev 15:8 And the temple was filled with smoke from the glory of God, and from his power; and no man was able to enter into the temple, till the seven plagues of the seven angels were fulfilled.

**Note:** Mercy has been suspended and judgment released.

### B. The Seven Vials of Plagues

#### 1. Vials 1-6

Rev 16:1 And I heard a great voice out of the temple saying to the seven angels, Go your ways, and pour out the vials of the wrath of God upon the earth.

Rev 16:2 And the **first** went, and poured out his vial upon the earth; and there fell a noisome and grievous sore **upon the men which had the mark of the beast, and [upon] them which worshipped his image.**

Rev 16:3 And the **second** angel poured out his vial upon the sea; and it became as the blood of a dead [man]: and every living soul died in the sea.

Rev 16:4 And the **third** angel poured out his vial upon the rivers and fountains of waters; and they became blood.

Rev 16:5 And I heard the angel of the waters say, Thou art righteous, O Lord, which art, and wast, and shalt be, because thou hast judged thus.

Rev 16:6 For they have shed the blood of saints and prophets, and thou hast given them blood to drink; for they are worthy. Rev 16:7 And I heard another out of the altar say, Even so, Lord God Almighty, true and righteous [are] thy judgments.

Rev 16:8 And the **fourth** angel poured out his vial upon the sun; and power was given unto him to scorch men with fire.

Rev 16:9 And men were scorched with great heat, and blasphemed the name of **God, which hath power over these plagues:** and they repented not to give him glory.

Rev 16:10 And the **fifth** angel poured out his vial upon the seat of the beast; and his kingdom was full of darkness; and they gnawed their tongues for pain, (Babylon, Pergamos, Rome)

Rev 16:11 And blasphemed the God of heaven because of their pains and their sores, and repented not of their deeds.

Rev 16:12 And the **sixth** angel poured out his vial upon the great river Euphrates; and the water thereof was dried up, that the way of the kings of the east might be prepared.

## 2. Call to Armageddon

Rev 16:13 And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs [come] out of the mouth of the **dragon**, and out of the mouth of the **beast**, and out of the mouth of the **false prophet**.

Rev 16:14 For they are the spirits of devils, working miracles, [which] go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty.

Rev 16:15 Behold, I come as a thief. Blessed [is] he that watcheth, and keepeth his garments, lest he walk naked, and they see his shame.

**Rev 16:16 And he gathered them together into a place called in the Hebrew tongue Armageddon.**

## 3. Vial 7

Rev 16:17 And the **seventh** angel poured out his vial into the air; and there came a great voice out of the temple of heaven, from the throne, saying, **It is done.**

Rev 16:18 And there were voices, and thunders, and lightnings; and there was a great earthquake, such as was not since men were upon the earth, so mighty an earthquake, [and] so great.

Rev 16:19 And **the great city** was divided into three parts, and the cities of the nations fell: and great Babylon came in remembrance before God, to give unto her the cup of the wine of the fierceness of his wrath.

Rev 11:8 And their dead bodies [shall lie] in the street of the great city, which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, where also our Lord was crucified.

Rev 16:20 And every island fled away, and the mountains were not found.

Rev 16:21 And there fell upon men a great hail out of heaven, [every stone] about the weight of a talent: and men blasphemed God because of the plague of the hail; for the plague thereof was exceeding great.

## C. Description of Babylon

### 1. History of Babylon

#### a. Nimrod and Babel

Gen 10:8 And Cush begat Nimrod: he began to be a mighty one in the earth.

Gen 10:9 He was a mighty hunter before the LORD: wherefore it is said, Even as Nimrod the mighty hunter before the LORD.

Gen 10:10 And the beginning of his **kingdom** was Babel, ..... in the land of Shinar.

Gen 11:9 Therefore is the name of it called Babel; because the LORD did there confound the language of all the earth: and from thence did the LORD scatter them abroad all the earth.

- b. Babylon out of Babel  
Babylon H4480 & H894  
H4480 min minniy minney means “from” or “out of” - H894 bābel
  - c. References to Babylon  
Babylon 260 verses 294 occurrences; in NT 11 & 12. Abraham 230 Abram 50
  - d. Babylon in the New Testament  
Mat 1:17 So all the generations from Abraham (2100-1800, probably 1852 BC) to David [are] fourteen generations (**767 years**); and from David (1085 BC) until the carrying away into Babylon (700 BC) [are] fourteen generations (**385 years**); and from the carrying away into Babylon unto Christ [are] fourteen generations (**700 years**). Muslims captured Jerusalem 637; lost Jerusalem 1099, attacked Italy 1480, Spain 1499, Vienna `1529
  - e. King of Babylon  
Isa 14:4 That thou shalt take up this proverb against the king of Babylon, and say, How hath the oppressor ceased! the golden city ceased!  
Isa 14:12 How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! [how] art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations!  
Isa 14:13 For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north:
2. Mystery Babylon – the great harlot  
Rev 17:1 And there came one of the seven angels which had the seven vials, and talked with me, saying unto me, Come hither; I will shew unto thee the judgment of the great whore that sitteth upon many waters:  
Rev 17:2 With whom the kings of the earth have committed fornication, and the inhabitants of the earth have been made drunk with the wine of her fornication.  
Rev 17:3 So he carried me away in the spirit into the wilderness: and I saw a woman sit upon a scarlet coloured beast, full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns.  
Rev 17:4 And the woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet colour, and decked with gold and precious stones and pearls, having a golden cup in her hand full of abominations and filthiness of her fornication:  
Rev 17:5 And upon her forehead [was] a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.
  3. War with the Lamb  
Rev 17:6-8 .... woman drunk with blood of the saints and martyrs and the angel to explain.  
Rev 17:9 And here [is] the mind which hath wisdom. The seven heads are **seven mountains**, on which the woman sitteth.  
Rev 17:10 And there are seven kings: five are fallen, and one is, [and] the other is not yet come; and when he cometh, he must continue a short space.  
Rev 17:11 And the beast that was, and is not, even he is the eighth, and is of the seven, and goeth into perdition.  
Rev 17:12 And the ten horns which thou sawest are ten kings, which have received no kingdom as yet; but receive power as kings **one hour** with the beast.  
Rev 17:13 These have one mind, and shall give their power and strength unto the beast.  
Rev 17:14 **These shall make war with the Lamb**, and the Lamb shall overcome them: for he is Lord of lords, and King of kings: and they that are with him [are] called, and chosen, and faithful.

4. Babylon – that great city

Rev 17:15 And he saith unto me, The waters which thou sawest, where the whore sitteth, are peoples, and multitudes, and nations, and tongues.

Rev 17:16 And the ten horns which thou sawest upon the beast, these shall hate the whore, and shall make her desolate and naked, and shall eat her flesh, **and burn her with fire.**

Rev 17:17 For God hath put in their hearts to fulfil his will, and to agree, and give their kingdom unto the beast, until the words of God shall be fulfilled.

Rev 17:18 the woman which you saw is that great city, which reigns over the kings of the earth.

D. Destruction of Babylon

1. Prophesying the Fall of Babylon

Rev 14:8 And there followed another angel, saying, Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city, because she made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication.

Rev 16:19 And **the great city** (Rev 11:8 Sodom & Egypt) was divided into three parts, and the cities of the nations fell: and great Babylon came in remembrance before God, to give unto her the cup of the wine of the fierceness of his wrath.

Rev 18:1 And after these things I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power; and the earth was lightened with his glory.

Rev 18:2 And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, **Babylon the great is fallen**, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird.

Rev 18:3 For all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies.

2. Come out of her

Rev 18:4 And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues.

Rev 18:5-7 For her sins have reached unto heaven, and God hath remembered her iniquities. .... and will reward her accordingly.

3. The Fall of Babylon

Rev 18:8 Therefore shall her plagues come in one day, death, and mourning, and famine; and **she shall be utterly burned with fire:** for strong [is] the Lord God who judgeth her.

Rev 18:9 And the kings of the earth, who have committed fornication and lived deliciously with her, shall bewail her, and lament for her, when they shall see the smoke of her burning,

Rev 18:10 Standing afar off for the fear of her torment, saying, Alas, alas, that great city Babylon, that mighty city! for in **one hour** is thy judgment come.

Rev 18:11-15 And the merchants weep..... shall stand afar off for the fear of her torment,

Rev:16-17 that great city .... For in **one hour** so great riches is come to nought. And every shipmaster, and all the company in ships, and sailors, and as many as trade by sea, stood afar off,

Rev 18:18-19 And cried when they saw the smoke of her burning, saying,.....

Rev 18-20 Rejoice over her, heaven, apostles and prophets for God has avenged you on her.

Rev 18:21 And a **mighty angel took up a stone like a great millstone**, and cast [it] into the sea, saying, Thus with violence shall that great city Babylon be thrown down, and **shall be found no more at all.** v18:22-23 And the voice of musicians .... and light of a candle shall shine no more at all in thee; for by thy sorceries were all nations deceived.

Rev 18:24 And in her was found the blood of prophets, and of saints, and of all that were slain upon the earth.