


*The seven last plagues of the book of Revelation will be poured out on the earth in the closing scenes of earth's history. These plagues are similar in nature to the ten plagues of Egypt, but much more severe. The seven last plagues will be the first time the wrath of God has been poured out unmingled with mercy on His creation. They will be poured out after human probation has closed and when every person has made their final, irrevocable decision to accept or reject Christ's free offer of salvation from sin (Revelation 22:11). Those who are punished with the plagues will have rejected God's last warning message and will have deliberately chosen to receive the mark of the beast (see the study on the Mark of the Beast). Undoubtedly, these plagues will inflict indescribable pain and misery. The plagues will not be universal. If God permitted them to be so, they would destroy everything in sight. Some who read the description of the plagues may question God's character and wonder why a God of love would punish His creatures in this manner. It is important to understand that God never sends judgment without first sending warning. The plagues will be a consequence of disobeying the explicit warnings that God has sent from heaven. Let's study this important subject and discover What God Says About..."The Seven Last Plagues."*

## THE HEAVENLY TEMPLE AND THE PLAGUES

**1. Who did John see come out of the temple in heaven? What did they have in their hands?**

5"And after that I looked, and, behold, the temple of the tabernacle of the testimony in heaven was opened: 6And the _____ _____ came out of the temple, having the _____ _____, clothed in pure and white linen, and having their breasts girded with golden girdles." *Revelation 15:5, 6*

***Note:*** *According to the book of Revelation, John saw the seven angels come out of the most holy place of the heavenly sanctuary with the seven last plagues. These angels were preparing to pour out these dreadful judgments upon the willfully impenitent.*

## THE SEVEN LAST PLAGUES OF REVELATION

**2. Who gave the seven angels the seven golden bowls full of God's wrath?**

"And _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ gave unto the seven angels seven golden vials full of the wrath of God, who liveth for ever and ever." *Revelation 15:7*

**3. How many were able to enter the heavenly temple when it was filled with smoke? What had to be fulfilled before the temple could be entered again?**

"And the temple was filled with smoke from the glory of God, and from his power; and _____ _____ was able to enter into the temple, till the _____ _____ of the seven angels were fulfilled." *Revelation 15:8*

***Note:*** *When the temple in heaven is filled with smoke, no one will be able to enter it. Human probation will be closed, and the wicked will be shut out forever. It will be too late for them to pray and enter the temple by faith.*

**4. Where were the seven angels commanded to pour out God's wrath?**

"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 _____ _____ _____." *Revelation 16:1*

**5. Where did the first angel pour out his bowl? What fell upon those who had the mark of the beast and worshipped his image?**

"And the first went, and poured out his vial _____ _____ _____; and there fell _____ _____ and _____ _____ upon the men which had the mark of the beast, and upon them which worshipped his image." *Revelation 16:2*

***Note:*** *The first plague is a noisome and grievous sore that is poured upon the earth. This inflamed boil will cause excruciating pain to the wicked. No doctor or form of medicine will be able to relieve the pain.*

6. **Where did the second angel pour out his bowl? The sea became like what of a dead man? How many creatures died in the sea?**

"And the second angel poured out his vial _____ _____ _____; and it became as _____ _____ of a dead man; and _____ _____ _____ died in the sea." *Revelation 16:3*

***Note:*** *The second angel poured out his plague upon the sea and caused it to become as the blood of a dead man. As a result, every creature living in the sea will die and the vile stench will be nauseating to the wicked.*

7. **Where did the third angel pour out his bowl? What happened to the waters?**

[4]"And the third angel poured out his vial _____ _____ _____ and _____ _____ _____; and _____ _____ _____. [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. [6]For they have shed the blood of saints and prophets, and thou hast given them blood to drink; for they are worthy. [7]And I heard another out of the altar say, Even so, Lord God Almighty, true and righteous are thy judgments." *Revelation 16:4-7*

***Note:*** *The third angel poured out his plague upon the rivers and fountains of waters, and they became blood. The very water that is essential for life will be revolting to the wicked. They will not have access to clean water. They will suffer miserably because of their deliberate rejection of God's Word.*

8. **Where did the fourth angel pour out his bowl? Power was given him to scorch men with what? How else were they scorched?**

[8]"And the fourth angel poured out his vial _____ _____ _____; and power was given unto him to scorch men with _____. [9]And men were scorched _____ _____ _____, and blasphemed the name of God, which hath power over these plagues: and they repented not to give him glory." *Revelation 16:8, 9*

***Note:*** *The fourth angel poured his plague upon the sun and scorched the wicked with fire and great heat. The wicked have chosen to worship the sun god by keeping Sunday over the true Sabbath, and God allows them to*

*be scorched with the heat of the "false god" they've chosen over Him. They blaspheme the name of God as they suffer and refuse to repent and give God glory.*

**9. Upon the seat of whom did the fifth angel pour out his bowl? How dark did his kingdom become? Their pain came as a result of gnawing upon what?**

[10]"And the fifth angel poured out his vial upon the seat of _____ _____; and his kingdom was _____ _____ _____; and they gnawed _____ _____ for pain, [11]And blasphemed the God of heaven because of their pains and their sores, and repented not of their deeds." *Revelation 16:10, 11*

***Note:*** *The fifth angel poured out his plague upon the kingdom of the seat of the beast—Papal Rome, and the darkness was so palpable that it could be felt. Rome, through her fornication with political powers, intoxicated all nations with her wine—false doctrines. When this plague is poured out, the kingdom of the beast gnaws upon the very tongues in which they deceived the world through their blasphemy and deliberate deceptions.*

**10. Upon where did the sixth angel pour out his bowl? What happened to the water? For whom was the way prepared?**

"And the sixth angel poured out his vial _____ _____ _____ _____ _____; and the water thereof was _____ _____, that the way of the _____ _____ _____ _____ might be prepared." *Revelation 16:12*

***Note:*** *The sixth angel poured out his plague upon the great river Euphrates. When he did so, the water was dried up so that the way of the kings of the east might be prepared. This symbolic language, referring to spiritual Babylon, is reminiscent of what occurred during the fall of ancient Babylon as recorded in the book of Daniel. The Euphrates River ran through Babylon and irrigated the ancient city as a means of support. The city with its great walls seemed impregnable. However, in 539 B.C., God used Cyrus, the Medo-Persian general from the east, who later became the king, to overthrow Babylon. Cyrus timed his attack on Babylon during the night of a Babylonian feast in which he diverted the Euphrates River into an adjacent field. As the waters receded, he marched his army under the walls through the open inner gate and overthrew Babylon in one night. As it pertains to spiritual Babylon, the waters, which represent people (Revelation 17:15) or spiritual Babylon's support system, is totally cut off during the sixth plague. As a result, this prepares the way for Jesus, the king of the east, to overthrow spiritual Babylon once and for all.*

## THE SIXTH PLAGUE (CONTINUED)

**11. John saw three unclean spirits that resembled what? These froglike spirits came out of the mouth of what three entities?**

"And I saw three unclean spirits like _____ come out of the mouth of _____ _____, and out of the mouth of _____ _____, and out of the mouth of _____ _____ _____." *Revelation 16:13*

***Note:*** *The three unclean, froglike spirits that come out of the mouth of the dragon, beast, and false prophet represent the false trinity of the book of Revelation. The dragon represents Paganism/modern Spiritualism. The beast represents the Papacy, and the False Prophet represents America/Apostate Protestantism. Spiritualism unites the false trinity. These three entities conspire in the last days to attempt to overthrow God's people. However, they will be defeated by God's mighty power.*

**12. The three froglike miracle working spirits are the spirits of whom? Who do they influence in preparation for the great battle of the last days?**

"For they are spirits of _____, working miracles, which go forth unto _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ and of _____ _____ _____, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty." *Revelation 16:14*

***Note:*** *According to Revelation 16:14, these three unclean, froglike spirits are the spirits of devils who work miracles. Obviously, these are counterfeit miracles. The devil will work through this deceptive means to influence and gather together the kings of the earth (political powers) and the whole world to fight against God's people, but will be utterly defeated in this great battle.*

## KEEP YOUR GARMENTS

**13. According to John the Revelator, how will the Lord return? A blessing is pronounced upon those who do what?**

"Behold, I come _____ _____ _____. Blessed is he that _____, and _____ _____ _____, lest he walk naked, and they see his shame." *Revelation 16:15*

***Note:*** *The Lord likens His return to a thief. We are admonished to watch and be properly clothed with Christ's righteousness, so that the shame of our nakedness—or sinfulness, does not appear when Christ returns.*

**14. In what figurative place did the three froglike spirits gather the armies for the battle spoken of in Revelation 16:16?**

"And he gathered them together into a place called in the Hebrew tongue _____." *Revelation 16:16*

***Note:*** *The Battle of Armageddon spoken of in the book of Revelation has been the subject of much debate. The actual location of this coming battle is often debated as well. The word Armageddon comes from the Hebrew root words "Har" meaning mount and "Megiddo" meaning slaughter. Armageddon has become synonymous with the place in which all the nations of the earth will be gathered together for earth's final battle. As mentioned, there are different views regarding the location of the Battle of Armageddon. Some believe that Armageddon will be a battle fought between the nations of earth and literal Israel in northern Palestine in the small valley of Megiddo. However, others believe that the Battle of Armageddon is a religious conflict in which the nations of the earth unite against God's people with the sole intent to eradicate them from the face of the earth. This study espouses the second view. It is important to note that Revelation 16:12-16 describes the preparation and gathering together for the Battle of Armageddon, not the actual battle itself. The gathering occurs under the sixth plague, and the actual battle is fought under the seventh plague.*

## THE SEVENTH PLAGUE

**15. Where did the seventh angel pour out his bowl? What did the powerful voice from heaven's throne declare?**

"And the seventh angel poured out his vial _____ _____ _____; and there came a great voice out of the temple of heaven, from the throne, saying, _____ _____ _____." *Revelation 16:17*

***Note:*** *The seventh angel poured out his plague upon the air and polluted the very atmosphere. During this final plague, John the Revelator heard a great voice from heaven's throne declare, "It is done." In other words, just when it appears that the combined apostate religious and political powers will annihilate God's people—those who refuse to worship the beast and his image or receive his mark—God intervenes and declares, "It is done." Loud catastrophic events occur, and Jesus returns to deliver His people.*

**16. What cataclysmic event happened amid the voices, thunders, and lightnings?**

"And there were voices, and thunders, and lightnings; and there was _____ _____ _____, such as was not since men were upon the earth, so mighty an earthquake, and so great." *Revelation 16:18*

**17. Into how many parts was the great city divided? In His fierce wrath, God gives Babylon the cup of what?**

[19]"And the great city was divided into _____ _____, and the cities of the nations fell: and great Babylon came in remembrance before God, to give unto her the cup of _____ _____ of the fierceness of his wrath. [20]And every island fled away, and the mountains were not found." *Revelation 16:19, 20*

***Note:*** *The great city or Babylon the Great refers to modern spiritual Babylon which consists of three parts that are united or held together: the Papacy—the first beast of Revelation 13, Protestant America—the second beast of Revelation 13, and Spiritualism. Spiritualistic phenomena cements these powers together; thus, giving great influence to modern spiritual Babylon in the last days. The great city, modern spiritual Babylon, divides into three parts and falls under the seventh plague. In other words, the cement that held spiritual Babylon together shatters when the great earthquake of Revelation 16:18 occurs. Babylon the Great will fall. Indeed, God will pour out "the wine of the fierceness of his wrath" and punish and destroy Babylon for its intoxicating influence over the world.*

**18. What fell upon men out of heaven? What did men do in reaction to the plague of the hail?**

"And there fell upon men _____ _____ _____ out of heaven, every stone about the weight of a talent: and men _____ _____ because of the plague of the hail; for the plague thereof was exceeding great." *Revelation 16:21*

***Note:*** *A great hail will fall from heaven upon the wicked with tremendous velocity under the seventh plague. The weight of the hail is not specified. However, many scholars suggest that it will range anywhere from 50 to 100 pounds. The wicked will blaspheme God when the hail falls from heaven.*

## PROTECTED FROM THE PLAGUES

**19. According to the Psalmist, with what will God cover His people? Under what shall we trust?**

[1]"He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. [2]I will say of the LORD, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust. [3]Surely he shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler, and from the noisome pestilence. [4]He shall cover thee with _____ _____, and under _____ _____ shalt thou trust: his truth shall be thy shield and buckler." *Psalm 91:1-4*

**20. When the plagues fall, how many shall fall at our side? How many shall fall at thy right hand? What is the only way that the righteous will behold the reward of the wicked?**

[5]"Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night; nor for the arrow that flieth by day; [6]Nor for the pestilence that walketh in darkness; nor for the destruction that wasteth at noonday. [7]_____ _____ shall fall at thy side, and _____ _____ at thy right hand; but it shall not come nigh thee. [8]_____ _____ _____ _____ shalt thou behold and see the reward of the wicked." *Psalm 91:5-8*

**21. No evil shall come upon the righteous and no plague shall come near thy what?**

[9]"Because thou hast made the LORD, which is my refuge, even the most High, thy habitation; [10]There shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy _____." *Psalm 91:9, 10*

***Note:*** *God will shelter His people during the time of the seven last plagues. No plague will come near the dwelling place of the righteous.*

## SUMMARY

*The seven last plagues, full of the wrath of God, will be poured out unmingled with mercy upon the wicked in the closing scenes of earth's history. All who receive the plagues have made a final, irrevocable decision to reject Christ's free offer of salvation. They would have spurned heaven's warnings and have deliberately chosen to receive the mark of the beast. The plagues will fall after human probation has closed and the final appeal has been given. God never sends judgment without first sending warning. The plagues will be a consequence of disobeying the explicit warnings that God has sent from heaven. The seven last plagues will cause indescribable pain and misery for the wicked. The plagues will not be universal. If God permitted them to be so, they would destroy everything in sight. The three unclean froglike spirits will gather together the political powers and the whole world in an attempt to annihilate God's people from the face of the earth in the Battle of Armageddon. However, just when defeat seems certain, Jesus will return and miraculously deliver His people. Indeed, God will shelter His people during the seven last plagues. No plague will come near the dwelling of God's people.*

**22. Dear friend, are you willing to find shelter in Jesus when the seven last plagues are poured upon the earth? _____**

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