

## REVELATION 14:15 - 16:4

- A. Revelation 14:15-17 - And another angel came out of the temple, crying with a loud voice to him that sat on the cloud, Thrust in thy sickle, and reap: for the time is come for thee to reap; for the harvest of the earth is ripe. Rev. 14:16 And he that sat on the cloud thrust in his sickle on the earth; and the earth was reaped. Rev. 14:17 And another angel came out of the temple which is in heaven, he also having a sharp sickle.

\*In Chapter 14:14, the "Son of man" has "a sharp sickle." In Matthew 13:37, He is the sower; but here in Revelation, He is the **reaper**. In our passage there are two harvests.

1. In verses 14-16, there is the harvest of the earth. This is the wheat, grain, corn, thrown to the threshing floor to **separate** the wheat from the chaff.
2. In verses 17-ff, there is the harvest of the vine or vineyard. These are the grapes put into the wine press to be squashed and **destroyed**.
3. The wheat and chaff are separated - the **lost** from the **believer**. The chaff (unbelievers) are blown away to be burned up; whereas the wheat (believers) are bundled up to be put in the barn (Kingdom).
4. Remember?
  - a. Matthew 3:7-12 - But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees come to his baptism, he said unto them, O generation of vipers, who hath warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Mat. 3:8 Bring forth therefore fruits meet for repentance: Mat. 3:9 And think not to say within yourselves, We have Abraham to *our* father: for I say unto you, that God is able of these stones to raise up children unto Abraham. Mat. 3:10 And now also the axe is laid unto the root of the trees: therefore every tree which bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire. Mat. 3:11 I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire: Mat. 3:12 Whose fan is in his hand, and he will thoroughly purge his floor, and gather his wheat into the garner; but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.
  - b. Mark 4:26-29 - And he said, So is the kingdom of God, as if a man should cast seed into the ground; Mark 4:27 And should sleep, and rise night and day, and the seed should spring and grow up, he knoweth not how. Mark 4:28 For the earth bringeth forth fruit of herself; first the blade, then the ear, after that the full corn in the ear. Mark 4:29 But when the fruit is brought forth, immediately he putteth in the sickle, because the harvest is come.
  - c. Matthew 13:37-43 - He answered and said unto them, He that soweth the good seed is the Son of man; Mat. 13:38 The field is the world; the good seed are the children of the kingdom; but the tares are the children of the wicked one; Mat. 13:39 The enemy that sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; and the reapers are the angels. Mat. 13:40 As therefore the tares are gathered and burned in the fire; so shall it be in the end of this world. Mat.13:41 The Son of man shall send forth his angels, and they shall gather out of his kingdom all things that offend, and them which do iniquity; Mat. 13:42 And shall cast them into a furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth. Mat. 13:43 Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Who hath ears to hear, let him hear.

\* Note: Revelation 14 is showing us the harvest of the earth at the end of the Tribulation. God will separate the believers from non-believers according to the Kingdom gospel. The fire is the **wrath** of God.

B. Revelation 14:18-19 - And another angel came out from the altar, which had power over fire; and cried with a loud cry to him that had the sharp sickle, saying, Thrust in thy sharp sickle, and gather the clusters of the vine of the earth; for her grapes are fully ripe. Rev. 14:19 And the angel thrust in his sickle into the earth, and gathered the vine of the earth, and cast *it* into the great winepress of the wrath of God.

1. This vine of the earth is something God wants completely - totally destroyed. \*In the wheat harvest, there is the separation of wheat and chaff.
2. But in the vine of the earth there is something very specific to be destroyed.

a. In Deuteronomy 32, there is a prophetic passage on the first and second coming of Christ. Verse 30-ff is about the second coming.

Deuteronomy 32:29-30 - O that they were wise, *that* they understood this, *that* they would consider their latter end! Deu. 32:30 How should one chase a thousand, and two put ten thousand to flight, except their Rock had sold them, and the LORD had shut them up?

This "Rock" is Jehovah Jesus Christ (verses 3-4). It is the same Rock Paul talks of in I Corinthians 10.

b. Deuteronomy 32:31 - For their rock *is* not as our Rock, even our enemies themselves *being* judges.

\*Do you know of any church that is built upon a rock, but not the true Rock?

c. Deuteronomy 32:32-33 - For their vine *is* of the vine of Sodom, and of the fields of Gomorrah: their grapes *are* grapes of gall, their clusters *are* bitter: Deu. 32:33 Their wine *is* the poison of dragons, and the cruel venom of asps.

(1) God is the Rock and grows a vineyard in Israel. But there is another rock that also grows vinery and is not Israel's Rock. It is a vineyard that is not Israel's vineyard.

(2) This false vineyard - grapes is the satanic system designated to corrupt God's system. God the Rock - sower plants a vineyard of truth in Israel to grow and honor Him. Then Satan comes along and grows his crop alongside.

\*God says:

Deuteronomy 32:37-38 - And he shall say, Where *are* their gods, *their* rock in whom they trusted, Deu. 32:38 Which did eat the fat of their sacrifices, *and* drank the wine of their drink offerings? let them rise up and help you, *and* be your protection.

d. \*\*The believing remnant will gladly agree to what God says to the rock of Baal worshippers about the true God-Rock.

Deuteronomy 32:39-43 - See now that I, *even* I, *am* he, and *there is* no god with me: I kill, and I make alive; I wound, and I heal: neither *is there any* that can deliver out of my hand. Deu. 32:40 For I lift up my hand to heaven, and say, I live for ever. Deu. 32:41 If I whet my glittering sword, and mine hand take hold on judgment; I will render vengeance to mine enemies, and will reward them that hate me. Deu. 32:42 I will make mine arrows drunk with blood, and my sword shall devour flesh; *and that* with the blood of the slain and of the captives, from the beginning of revenges upon the enemy. Deu. 32:43 Rejoice, O ye nations, *with his* people: for he will avenge the blood of his servants, and will render vengeance to his adversaries, and will be merciful unto his land, *and* to his people.

He is saying, "You have fooled millions to follow your false gods. Now it is my turn to set the record straight that I **alone** am the only true God. I will bring **vengeance** and **wrath**. I am going to put you in the winepress of My wrath and I'm going to put My foot upon your neck to **squash** out your blood!"

- e. Joel 3:13 - Put ye in the sickle, for the harvest is ripe: come, get you down; for the press is full, the fats overflow; for their wickedness *is* great.

**\*\*Do not worry about God's enemies...Pay Day Some Day is [here](#).**

3. Those who have taken to the Antichrist, taken his mark, worshiped him, believed in the lie, bowed to his rock (Satan), served him, taken of drink offerings of the blood of the saints, committed fornication in Baal's religion, offered false sacrifices, persecuted Israel's saints, they will be taken care of by Christ **Himself** when He returns.
4. Isaiah 63 shows Christ's second advent as He moves through the territories. This is His promise! He is coming like a threshing floor and like a **winepress**.

Isaiah 63:1-4, 6 - Who *is* this that cometh from Edom, with dyed garments from Bozrah? this *that is* glorious in his apparel, travelling in the greatness of his strength? I that speak in righteousness, mighty to save. Isaiah 63:2 Wherefore *art thou* red in thine apparel, and thy garments like him that treadeth in the winefat? Isaiah 63:3 I have trodden the winepress alone; and of the people *there was* none with me: for I will tread them in mine anger, and trample them in my fury; and their blood shall be sprinkled upon my garments, and I will stain all my raiment. Isaiah 63:4 For the day of vengeance *is* in mine heart, and the year of my redeemed is come. Isaiah 63:6 And I will tread down the people in mine anger, and make them drunk in my fury, and I will bring down their strength to the earth.

- C. Revelation 14:20 - And the winepress was trodden without the city, and blood came out of the winepress, even unto the horse bridles, by the space of a thousand *and* six hundred furlongs.

At the end of the Tribulation, knowing of the coming final confrontation with Christ's return, the beast, who is energized by Satan, **desperately** assembles all the armies and kings of the earth. He takes them to Megiddo to fight Christ. It is the greatest army ever put together (tens of millions). But here we will see their **fall**. The bloodshed is so massive, it is **3 to 4** feet deep, up to the horses' bridle. It will cover several miles of the Kidron Valley to the Valley of Jehoshaphat. \*Now we return to the middle of the week and what is going on in Heaven .

- D. Revelation 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.

1. Here John witnesses 7 angels carrying the **last** 7 plagues (vial judgments) full of God's wrath, ready to be poured out upon the earth.
2. [last] is the same Greek word as when Christ on the cross said, "It is **finished**." The 7 last plagues will be awful, horrific, **unimaginable** of God's full wrath. The **vials add** to what has already been going on the first 3 1/2 years with the seal-trumpet judgments. Now it is time for the **final** 3 1/2 years of Great Tribulation.

- E. Revelation 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.

1. This is the same glass-looking sea as in 4:6. Here we do not have dictionary words to describe this sea. It is left to our **faith** in God's word and our imagination that is limited.
2. Before God's throne is this Heavenly sea frozen to perfect crystalizing, that is smooth and clear. On this sea are the saints, the overcomers, the martyred believers, the 144,000, who **never** took the beast's mark nor religious system.

F. Revelation 15:3 - And they sing the song of Moses the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying, Great and marvellous *are* thy works, Lord God Almighty; just and true *are* thy ways, thou King of saints

1. These delivered believers sing **2** songs here. The first song is the song of Moses. As the Israelites were redeemed from bondage in Egypt, it was a picture of what Christ will do with Israel when Christ **returns**.

\*So here in Revelation 15, these redeemed saints sing Moses' song as God promised Israel then. But it also fulfilled His promise of a Kingdom **soon**.

Exodus 15:1-5 - Then sang Moses and the children of Israel this song unto the LORD, and spake, saying, I will sing unto the LORD, for he hath triumphed gloriously: the horse and his rider hath he thrown into the sea. Exodus 15:2 The LORD *is* my strength and song, and he is become my salvation: he *is* my God, and I will prepare him an habitation; my father's God, and I will exalt him. Exodus 15:3 The LORD *is* a man of war: the LORD *is* his name. Exodus 15:4 Pharaoh's chariots and his host hath he cast into the sea: his chosen captains also are drowned in the Red sea. Exodus 15:5 The depths have covered them: they sank into the bottom as a stone.

Deuteronomy 31:19, 22 - Now therefore write ye this song for you, and teach it the children of Israel: put it in their mouths, that this song may be a witness for me against the children of Israel. Deu. 31:22 Moses therefore wrote this song the same day, and taught it the children of Israel.

2. \*Knowing that through Moses (Law), the Israelites could never fulfill God's promise to a Kingdom. So they add a **2nd** song giving them the assurance of God fulfilling His promise to them.

[and the song of the Lamb]

This is a **new song**. Their **del**iverance from sin and from the Tribulation will not be based upon Israel's Law or the song of Moses, the Old Covenant. It is going to be based upon the Lamb's sacrifice, thus the **New** Covenant. Israel (believing) will get their kingdom based upon the Lamb's **fin**ished sacrifice.

G. Revelation 15:4 - Who shall not fear thee, O Lord, and glorify thy name? for *thou* only *art* holy: for all nations shall come and worship before thee; for thy judgments are made manifest.

1. These saints burst out in song because of their great deliverance, great God, from the clutches of the Antichrist, and their eternal redemption by the Lamb's (Christ) blood.

Hebrews 10:16-20 - This *is* the covenant that I will make with them after those days, saith the Lord, I will put my laws into their hearts, and in their minds will I write them; Heb. 10:17 And their sins and iniquities will I remember no more. Heb. 10:18 Now where remission of these *is*, *there is* no more offering for sin. Heb. 10:19 Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus, Heb. 10:20 By a new and living way, which he hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh;

2. Notice the titles and praises to their God, the Lamb:

Verse 3 [Lord God Almighty] \_\_\_\_\_ He is an **all**-powerful God  
Verse 3 [Just and true are thy ways] \_\_\_\_\_ He is a **fair** and correct God  
Verse 3 [thou King of saints] \_\_\_\_\_ He is a **pre**eminent God  
Verse 4 [Who shall not fear thee] \_\_\_\_\_ He is a **re**verenced God  
Verse 4 [for thou only art holy] \_\_\_\_\_ He is a **right**eous sinless God  
Verse 4 [all nations shall come and \_\_\_\_\_ He is a **so**vereign God who is worshiped  
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H. Revelation 15:5-8 - And after that I looked, and, behold, the temple of the tabernacle of the testimony in heaven was opened: 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.

1. Here we see the Heavenly temple and the preparing of the 7 angels with the 7 vials of judgments. Moses' tabernacle and Solomon's temple were only copies of the **original** temple in Heaven. It is opened to give these angels the final - last plagues on earth.
2. These angels evidently dwell in the throne room itself. Their dress indicates they are of God's angelic priesthood (or guardians of the throne). They receive from one of the **four** beasts their vials of judgments.
3. At this moment, the Heavenly temple is filled with the smoke of God's **pre**sence, glory and power. Until the vial judgments are fulfilled, the temple is **off** limits to prayer and worship.  
Lamentations 3:44 - Thou hast covered thyself with a cloud, that *our* prayer should not pass through.
4. We will see that 5 of the 10 plagues of Egypt are the same as 5 of the vial judgments, but on a **larger** scale. Now we come to the end of this long {11:15-15:8} insert (parenthesis). We will now take up again the blowing of the 7th trumpet that opens the 7 golden vials.

\*\*We are resuming again events in their **proper** order starting the last 3 1/2 years. In this recent insert (11:15-15:8), we have been given information of the **over**all Tribulation to help us to understand events as they now happen in the Great Tribulation.

I. Revelation 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.

1. The last 7 plagues are about to be poured out. A vial is like a perfume bottle with a bowl bottom and thin neck. The thin neck prevents the evaporation process so what is inside remains at **full** strength (full wrath of God).
2. These vials are full and not filled with love. This is God's finale with no delays. These plagues are real and literal. Eleven times we have the word "great" in this chapter. God gives His order to His angels...**attack!**

J. Revelation 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.

1. [a noisome and grievous sore] Those who receive the mark of the beast are given some hideous, painful, **open** infectious, loathsome ulcerous sores that are malignant and evidently unresponsive to medical treatment. \*Malignant means it is working, moving, **eating**, and making noise!
2. It seems that this poured out chemical into the atmosphere attaches **only** to worshipers of the Antichrist-beast. Perhaps there is something in their blood stream from receiving the beast's mark that makes them **vulnerable** to break out with these awful malignant sores. Quarantine will be impossible.

Amazingly, as the Israelites were protected from Egypt's plagues, so here it will be that those who do not receive the Antichrist's mark, will **not** be affected.

K. Revelation 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.

1. It will be something to see the waters turned into blood! The sea is probably the Mediterranean to the oceans. As the waters turn to putrid blood, they become **toxic**. As this happens, all the sea creatures **die** - perish as nothing can survive in this blood environment.

\*The oceans have completed their age-long function of keeping **bound**aries of people. I also believe the oceans have kept covered most of earth's first civilization destroyed by the flood. These oceans maintained the sea creatures as a source of earth's diet and economy.

2. As all creatures begin dying, soon billions of sea creatures - fish come to the surface. Can you imagine how the shores will be with a horrible **stench**?!

\*This will be the **end** of oceans as mankind knows. Even in the new world, there will be **no** oceans!

Revelation 21:1 - And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea.

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

Now it is all the **fresh** waters (drinking) that are plagued. There will be a run on already-bottled drinks. If none, then the only thing left is to drink some blood. \*\*Of course, this is **for**bidden by God in Genesis 9, Leviticus 15, and Acts 15. That is before the Law, during the Law, and **after** the Law.