

The seven plagues in the book of



The book of Revelation presents a wonderful panorama of a better world: what God will do in this new millennium. In a vision, John saw the glory of God's kingdom, the inheritance of those who looked for Him and accepted Jesus as their Saviour and Lord and were faithful to Him. It also shows the judgment that will fall upon all those who conscientiously decided to disobey Him and that did not accept the salvation offered by God. In the same way that ten plagues fell upon Egypt, the seven last plagues will be poured before Jesus' coming. Apostle John says: *"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."* Revelation 16:1.

1. What is the true reason why these plagues will be poured? Revelation 16:5.

- ✓ It is clear that the command is not ambiguous, that God is ready to judge and revenge His people from the tortures, martyrdom, persecution and scorn they suffered from the world. But in his revenge, that is to say, His judgment, He will also show what it means to oppose His clear message and to persist in rebellion, either by convenience, caprice or conviction. The punishment will be clear and striking: each sin will meet a specific punishment.

2. What does the first plague consist of? Revelation 16:2

"And the first went, and poured out his vial upon the earth; and there fell a upon the men which had the mark of the beast, and upon them which worshipped his image."

- ✓ Those who have polluted their body with abominable sins and have used the energies God has given them to satisfy their perverted appetite and disorderly passions instead of glorifying



Him will suffer from ulcers and tumors as reward for their corruption. "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." An example of this in our times is AIDS, which has a high rate among homosexuals and drug-addicts because they sin against their body. What will come is even worse, because in addition to that they have adhered to an apostate religious system keeping Sunday as the rest day.

- ✓ Zechariah 14:12, 13 says that *"Their flesh shall consume away while they stand upon their feet, and their eyes shall consume away in their holes, and their tongue shall consume away in their mouth."*
- ✓ Because they spoke lies with their mouth and against the commandments of God.

3. What will happen when the second plague is poured out? Revelation 16:3.

"And the second angel poured out his vial upon the sea; and it became every living soul died in the sea."

- ✓ We can see how God punishes each one of the perversions in harbors and seaside resorts that in the summertime are a place of licentiousness.
- ✓ Although the seas are already polluted, this punishment will be even worse because men, year after year increase their arrogant perversions, crimes and deviations. All what today fills up the pages of fashion magazines will be an object of lamentation on the day God will intervene.

4. How far will the third plague spread? Revelation 16:4-7.

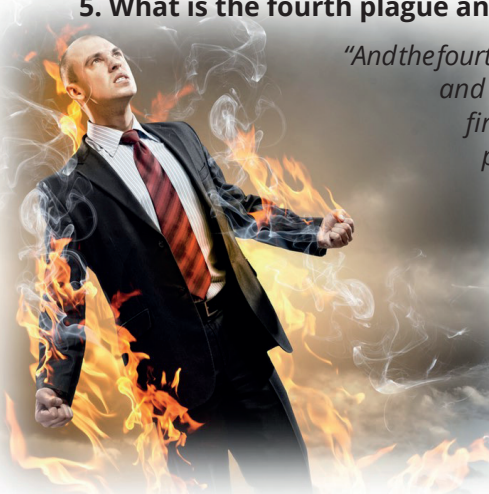
"And the third angel poured out his vial upon; and they became blood. And I heard the angel of the waters say, Thou art righteous, O Lord, which art, and wast, and shalt be, because thou hast judged thus. For they have shed, and thou hast given them blood to drink; for they are worthy."

- ✓ At the beginning of this study we have spoken of massacre, genocides, wars, murder and all kind of death that have filled the earth with innocent blood. Beginning from Abel, whose *"...the voice of thy brother's blood crieth unto me from the ground."* Genesis 4:10, as God said, and continuing with the thousands and millions of men who have died for their ideas, belief, color of their skin, that have been oppressed, conquered, subjugated, etc. We can remember the Inquisition, with its million of dead. The underground waters will be polluted and will be a punishment for those who participated in those crimes, but also for those who have supported them with their silence and cowardice.

5. What is the fourth plague and why will it fall? Revelation 16:8-9.

"And the fourth angel poured out his vial; and power was given unto him to scorch men with fire. And men, and blasphemed the name of God, which hath power over these plagues: and they repented not to give him glory." Verses 8-9.

- ✓ Once again, those who worshiped the sun receive their reward for their belief. Today, the problem with the ozone layer is a prelude of what will happen, but is cannot be compared to the plague in which the sun, which has been worshiped by keeping Sunday - the day of the sun, which is revered and honored by the majority of Christians, will burn like fire.
- ✓ Joel 1:3-4, 10-11, 16-20 describes the drama of those days. What remained from one plague is taken away by another.



6. Upon whom will the fifth plague be poured? Revelation 16:10-11.

"And the fifth angel poured out his vial upon; and his kingdom was full; and they gnawed their tongues for pain, and blasphemed the God of heaven because of their pains and their sores, and"

- ✓ Up to the fourth plague, God will punish specific sins, but with this one, the political system designed to oppress the people is punished. As the throne of the beast, we understand the system on which the Vatican finds support in order to carry out its plans to issue civil and economical laws with the purpose of imposing Sunday as an universal day of rest. In previous studies, we have seen the power of USA, but the world system that gathers all nations, moved by the USA, is the UN, which makes legal the impositions of USA. When this political unity will be broken, since it is going to be punished, it will give room to the sixth plague.

7. What will break out with the sixth plague? Revelation 16:12-16.

"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.... And he gathered them together into a place called in the Hebrew tongue"

- ✓ The prophecy describes that God will permit the world to be involved in a terrible universal war among the nations. The center of this confrontation will be the Middle East.
- ✓ The Euphrates dried up. This has a symbolic meaning since a river is no impediment for the passing of an army. Turkey is symbolized by the river Euphrates; this nation will completely lose its power.
- ✓ Joel 3: 12-14 says: *"Let the heathen be wakened, and come up to the valley of Jehoshaphat: for there will I sit to judge all the heathen round about....for their wickedness is great. Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision: for the day of the Lord is near in the valley of decision."*
- ✓ All nations will be involved in this terrible world war, which will be the grave of mankind. It will be fought in the valley of Megiddo, near Jerusalem, the Middle East.
- ✓ But it will not only be a literal war, but also spiritual, since it is going to be Christ's (the Lamb's) battle: *"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."* (Revelation 17:14). The ones who promote this war are "three unclean spirits" that come out from "the mouth of the dragon" (spiritualism, eastern religions), of "the beast" (Catholicism), and of "the false prophet" (apostate Protestantism) (Revelation 16:13).

8. What will happen during the seventh plague? Revelation 16:17-20.

"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, 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. 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. And every island fled away, and the mountains were not found.."

- ✓ While this terrible war of Armageddon is taking place, Jesus will come. Either one or the other part will win because Jesus will put an end to everything. It will be the most wonderful success we can imagine. Every eye shall see Him coming (Revelation 1:7) even those who pierced Him; those who killed Jesus and persecuted His disciples will resurrect to see their Judge coming (Daniel 12:1-2). But together with these ones, the first fruits will also resurrect, the 144,000 sealed ones. (Revelation 14:1-5). As a great earthquake takes place, all those who died in Christ, will resurrect together with the living saints and they will all be taken to meet the Lord on the clouds of heaven. 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17.

9. What will happen with the wicked ones and how will be the earth destroyed? Revelation 16:19-21.

"... 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. And every island fled away, and the mountains were not found. And there fell upon men [every stone] about the weight of a talent..."
Revelation 16:19-21.

- ✓ A great earthquake that will sink the mountains and islands in the sea, will be the means used by God to punish the great Babylon and its adherents who supported it. Huge blocks of ice will fall as hail. Their weight of about one talent, 21,6 Kg., will be the reward for the suffering they caused to God's children.

10. What distinction will then be made? Malachi 3:18.

"Then shall ye return, and discern, between him that serveth God and him that serveth him not."

- ✓ The book of Revelation tells us that after the earth will remain void, it will be burnt and purified. The devil and his followers will be cast into a lake of fire. *"This is the second death. And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire."* Revelation 20:14-15.

11. Do those who believe in Christ and keep His commandments need to fear? Psalm 91:1-8; Isaiah 33:16.

- ✓ Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night; nor for the arrow that flieth by day; Nor for the pestilence that walketh in darkness; nor for the destruction that wasteth at noonday. A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand; but it shall not come nigh thee. Only with thine eyes shalt thou behold and see the reward of the wicked. Because thou hast made the Lord, which is my refuge, even the most High, thy habitation."
- ✓ *"He shall dwell on high: his place of defense shall be the munitions of rocks:; his waters shall be sure."*

12. Will there be any chance, as the plagues are falling, to look for God and come to repentance? Amos 8:11-12.

"Behold, the days come, saith the Lord God, that I will send, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the Lord."

- ✓ Then it will be too late to look for God. Today is the time to accept Jesus and make a change in our life. That is why the Lord says, *"Today if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts."* (Hebrews 3:15). That is the reason why God calls His people to come out of Babylon, out from the churches that tread down the holy law of God. *"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."* (Revelation 18:4).

**Will you respond to God's invitation and join the people
who teach and keep the commandments of God?**

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