
REVELATION STUDY

SESSION 16

Revelation 15 & 16

The last couple of sessions we have diverted to cover some issues and beliefs that particularly relate to salvation.

We noted that each of the bowls of God's Wrath poured out were not directed at people (though people are effected and harmed) they are directed to break the power of the Fallen Angels who have set themselves up as gods – just like what happened in Egypt at the time of Exodus.

But there is something very different to note between the opening of the seven seals – the seven trumpets and the seven bowls.

Compare the Seals/Trumpets & Bowls

Seals – Revelation 6 – 8

- Seal 1:

- Seal 2:

- Seal 3:

- Seal 4:

- Seal 5:

- Seal 6:

- Seal 7:

Trumpets – Revelation 8 – 9 & 11

- Trumpet 1:
- Trumpet 2:
- Trumpet 3:
- Trumpet 4:
- Trumpet 5:
- Trumpet 6:
- Trumpet 7:

Bowls – Revelation 15 & 16

- Bowl 1:
- Bowl 2:
- Bowl 3:
- Bowl 4:
- Bowl 5:
- Bowl 6:
- Bowl 7:



What do you note and comment about these?

What happens when the seals are opened – things are released that are necessary in the leadup to the world being restored:

Trumpets are warnings – in these the judgment that falls is not universal or complete:

Bowls are final:

The Panorama of the Great Tribulation

The attached chart is only a representation of what some believe to be the timing of things – but it can be helpful to try and piece things together and make sense of how and why things happen as they do. I.e. Prior to the mid point – God continues to warn people (not willing that any should perish).



Why has this changed after the mid-point?



What is the line of Israel referring to and what is its relevance?

Two purposes of Revelation:

- 1.
- 2.



Where in Scripture do we discover more about this?

 Daniel 9:24 - 27

God works in the world through Israel – then stops working through them – pronouncing blindness and works through the Church. Paul speaks of this in Romans 9 – 11:

📖 Romans 11:25 - 27

But the blindness on Israel is only temporary:

📖 Hosea 5:15

I will return again (must have left the place – this speaks of Jesus coming to earth – then going back to heaven until a certain condition is met). What is that condition?

📖 Zechariah 12:9 – 10

Verse 9 speaks of Armageddon – this very clearly places this event at the end of the Great Tribulation.



What's happening for Israel throughout this time?

📖 Daniel 12:1, 7, 11-12

At the start of the 70th year-week of seven years, Israel will enter into a covenant with the false messiah (Antichrist). Daniel 9:27 reads:

Halfway through the seven year period, Israel will realise they've been duped:

Jesus, the true Messiah, described this time of terror in His prophetic discourse:

📖 Matthew 24:15 & 22

This is very clearly a prophecy that applies to Israel as it is aimed at protecting a remnant of this nation from annihilation by Satan and the Antichrist during the dark days of the great tribulation – that is the last 3½ years of the tribulation period.

This flight is also described in Revelation 12, where Israel is likened to a married woman with child. This metaphor is different to that used for the church, which is portrayed as a betrothed virgin in 2 Corinthians 11:2, who will be the bride of Christ.

Antichrist will try to annihilate all Jews, thereby necessitating their sudden flight from Jerusalem and surrounding Jewish territories. By divine intervention Israel will be protected from being overtaken and annihilated by the Antichrist and his satanic forces.

Zechariah refers to this time of great tribulation among the Jews, in which two-thirds of them will die and only a third will manage to escape to a safe refuge in the mountains – most likely Petra:

 Zechariah 13:8 – 9

During World War II, 60% of the Jews in Europe died, but in the coming great tribulation the death toll will even be higher. The coming tribulation will, therefore be the worst in all history – not only for Israel, but also for the unbelieving nations.

Closing thoughts:

I've taken time to share on this – because it is very relevant to what we are studying in Revelation – but also – I'm encouraging people to consider joining a peaceful rally to respond to 'Antisemitism' in Australia. The name of the movement is unfortunate as it is called "Never again is now" – a reference to the slogan used in response to the Jewish Holocaust. Sadly we know that it will happen again – and it will be worse – however for now – The Holy Spirit residing in the Body of Christ is at work 'Restraining' the evil in this world – so I'm encouraging people to attend anyway.

THE REVELATION OF JESUS CHRIST

