

The Book of Revelation Course.

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The purpose of these notes, for each session, is to complement what Mike has already written. Many of the sentences written in my notes, are what Mike has actually said on the audio file.

Session 09. Seven Bowls of Wrath. (Rev. 15-16)

Introduction (00:00-11:46) In the chronological storyline immediately following the sounding of the seventh trumpet where the saints are raptured just prior to Jesus return, John sees a scene in heaven. Firstly, he sees all the saints from eternity past and present gathered together on what looks like a sea of glass praising God with harps and singing a new song. Secondly, he sees the 7 angels who will release God's full and final judgements on the antichrist's empire. While Rev. 15-16 is straight forward and easy to follow it is difficult because of its context. If you understand that we do not get raptured until this time in history, and that Jesus when he comes (and us with Him) is coming to stay permanently on the earth forever, you will not get confused. It is a very earthy time, very physical, blood, war and fear. It is not supernatural happening on the earth. So, once you get the context right the passage becomes a very dynamic drama. These two chapters are really worth spending time with and getting your mind around. It is the time when the world moves to the age to come. It is our story and maybe you will be here when it happens. The heavenly realm and the earthly realm are coming together when Jesus returns. Don't worry how this happens just check it out in the bible and become familiar with it. While there are 150 chapters in the bible that focus on the end times, the understanding of this bit of the big puzzle is what most Christians are missing. Once you view where the world is going through this lens you will be excited about Jesus battle plan strategy.

I. Fourth chronological section: Seven bowls of wrath (Rev.15:1-16:21)

A-D. (11:47:30-15:20) This is now the 4th chronological section where Jesus releases the 7 bowls of wrath. He does this from the earth as he marches up through Edom (modern day Jordan) to Jerusalem slaying the antichrist's armies on route. Isa. 63:1-6 Jesus actually kills them. He is the greater king David. It is physical conflict with much blood and guts. Jesus shows his righteous anger and fury by taking vengeance on his enemies. "for the day of vengeance is in my heart" as he tramples them in his winepress, "their blood is sprinkled on my garments, and I have stained my robes." Jesus comes up through the wilderness of Jordan fulfilling his Moses, Joshua, and king David roles, and more.

E-F. (15:21-27:06) John quotes the Isa passage in Rev. 19:11-16. The man is Jesus travelling up through Bozrah releasing his bowls of wrath. He is on his way to Jerusalem to set up his government and to prepare for the final Armageddon campaign. When Jesus gets to Jerusalem he casts the antichrist into the lake of fire and releases all the Jewish captives. King David prophesied that when the Messiah comes to the earth he would receive the nations as his inheritance and dash them to pieces. Ps.2:8-9. This means Jesus is going to destroy and replace all governments, their infrastructures and institutions. It will take time but they all have to go because of the pollution in them. This will be our work with our resurrected bodies, to work with the inhabitants of the earth. Rev. 2:26 indicates we will do this with Him. That is what the 1000 years is about.

G-I. (27:07-30:31) Hab.3:3-13 is an end time passage that also describes the same scene. It also indicates the releasing of the bowls of wrath. The battles go on for 3 and half years until the final battle for Jerusalem. It is the Armageddon campaign, not just one battle.

II. The context for the preparation to release the seven bowls of wrath.

A-B-C-D-E. (30:32-47:58) All before MB has been setting the context. We now go back to the saints standing on the sea of glass. We do not know where the sea of glass is, but we know we now have our resurrected bodies, have been rewarded and we are coming back with him as he joins the 2 realms together and begins his campaign in Jordan. Ezekiel also saw this Ezek.1:22-26 "the firmament was like awesome crystal". Jesus throne is coming to the earth with him but it is 1500 miles wide and high so it must sit somehow just above the earth. The 2 realms are converging. Who knows what this means but we will be in this vast amphitheatre praying and watching these events unfold until it is our time for the restructuring of the nations governments. Prior to Jesus return the world will see a sign that indicates his coming. We do not know what the sign is but it will be awesome as everyone left on the earth sees it. Matt. 24:29-31 This includes his second coming procession which has 3 stages a) across the sky, b) up through the land and c) into Jerusalem. This is where Jesus is releasing the 7

bowls of wrath. The antichrist worship system functions for a 43 month period. In this time frame the saints are being persecuted, protected and prophesying. This is said 8 different times, but the saints are not there for the last month. This is the 30 day transition period. This is made clear in the book of Daniel.

III. The seven angels commissioned to release the bowls. (Rev.16:1)

A-B-C (47:59-48:43) Immediately after the rapture of the saints at the end of week 42 the bowls of wrath are poured out on the earth. Jesus will then be seen around the world before he commences his march to Jerusalem. On the way he releases the first 5 bowls to destroy the resources of the antichrist's empire. The last 2 bowls are poured out before he enters Jerusalem.

IV. Seven bowls of God's Wrath. (Rev.15-16)

This is a replication of what happened when Moses confronted Pharaoh releasing the 7 plagues. In these two chapters we see the greater Moses (Jesus) releasing the bowls of wrath (plagues) against the antichrist who is the end time Pharaoh.

A-H. (48:43-57:45)

First bowl (foul sores) on those who worship the antichrist. Similar to the 6th plague on Egypt (Ex. 9:8-11). *Second bowl* (food supply) Rev. 16:3. It is MB's opinion that it is only the Mediterranean that is turned to blood and killing sea life because the prophesy of Daniel and John relates to this area of the world. *Third bowl* (water supply) Rev. 16:4-7) is the poisoning of the earth's rivers and streams. It may only be in the vicinity of the antichrist's empire. *Fourth bowl* (torment) Rev. 16:8-9 is released scorching heat from the sun. *Fifth bowl* (destruction) Rev. 16:10-11 darkness is released on the antichrist's global empire. The darkness is not only the lack of light but has a demonic supernatural pain attached to it. This is prophesied in Isa. 60:1-2. All these are released through the prayers of the saints.

We need to understand that in these days peoples hatred of Jesus will be deep and extreme. Their blasphemy will increase beyond our imagination. We need to be careful that we do not put Jesus on trial for the way he will deal with these people. They have to be killed because of his love. He will not make them love him because he gives us free will. They will hate him more as time goes on.

V. Sixth Bowl (Global guilt): Demons lure the nations to Armageddon (Rev.16:12-16)

A-N. (57:46-58:00) MB does not cover this section. The river Euphrates is dried up to allow the kings and their armies to gather in the valley to fight Jesus. They are not coming to fight Israel. They see the supernatural sign of the son of man in the sky and understand it to be a false messiah coming to challenge to the antichrist system. Mat. 24:30 It is strange that the kings resist the antichrist (Dan. 11:44) to begin with, however he seduces them to join him in the last 30 days. They join together with all the kings of the earth to come against Jesus as the antichrist will convince them that Jesus is a demonic counterfeit of Satan.

Jesus taught the Pharisees in Mat. 12:24 that to attribute the power of the Holy Spirit to being demonic was in fact to blaspheme the Holy Spirit which will not be forgiven as in Mat. 12:31-32. This is global blasphemy against the Spirit as the nations receive "the lie". 2 Thes.2:9-11. The followers of the antichrist have already believed the lie but there will be many more before the end. *The lie is: that Jesus' power while supernatural is demonic.*

VI. Seventh Bowl (Annihilation): Earthquakes and hail stones. (Rev.16:17-21)

MB only makes brief reference to this section.

A-F. (58:01-60:01:30) is the shaking by the worst earthquakes in history and 100 pound hail stones. There will be massive destruction on the earth that has never been seen before in such magnitude. It is likely the cause of the plague that Zechariah prophesied. Zech. 14:12, 15. Those areas that are righteous will not be affected. Jesus is in effect 'stoning' idol worshipers. Hail was released in the first trumpet, the seventh plague of Moses and as God did in Joshua 10:11, Isa. 28:17, Ezek. 38:22-23.

The next event after the 7 bowls is Jesus triumphal entry into Jerusalem. Rev. 19:11-21

End of teaching.