

Guide & Record of your thoughts

8/22/10

Pt 30 - Revelation 16:1-10

Following the Message:

1) 16:1 The **loud** voice from the temple emphasizes the **intensity** and unprecedented nature of what will begin to take place on earth.

2) 16:2 The first bowl brings **physical agony** to those who have rejected Jesus. The sores will not affect believers, only upon those who choose to follow **Antichrist** and receive his mark.

3) 16:3 Before the sores could heal the second angel poured out his bowl and the resulting destruction of all **sea life** creates an unimaginable stench, similar to the **1st** plague in Egypt (Ex 7) **2nd** trumpet judgment (8:8)

4) 16:4 Similar to what happened to the Nile River in Exodus 7, now happens to the world's entire supply of **fresh water**. In response to the actions, the "*angel of the waters*" defends God's judgment by declaring He is unquestionably **righteous** because He's the Holy One.

5) 16:8 The Result of the fourth angel pouring out his bowl is a **searing heat** exceeding anything in human experience. Since the 4th day of creation the Sun has given the world light and energy, it now becomes deadly and **scorches** mankind severely.

6) 16:9 Vs 9 tell us that even though the people of the earth know it is God who has the power over the plagues – "*they did not repent so as to give Him glory*". It is a display of the most outrageous "**hard hearts**" in history.

7) 16:10 Just as it happened in Egypt in Exodus 10, God will increase the intensity by **turning** out the **lights**. When the fifth *angel* pours out his bowl the earth becomes dark, like a **thick**, felt blackness. However, the response of the people of the earth once again is to blaspheme the God of heaven.

Greek & Hebrew words used today:

Kakos- kak-os' :- that which is evil, miserable, *depraved*, or (object) *injurious*:- bad, wicked

Axios- ax'-ee-os :- in the sense of *to weigh*, worthy, due reward; (*deserving*, or *suitable*); of weight, of worth

Nacham- naw-kham'- primitive root (Repent); properly- to *sigh*, *breathe* strongly; by implication to *be sorry*, :- comfort (self)

Metanoeo- met-an-o-eh'-o (Repent) :- to *think differently*, *reconsider* (moral *feel compunction*)

Reflecting on the Text

Because God loves righteousness and faith, He must hate sin and unbelief. He cannot love truth unless He hates lies. He cannot love goodness unless He hates wickedness. He cannot reward unless He also punishes. God's final wrath and judgment is inevitable; no one can prevent it from coming. However, there is a way to escape, because: "*there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus*" Rom. 8:1

Those who by faith trust in Christ alone for salvation will not face judgment, because our sins were judged when Jesus died in our place on the cross. In light of the judgment to come, the warning to all is "*Today if you hear His voice, do not harden your hearts*" Heb. 4:7

The Bible tells us that we must ask God to create in us a clean heart—this is something completely fresh, a brand new beginning. *Create in me a clean heart, O God, And renew a steadfast spirit within me. ¹¹ Do not cast me away from Your presence And do not take Your Holy Spirit from me. ¹² Restore to me the joy of Your salvation And sustain me with a willing spirit. ¹³ Then I will teach transgressors Your ways, And sinners will be converted to You. Psalm 51:¹⁰*

The Judgments of God during the Tribulation period

The Seals (Rev 6:1-17)

First seal (Antichrist arrival)

Second seal (wars)

Third seal (famine)

Fourth seal (death takes 1/4 of the earth)

Fifth seal (great martyrdom)

Sixth seal (atmospheric and earth surface destabilization)

Seventh seal (trumpet judgments)

The Trumpets (Rev 8:2-9:21)

First trumpet (1/3 earth burned/green things)

Second trumpet (sea 1/3 of life, ships, water destroyed)

Third trumpet (1/3 of drinking water smitten)

Fourth trumpet (sun, moon, and stars 1/3 black)

Fifth trumpet (creatures from the abyss torment- 5 months)

Sixth trumpet (200,000,000 demon soldiers slay 1/3 of population)

Seventh trumpet (heavenly temple opens and bowl judgments)

The Bowls (Rev 16:2-21)

First bowl (sores upon worshippers of the beast)

Second bowl (sea smitten entirely)

Third bowl (rivers smitten)

Fourth bowl (sun scorches men)

Fifth bowl (darkness upon the earth; sores give pain)

Sixth bowl (Euphrates dries- armies gather for Armageddon)

Seventh bowl (exceeding great earthquake and hail)