

I. THE VOICE

A. Everything is standing ready in Chapter 15

1. The forces of heaven tensed and waiting for the order
 - a. Everything is prepared – a great battle commander arrays an army
 - b. A bullet in a gun – potential held in check / chambered a round
 - c. A steady aim is taken at the target / And then the trigger is pulled!
2. God accounts for everything
 - a. Don't let the Calvinists steal your wonder of God's Omniscience
 - b. He DOES know everything
 - c. PSA. 90:9 – “For all our days are passed away in thy wrath: we spend our years as a tale that is told.”
3. He sees everything, He knows everything
 - a. We call that His omniscience and His omni-presence
 - b. ECC. 8:16 – “When I applied mine heart to know wisdom, and to see the business that is done upon the earth: (for also there is that neither day nor night seeth sleep with his eyes:)”
 - c. He not only sees and knows but has ALL POWER to act
 - i. He is not restrained by any external factor
 - ii. He is not limited by time, space, or energy
 - iii. He created them!

B. Everything in Chapter 16 must be accepted as LITERAL (not a symbolic)

1. There are many misconceptions of the book of Revelation
 - a. One is that it is ALL symbolic or metaphoric
 - i. There ARE symbols – the “sea” referring to the masses
 - ii. The “woman” obviously referring to Israel
 - iii. Her “child” obviously referring to Jesus Christ
 - b. But MOST of what we've studied so far is PURELY LITERAL
 - i. Here there are ACTUALLY SEVEN ANGELS ready to act
 - ii. What are the vials (or bowls) made out of? Who knows?
 - iii. Don't confuse heavenly things with their effects on Earth
 - iv. When these are poured out REAL THINGS happen!
 - c. What I'm saying is that the VAST majority of Revelation is literal
2. In fact, much of the Bible should be viewed literally
 - a. People make the word “church” into something it is not
 - b. And “symbolize” the power completely out of it
 - c. If “the church” is universal, why not let some bigger group do it?
 - i. Missions? We're too small to think globally
 - ii. Evangelism? There's not enough to make an impact
 - iii. Salvation? Aren't we all just God's children?
 - d. Take the FIRST literal sense of Scripture by default

3. There are seven vials and seven catastrophic GLOBAL changes
 - a. In Chapter 16 we see events that the leftists only talk about
 - b. REAL global warming! REAL global pandemic! Real pollution!
 - c. I truly believe in Manmade Climate Change – I see it in vs. 9
 - d. This change is in direct result of man’s rebellion to God
4. God’s wrath will be poured out with NO mercy
 - a. Remember – the temple of God is closed
 - b. Read REV. 15:5 – the Temple was opened
 - c. Read REV. 15:8 – the Temple was closed, no man able to enter
- C. Now hear the Voice issue the command to Go (vs. 1)
 1. This is a Holy God who cannot abide with unjudged sin speaking
 - a. Those who only know “God is love” have a 1-dimensional view
 - b. This is the Lord Jesus Christ HIMSELF who gives the command
 2. How do we know it’s Jesus?
 - a. JOHN 5:22 – “For the Father judgeth no man, but hath committed all judgment unto the Son:”
 - b. No one will be able to claim that Jesus is an unjust judge
 - c. He has LIVED among us!
 - d. ACTS 17:31 – “Because he hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom he hath ordained; whereof he hath given assurance unto all men, in that he hath raised him from the dead.”
 3. We have heard the Voice, now let us look at the Vials

II. THE VIALS

- A. The First Vial (vs. 2)
 1. Is poured out upon all those who worship the Beast
 - a. We were introduced to this beast in Chapter 13
 - b. This is the anti-Christ, one of the wicked false and fake trinity
 - i. The devil, that serpent – pretending to be Father
 - ii. The anti-Christ – pretending to be the Son
 - iii. The false-prophet – pretending to be the Holy Ghost
 - c. These are those who accepted his mark and worship him
 - d. Read REV. 13:15-17
 2. The “cashless” society
 - a. Just this week I watched a video about a “digital cancelation”
 - b. The subject was a young woman in London
 - i. First of all, this woman is an anti-Semite
 - ii. Her views are unbiblical and ungodly AND unfounded!
 - iii. But before you think, good enough for her – wait!
 - c. She is simply shopping and had her purchases at the register
 - i. And her card is declined, she tries again, same thing
 - ii. Pulls up the app on her phone, she can’t log into her bank

- iii. She leaves and goes to an ATM. PIN rejected.
- iv. Tries another – same thing!
- v. Finally goes to a branch the next day and waits an hour
- vi. The manager calls her in and says “I have a statement that I am to read. I can answer no further questions. This is all.”
- vii. They cancelled her. Shut off her life. Months later she gets a check and a letter from the bank’s lawyers stating that the bank disavows her views on social media and therefore refuses her as a customer.
- d. They cancelled her from modern life for a “thought crime”
 - i. Don’t you think it’s not coming!
 - ii. MANY have said any who refuse the vax should die
 - iii. They ostensibly meant COVID... but it’s not much further
- 3. These beast worshippers receive “noisome” and “grievous” sores
 - a. Now, we might understand the word “grievous”
 - i. Serious... dire... critical... hard to be borne...
 - ii. But the word noisome?
 - iii. Obviously, it isn’t “good” but what does it mean?
 - b. Have you ever heard of anyone call a smell “loud”?
 - c. Noisome means “offensive to the senses and especially to the sense of smell” (Webster’s)
 - i. Not only is it “objectionable”
 - ii. There’s another definition that uses the word “harmful”
 - iii. Follows the pattern of Exo. 9:8, and the plagues on Egypt
 - d. That is contents of the first vial.
- B. The Second Vial (vs. 3)
 - 1. All souls in the sea are killed
 - a. It does say sea, by the way – not the Catholic church
 - b. Old commentaries “spiritualize” and symbolize this verse
 - c. It means oceans and it means living things
 - 2. In REV. 8:8-9 – the Second Trumpet 1/3 of all sea life is killed
 - a. Here, all sea life is killed
 - b. At first, I wondered if it only meant people...
 - c. But REV. 8:9 clearly says “ships” (distinguishing men)
 - 3. Consider for a moment the smell of a fish market
 - a. Now consider the stench of all oceans filled with dead fish
 - b. Floating, dead, and rotting carcasses (whales, fish, plantlife)
 - c. It will be an ASSAULT on the senses!
 - 4. All sea water becomes blood – LITERALLY of a DEAD MAN
- C. The Third Vial (vs. 4-7)
 - 1. All FRESH water becomes blood
 - a. The Bible tells us the reason why in vs. 6
 - b. Because THEY have shed the blood of God’s children

- c. They are WORTHY of drinking blood – they DESERVE it
 - 2. GAL. 6:7 – “Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.”
 - 3. Lest we think this too harsh, a voice answers our concerns (vs. 7)
- D. The Fourth Vial (vs. 8-9)
 - 1. A GREAT heat upon the earth
 - a. Aren’t talking about a few degrees over the next hundred years
 - b. CATESTROPHIC Global Warming
 - c. Probably flooding too, can’t imagine ice caps under “great heat”
 - d. The Sun’s rays BURN men
 - 2. Fulfilment of ISA. 24:6 – “Therefore hath the curse devoured the earth, and they that dwell therein are desolate: therefore the inhabitants of the earth are burned, and few men left.”
 - 3. And yet, look at their response (vs. 9) They refuse to repent!
 - a. Jesus warns that repentance is required
 - b. LUKE 13:3 – “I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish.”
 - c. Repentance is necessary for Salvation
- E. The Fifth Vial (vs. 10-11)
 - 1. Darkness fills the earth – truly becoming Hell on Earth
 - a. Great heat and impenetrable darkness
 - b. Of course, since Jesus Christ is the Light of the World
 - c. And they’ve rejected Him
 - 2. The inhabitants of the Earth will grope in darkness
 - a. Gnawing on their tongues in thirst – No WATER!
 - b. Suffer the burns of the scorching heat
 - c. Scraping at their boils and noisome stinking sores
 - d. And yet REPENT not! Blaspheming God!
 - 3. JOEL 2:1 – “Blow ye the trumpet in Zion, and sound an alarm in my holy mountain: let all the inhabitants of the land tremble: for the day of the LORD cometh, for it is nigh at hand;”
- F. The Sixth Vial (vs. 12)
 - 1. The Euphrates River dries up
 - a. It is part of what people called the “cradle” of civilization
 - b. A dividing line between the East and the West
 - c. 1800 miles long, both wide and deep
 - 2. But it will dry up to provide a path for the Kings of East
 - a. To cross over to attack Jerusalem
 - b. This prepares the way for Satan’s forces to meet their end
 - c. At the Battle of Armageddon
 - 3. Let me assure you – God wins.

III. THE VICTORY

- A. We have heard the Voice, we have seen the first six Vials
- B. Now let us understand the Victory
 - 1. Jesus Christ has OVERCOME the world
 - 2. We sing about it, Faith is the Victory
 - 3. God must JUDGE sin, that is why the Bible tells us about it
 - 4. The WAGES of sin is death, but the GIFT of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.
 - 5. Don't be like those people in Chapter 16
 - 6. Repent now, before it is too late
- C. Be Saved today!