

Revelation 15-16

What will the world will look like just before the return of Jesus Christ to earth? Not all Christians agree.

- Revelation restates the OT prophets (**Isaiah 24:1, 3-6, 19, 23**)
- Revelation restates Jesus who elaborated on OT prophets (**Matthew 24**)
 - 3 Question (vs. 1-3)
 - Answer to question #1 – (vs. 4-6)
 - Answer to questions #2-3 – (vs. 7-31)
 - Wars on a world-wide scale (7)
 - The beginning of sorrows (8-10)
 - Great deception (11)
 - A spirit of lawlessness (12)
 - Universal preaching of the Gospel (13-14)
 - Revealing of Antichrist (15)
 - Attempt of Antichrist to destroy Israel (16-20)
 - Two periods of 3 ½ years for the Tribulation (21-22)
 - False prophets and false Christs (27-31)
 - The return of Jesus Christ for Armageddon (27-31)

REVELATION 15: INTRODUCTION TO THE FINAL JUDGMENTS

I saw another sign... (1). Three signs:

- *A Woman (12:1) = Israel who brought forth Christ*
- *The great fiery red dragon (12:3) = Satan who will persecute the Woman*
- *7 angels having the 7 last plagues (15:1) = Completeness of God's wrath*

1st sign = forming the nation of Israel.

2nd sign = persecution of Antichrist.

3rd sign = judgment on Antichrist's kingdom.

7 last plagues (final sign of Christ's coming).

REVELATION 16: THE 7 BOWL JUDGMENTS.

The purpose of these judgments is to prepare the nations for Armageddon.

1. Painful sores (1-2)
2. Seas smitten (3)
3. Rivers & sources of fresh water are smitten (4-7). Justice (v. 6)
4. Scorching of the sun (8-9)
5. Darkness (10-11)

Immediately after the tribulation...the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. And He will send His angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they will gather together His elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other (Matthew 24:29-31).

6. The Euphrates River dried up (12-16)

- This is the area of Iran, Iraq, and Syria. This will open a way for the armies of the east (200 million) to march to Armageddon.
- 3 unclean spirits coming out of the dragon, the Beast, and the False Prophet (13-14). They will employ miraculous signs by demonic powers and deceive the armies to gather for Armageddon. The reason is to get them into one place to fight against Christ.

7. The seventh angel pours out his bowl into the air causing widespread destruction (17-21)

- The greatest earthquake in the history of man. It will divide Jerusalem into three parts. The cities of the nations will fall. God will judge Babylon. The islands of the sea will disappear. Mountains will disappear. Hailstones will weigh 100 lbs. Men will blaspheme God rather than repent.

CLOSING THOUGHTS:

- **Deuteronomy 29:29** – *The secret things belong to the Lord our God, but those things which are revealed belong to US and to OUR CHILDREN forever, that we may do all the words of this law.*
- **Matthew 24:32-39** – *This generation shall by no means pass away until all these things take place (v. 34).* Genesis 15:16 – a generation = about 100 yrs.

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