



## END TIMES: WHAT'S GOING ON? "The Seven Last Plagues" Revelation 15:1-19:10

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In his visions of the "Seals," John "saw" the judgment of God at work in the affairs of mankind. In the "Trumpets" he recognized how God in grace warns mankind of impending judgment. But in the "plagues" the judgment has finally come. It's the End.

### I. God's Wrath Is Completed. 15:1-8

- A. The wrath of God emanates from heaven.
- B. The wrath of God elicits worship: songs of Moses and the Lamb. See Exodus 15
- C. The wrath of God is holy (temple), powerful (angels), and pure (shining linen).
- D. The wrath of God is totally justifiable: so say angel and altar. vv. 5-7

### II. The Seven Last Plagues. 16:1-21

Note: similarity to plagues of Egypt. Exodus 7:1ff

- A. Plague 1: Choose the beast over the Lord and it will be ugly and painful.
- B. Plague 2: "The wages of sin is death."
- C. Plague 3: "You reap what you sow"; "shed blood"; "given blood."
- D. Plague 4: Unwillingness to recognize divine sovereignty breeds hardness.
- E. Plague 5: Darkness and disarray in the structures of the beast's kingdom.
- F. Plague 6: Evil trinity unites in demonic challenge; defeated. Armageddon?
- G. *Interlude*: Reminder of the promised return; call to be ready. Matthew 24:42
- H. Plague 7: "Babylon the great" finally and completely destroyed. "It is done."

### III. The Destruction of "Babylon the Great." 17:1-19:10

- A. John taken to desert to have "mystery of woman and beast" explained. vv. 3, 7
- B. Woman on beast is influential, intoxicating, inviting, and iniquitous. vv. 1-4
- C. Rome and Empire, seven hills, heads, kings, epitomize Babylon. Genesis 11:9
- D. King "not yet come" epitomizes beast, rallies forces, attacks Lamb; is defeated.
- E. Evil revolts against evil, contributes to destruction: "God put it in their hearts."
- F. Saints separated, kings sobered, merchants mourn; heaven rejoices. 18:1-24
- G. "Hallelujah! Salvation and glory and power belong to our God." 19:1f

### IV. The Wedding of the Lamb Has Come. 19:7-10

- A. Evil trinity had a harlot; Divine Trinity has a bride.
- B. "Fine linen, bright and clean was given to her." She made herself ready!