

# CMBC Bible Study



## CMBC Bible Study Revelation 16:1-21

1 And I heard a great voice out of the temple saying to the seven angels, Go your ways, and pour out the vials of the wrath of God upon the earth. 2 And the first went, and poured out his vial upon the earth; and there fell a noisome and grievous sore upon the men which had the mark of the beast, and upon them which worshipped his image. 3 And the second angel poured out his vial upon the sea; and it became as the blood of a dead man: and every living soul died in the sea. 4 And the third angel poured out his vial upon the rivers and fountains of waters; and they became blood. 5 And I heard the angel of the waters say, Thou art righteous, O Lord, which art, and wast, and shalt be, because thou hast judged thus. 6 For they have shed the blood of saints and prophets, and thou hast given them blood to drink; for they are worthy. 7 And I heard another out of the altar say, Even so, Lord God Almighty, true and righteous are thy judgments. 8 And the fourth angel poured out his vial upon the sun; and power was given unto him to scorch men with fire. 9 And men were scorched with great heat, and blasphemed the name of God, which hath power over these plagues: and they repented not to give him glory. 10 And the fifth angel poured out his vial upon the seat of the beast; and his kingdom was full of darkness; and they gnawed their tongues for pain, 11 And blasphemed the God of heaven because of their pains and their sores, and repented not of their deeds. 12 And the sixth angel poured out his vial upon the great river Euphrates; and the water thereof was dried up, that the way of the kings of the east might be prepared. 13 And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs come out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet. 14 For they are the spirits of devils, working miracles, which go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty. 15 Behold, I come as a thief. Blessed is he that watcheth, and keepeth his garments, lest he walk naked, and they see his shame. 16 And he gathered them together into a place called in the Hebrew tongue Armageddon. 17 And the seventh angel poured out his vial into the air; and there came a great voice out of the temple of heaven, from the throne, saying, It is done. 18 And there were voices, and thunders, and lightnings; and there was a great earthquake, such as was not since men were upon the earth, so mighty an earthquake, and so great. 19 And the great city was divided into three parts, and the cities of the nations fell: and great Babylon came in remembrance before God, to give unto her the cup of the wine of the fierceness of his wrath. 20 And every island fled away, and the mountains were not found. 21 And there fell upon men a great hail out of heaven, every stone about the weight of a talent: and men blasphemed God because of the plague of the hail; for the plague thereof was exceeding great.



## The Seven Vials and the fierceness of the Wrath of God

1- In V1, John hears a voice that summons the angels to “...*Go your ways, and pour out the vials of the wrath of God upon the earth.*” Where is the voice coming from, and what is the significance of this mention in the Revelation context?

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2- Discuss in details (V2-4) what happens after each of the first 3 vials is poured out by the angels.

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3- Why does it seems difficult sometimes for believers to think that a righteous God could execute such devastating plagues upon humanity?

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4- An interlude follows after the third vial is poured (V5-6), given by the “angel of the waters”. What is this interlude, and what is its significance here?

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5- How would Romans 3:4 help to further understand / interpret the above?

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6- Why would it be relevant to be reminded here that the Lord is “... *which is, and was, and shall be*”?

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7- John hears another voice out of the altar (V7), which seems to concur with the previous voice. Use Rev.6:9-11 and explain how it relates to this voice from the alter.

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8- The angel in verse 7 states, *“Even so Lord, Lord God Almighty, true and righteous are thy judgments”*. How does this statement challenge or affirm your understanding of God’s nature?

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9- Despite suffering, humanity refuses to repent (Rev 16:9-11). What does this reveal about the hardening of human hearts against God?

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10- Discuss how the above supports or conflicts with the “scare tactic” doctrine and approach in Church ministry. Give biblical, NT basis.

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11- How can we encourage repentance and spiritual transformation in a world that often seems hardened against God’s message?

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12- Discuss in details (V8-14) what happens after each of the next 3 vials is poured out by the angels.

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13- How should we understand the gathering at Armageddon in verse 16, and what does it

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suggest about the nature of the final spiritual battle?

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