

SESSIONS 5—"Things Which Will Be Hereafter" (Part 3)

Thursday, October 13, 2016

**I. The Two Beasts (ch. 13)****A. The Antichrist (v. 1-10)**

<u>The Dragon (12:3)</u> Reference to <i>Satan</i> with 7 heads, 10 horns, and 7 crowns.	<u>Beast (13:1)</u> Reference to the <i>Antichrist</i> with 7 heads, 10 horns, and 10 crowns.
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B. The False Prophet (v. 11-18)

1. *His look*—2 horns like a lamb—speaks of gentleness & harmlessness.
2. *His voice*—He speaks like a dragon, indicating that he is directly inspired and empowered by Satan

Note: This false prophet actually completes *Satan's trinity*. Satan is trying to take God's place, the Antichrist trying to take our Lord Jesus' place, and this false prophet assuming the place of the Holy Spirit. The false prophets directs all people to worship the Antichrist, just as the Holy Spirit directs our attention to the Lord Jesus Christ.

II. Various Announcements (ch. 14)**A. About the 144,000 (v. 1-5)**

1. Their seal—The Father's name written on their forehead (v. 1).
2. Their song—only known to the 144,000 (v. 3)
3. Their sex—they are males (v. 4)
4. Their saying—"in their mothd was found no guile" (v. 5).

B. The Angels Announcements (v. 6-13)

1. 1st Angel—Concerning the Gospel (v. 6-7)

Note: the repetition of the phrase, “*them that dwell on the earth.*” An angel proclaiming the everlasting gospel to those who dwell on the earth.

2. 2nd Angel—Concerning Babylon (v. 8)

Note: The economic and political system, Babylon the Great is fallen, collapsed. What everyone put their hope in is ruined.

3. 3rd Angel—Concerning the mark of the beast (v. 9-13)

Note: The angel gives a warning against those who receive the mark of the beast.

A second **beatitude** (v. 13) – “*Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord*”

C. Reaping a Harvest of the Earth (v. 14-16)

Note: “*in his hand a sharp sickle*” – this sickle was used for harvesting grain and was a flint or iron blade attached to a curved shaft of wood or bone.

D. Reaping in Judgment (v. 17-20)

Note: This angel tells the angel with the sharp sickle to prepare the earth for the wrath of God. This sickle differs from the one in verse 14 in that it is smaller grape knife.

III. The Preparation for the Vial Judgments—Heavenly Scene (ch. 15)

Note: Seven angels with the seven last plagues. We are told these plagues will bring God's wrath to completion. Thus, signaling the final events of the Tribulation.

IV. The Vial Judgments (ch. 16)

A. 1st Vial—*Judgment on the EARTH & DWELLERS (v.2)*

<p><u>1st Trumpet (8:7)</u> A third of the earth, third of trees and all green grass was burned up.</p>	<p><u>1st Vial (16:2)</u> Ugly, festering sores broke out on the people who had the mark of the beast and worshiped its image.</p>
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B. 2nd Vial—*Judgment on the SEA (v. 3)*

<p><u>2nd Trumpet (8:8-9)</u> a 1/3 of the sea is affected</p>	<p><u>2nd Vial (16:3)</u> ALL of the sea is affected</p>
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C. 3rd Vial—*Judgment on the FRESH WATER (v. 4-7)*

<p><u>3rd Trumpet (8:10-11)</u> a 1/3 of the fresh water is affected</p>	<p><u>3rd Vial (16:4-7)</u> ALL of the fresh water is affected</p>
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D. 4th Vial—*Judgment on the HEAVENS (v. 8-9)*

Note: God is judging the earth and those who have rejected Him.

<p><u>4th Trumpet (8:12)</u> a 1/3 of the heavenly light is affected.</p>	<p><u>4th Vial (16:8-9)</u> ALL of the sun is affected</p>
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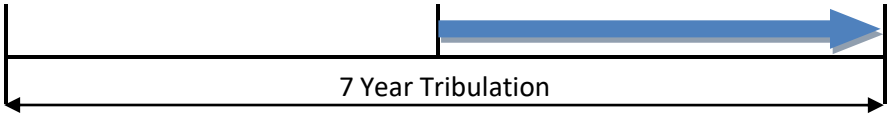
Note: The reaction of the people on earth is sad. Instead of humbling themselves, they curse God and refuse to repent. (v. 9)

E. 5th Vial—*Judgment on the BEAST’S KINGDOM (v. 10-11)*

<p><u>5th Trumpet (9:1-12)</u> ALL those who do not have the seal of God.</p>	<p><u>5th Vial (16:10-11)</u> ALL those who have the mark of the beast.</p>
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Note: The result of having the scorching sun on them, then darkness which would bring agonizing cooling will bring them intense pain.

F. 6th Vial—The Gathering of Armies for *JUDGMENT* (v. 12-16)



Here the Euphrates river will be dried up and allow the military forces from the east to cross over to the Middle East specifically to the land of Israel.

<p><u>6th Trumpet (9:13-11:14)</u></p> <p><i>4 angels</i> bound in the Euphrates are released to kill a 1/3 of mankind. 200,000,000 horsemen. NO REPENTANCE of the rest of mankind.</p>	<p><u>6th Vial (16:12-16)</u></p> <p>the Euphrates was dried up. 3 unclean demons gathered ALL the kings of the earth together for a battle with God Almighty at the place called Armageddon.</p>
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G. 7th Vial—*Declaration of GOD’S AUTHORITY* (16:17-21)

<p><u>7th Trumpet (11:15-19)</u></p> <p>Proceeded from the temple of God. This trumpet ushers in the seven angels with the seven plagues in seven bowls.</p>	<p><u>7th Vial (16:17-21)</u></p> <p>Proceeded from the temple of God. This vial ushers in the completion of judgments.</p>
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Note: “*and men blasphemed God...*” – In spite of the severity of the judgment men still will reject God.

This will be the entire campaign of Armageddon which will consummate when these armies have surrounded Jerusalem and the Lord Jesus returns to earth to rescue His people Israel.

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