

Revelation
 Lessons 27-28
 Revelation 16

Memory Verse – Revelation 22:15 – *“For without are _____, and _____, and whoremongers, and _____, and _____, and whosoever loveth and maketh a _____.”*

Memory Verse for the Next Lesson – Revelation 22:16 – *“I Jesus have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things in the churches. I am the root and the offspring of David, and the bright and morning star.”*

Passage to read for the Next Lesson – Revelation 17:1-18 (Notice Lessons 29 and 30 will be combined.)

Review – Taken from Chapter 15

M O P H E J U V G S Z Q L H A
 S A F T S A L I N E G T W N H
 B E R I F M O C I V B S G T T
 O W U V R Q I T K E A E A S E
 W B O G E E A O S N L R M N M
 L F M R A L D R V S W O E G P
 S K J A S L L Y U I K V J I L
 Z X P O L H P O N E A Q Z S E
 P W N Z S D I G U E O L R F K
 C G G F Q E J P H S K X S W V
 G R E A T L D E L L I F L U F
 R T R H E L C A N R E B A T R
 G L A S S I T E S T I M O N Y
 K F S Y P F S E S O M K G Z J
 N M P Q N Y N A T I O N S Z S

sign
 heaven
 great
 marvellous
 seven
 angels
 last
 plagues
 filled
 wrath
 glass
 fire
 victory
 song
 Moses
 Lamb
 King
 nations
 worship
 temple
 tabernacle
 testimony
 vials
 bowls
 smoke
 fulfilled

Revelation 16:1-21

Rev. 16 is truly a “great” chapter. Eleven times some form of the Greek word for “mega” is used in this chapter – “mega” voice (16:1), “mega” heat (16:9), “mega” river Euphrates (16:12), “mega” day of God Almighty (16:14), another “mega” voice (16:17), a “mega” earthquake – twice (16:18), the “mega” city (16:19), “mega” Babylon (16:19), “mega” hail – twice (16:21).

Although similar to the trumpet judgments, the bowl judgments also have some significant differences. The main difference is the “mega” quality of the bowl judgments. They are more extensive and definitely closer together. It’s almost like the finale at the fireworks or the flurry of fatal punches in a boxing match to the death.

Similarities –

1. First bowl (Rev. 16:2) and the fifth trumpet (Rev. 9:1-12) – torment for those who don’t have the Lord’s seal (5th trumpet) and those who took the mark of the Beast (1st bowl)
2. Second bowl (Rev. 16:3) and the second trumpet (Rev. 8:8-9) – a plague on the seas.
3. Third bowl (Rev. 16:4) and the third trumpet (Rev. 8:10-11) – a plague on the rivers and fountains of waters.
4. Fourth bowl (Rev. 16:8) and the fourth trumpet (Rev. 8:12) – a plague on the sun.
5. Fifth bowl (Rev. 16:10-11) and the fourth trumpet (Rev. 8:12) – a plague on the sun.
6. Sixth bowl (Rev. 16:12-16) and the sixth trumpet (Rev. 9:13-19) – both deal with the Euphrates River.
7. Seventh bowl (Rev. 16:12-16) and the first trumpet (Rev. 8:7) – great hail storms.

The seventh bowl judgment requires an explanation and some justification. What is Babylon, and why is it so harshly condemned? Chapters 17 and 18 pause the narrative (again) to explain. Then Chapter 19 resumes the narrative with the long anticipated return of Christ.