

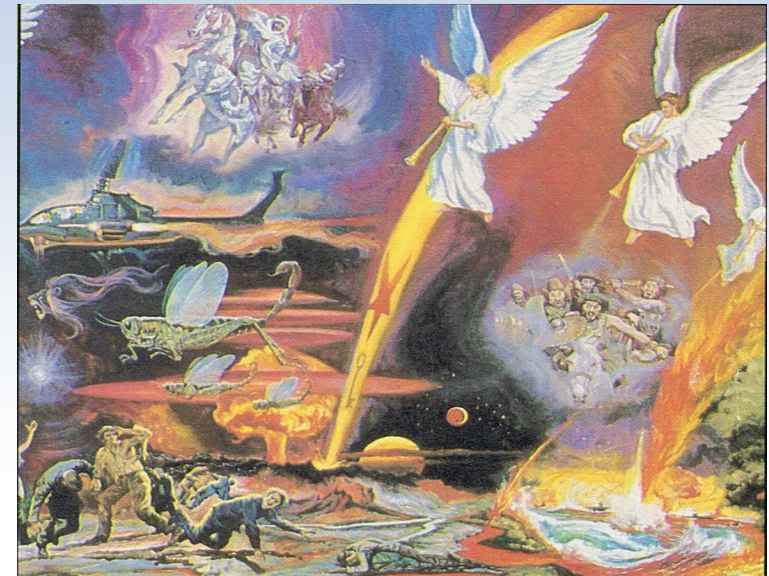
important messages? Revelation 22:18

"God shall add unto him the _____"

NOTE: God means for Revelation to be taught now—just as it is, and with great urgency. Woe to the person who tries to add something to it. Revelation contains God's last, urgent warning message to the people He loves, and that includes you and me.

20. Jesus desperately wants to assign angels to protect you during the plagues. Are you willing to obey Him in all things so He can do so for you?

Ans: _____



THE SEVEN PLAGUES OF REVELATION

Suppose that on a dark, rainy night you were speeding along the highway in your automobile. Suddenly seven red lights loomed up out of the darkness, and stretched across the road in front of you. Would you stop? Of course you would! Red lights signal emergency, danger and disaster.

In Revelation chapters 15 and 16, God has stretched seven brilliant red lights across the road to the future. He is saying, "Stop! Look! Listen! Pray! Seven terrible scourges or plagues lie just ahead. Beware!"

God intends that we should soberly consider these awesome plagues, so He dedicated two chapters of the great book of Revelation to their presentation, and pronounced a blessing upon all who heed the warnings.

God is loving, forgiving, caring, kind, patient and gracious beyond description. But people often misunderstand His love. God does draw lines. We had better understand this. He drew a line once in Egypt centuries ago and sent ten devastating plagues upon the people.

He is about to draw a line again. This time seven severe and terrible scourges will smite this earth and its people. Thank God there is a way of escape! The purpose of this lesson is to clearly reveal the escape He has made possible.

THE WRATH OF GOD

1. What are the seven plagues called? Revelation 15:1

"Having the _____ last _____ ; for in them is filled up the _____ of _____"

NOTE: They are the wrath of God.

2. What two punishments are given to the wicked?

Revelation 14:10

"The _____ of _____"

"Tormented _____ and _____"

NOTE: The wrath of God (seven plagues) is for those who receive the mark of the beast (Revelation 16:2). The fire is for all lost sinners (see Lesson 20).

3. Who will escape the plagues? Revelation 15:2

Those who have "victory over the _____ and over his _____ and over his _____ and over the _____ of his _____"

NOTE: This passage makes it clear how extremely important it is to avoid receiving the mark of the beast. Everyone will receive one of two marks. To receive God's mark is to be saved. To receive the mark of the beast is to receive the plagues and be lost. Solemn, solemn thought. No wonder Revelation says so much about these two signs or marks.

called the Battle of the Great Day of God Almighty. In the midst of Armageddon when Jesus appears with the armies of heaven, surrounded by power and great glory, the earth's wicked will panic and call for the rocks and mountains to fall on them and hide them from the face of Jesus (Revelation 6:14-17).

16. The second coming of Jesus takes place under the seventh plague. What happens? Revelation 16:17-21

"And there was a great _____ ...there fell upon men a great _____ out of heaven."

NOTE: The earthquake is indescribably devastating. It is mentioned also in Revelation 6:14-17, Isaiah 24:1,3,19,20 and Jer. 4:23-26. The hail is real, with each stone weighing over 50 pounds.

17. What happens to Babylon's three-fold alliance? Revelation 16:19

"And the great city was _____ into _____ parts."

NOTE: The combined worldwide alliance of religion, politics and economics which persecuted God's people by enforcing the mark of the beast, now falls apart.

GOD PROTECTS HIS PEOPLE

18. What does God promise the righteous during the plagues? Psalm 91:10, 11

"Neither shall any _____ come nigh thy _____ . For He shall give His _____ charge over thee, to _____ thee..."

NOTE: Not a single plague will strike the righteous.

19. What will God do to anyone who tries to add anything to these

given fresh water (Isaiah 33:16).

13. What is the fourth plague? Revelation 16:8, 9

"Men were _____ with great _____."

NOTE: The sun, which men have worshipped throughout history, will scorch men with great heat. Even today in so-called Christian nations the majority still pay homage to the sun in giving reverence to Sunday (man's day) as a holy day. Joel 1:15- 20 gives a graphic description of a scorched earth during this plague. At that time there will be a great famine for hearing the Word of God but it will be too late.

14. Now does the fifth plague strike the seat of the beast?

Revelation 16:10

"His _____ was full of _____"

NOTE: When this plague falls upon the headquarters of the beast power, then its worldwide kingdom, embracing most of the world's population (Revelation 13:2,7), will be in total darkness. This literal darkness results from rejecting the light of God's Word (Isaiah 8:19,20).

THE BATTLE OF ARMAGEDDON

15. What happens under the sixth plague? Revelation 16:12-16

The water of the river Euphrates is " _____ up and he _____ them... into... _____."

NOTE: Even non-church people discuss Armageddon today. The devil will work miracles to assemble the armies of the world under the banners of Atheism and his false religions called the dragon, the beast and the false, prophet. Revelation 16:13,14. All the nations of the world will be engaged in this last great battle when Jesus returns (Revelation 16:14). The entire sinful world will be on one or the other of two sides in this final conflict, either God's side or Satan's. It is

4. Whom do the saved praise for their deliverance?

Revelation 15:3, 4

"Great and marvellous are Thy works, _____ .."

NOTE: Salvation is through Jesus only. "Thanks be to God which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ" (I Cor. 15:57).

SALVATION'S DOOR CLOSES

5. When will the plagues begin to fall?

Revelation 15:8

"The _____ was filled with _____ ...and no _____ was able to _____ into the _____ till the _____ ...were _____"

NOTE: No man able to enter the temple in heaven indicates that the judgment, which is now in progress there, ends because every case has been decided. Then the seven plagues fall. See Lesson 15 for details on the judgment.

6. What did Jesus say will reveal the judgment has ended?

Revelation 22:11, 12

"He that is _____ let him be unjust _____ : and he which is _____ , let him be filthy _____ : and he that is _____ , let him be _____ still: and he that is _____ , let him be _____ still."

NOTE: When the judgment ends in heaven, Jesus makes an announcement that everyone has made their final decision. At that moment probation for everyone closes, forever.

NO SECOND CHANCE

7. Will the plagues cause men to repent and change?

Revelation 16:10, 11, 21

"Blasphemed the God of _____ ...and _____ not."

NOTE: The reaction of the wicked to the plagues proves that their probation is over. It is too late. They refuse to change no matter what God might do to influence them.

8. Now long will the plagues last? Revelation 18:8

"Therefore shall her _____ come in one _____ "

NOTE: The plagues will probably last about one year. Remember, time in Bible prophecy is symbolic. One prophetic day equals one literal year (Ezekiel 4:6).

9. What are God's acts of punishment called? Isaiah 28:21

"His _____ work...His strange _____ "

NOTE: Acts of punishment and judgment, like the plagues, are so foreign to God's nature that the Bible calls them strange. He has "no pleasure in the death of the wicked" (Ezekiel 33:11). On the other hand, He is not soft on sin "and will not at all acquit the wicked" (Nahum 1:3).

SEVEN TERRIBLE PUNISHMENTS

10. What is the first plague? Revelation 16:2

"A _____ and _____ sore."

NOTE: Each plague strikes a blow at some aspect of false worship or apostate religion. This plague exposed the fake miracle workers of Revelation 13:13,14; 16:14. Those who claim to heal cannot cure these sores. Worse than an epidemic of cancer, these sores will cover the entire body (Isaiah 1:6).

11. What happens during the second plague? Revelation 16:3

"The _____ ...became as the _____ of a _____ man."

NOTE: The nations who through world-wide commercial pressure forced people to accept the mark of the beast by not allowing them to buy or sell, suddenly find commerce and communication disrupted by the bloody ocean waters. This plague demonstrates God's feeling against this evil conglomerate that has used an economic boycott to force false religion upon the world (Revelation 13:16,17).

12. What Is the third plague? Revelation 16:4-7



"The _____ and _____ of waters... became _____ "

NOTE: The lost, who were supporters of counterfeit Christianity and the mark of the beast, and who turned the world against God's true followers by passing a death decree, must now drink blood (Revelation 13:15). God has exposed them as the real heretics. When blood comes out of the faucet for the wicked, God's people will be