

“THE DELIVERY”
Revelation 15:1-16:21

HEAVEN’S WORSHIP IS FILLED WITH GLORY - Revelation 15:1-8

- A. *Sing the Song of Moses and the Lamb (Rev. 15:1-4)!***

- B. *Seven angels receive bowls of wrath (15:5-8).***

SEVEN ANGELS POUR OUT SEVEN BOWLS OF GOD’S WRATH (Revelation 16:1-21)

- ***Bowl 1 (16:2; Exodus 8:8-12)***

- ***Bowl 2 (16:3; Exodus 7:20-21)***

- ***Bowl 3 (16:4-7; Exodus 7:20-21)***

- ***Bowl 4 (16:8-9; Exodus 10:21-23)***

- ***Bowl 5 (16:10-11; Exodus 10:27-28)***

- ***Bowl 6 (16:12-16; Exodus 8:2-7)***

- ***Bowl 7 (16:17-21; Exodus 9:22-25)***

Program Discussion Guide

Further study:

The Returning King: A Guide to the Book of Revelation by Vern S. Poythress

Be Victorious by Warren Wiersbe

Main Idea: God's final judgments will be delivered on earth while shouts of victory resound in heaven.

CONNECTING

The bowl judgments describe natural disasters and catastrophes caused by human evil. What firsthand experience have you had with these kinds of circumstances?

Read Revelation 15:1-8 aloud. How does John describe this new sign? Why are these the last plagues (15:1)? How does God's choir respond to this in 15:1-4 and how does it relate to Revelation 14:1-5?

UNDERSTANDING

Why is this song both the "Song of Moses" (see Exodus 15:1-18) and the Song of the Lamb? What attributes of God are sung? What is implied by the images of the sanctuary of the tent, the clothing of the angels, the smoke of the glory of God and the bowls of wrath in Revelation 15:5-8?

Read Revelation 16:1-21 aloud and stop to discuss each bowl as it is poured out. What are the contents in each bowl of wrath? Why are these intensified from the seven trumpet judgments (1/3 destroy versus total desolation)?

Read Revelation 16:4-7 and what the angel says about God's judgment. Why is God just and true and appropriate in His wrath? How would these judgments comfort John's original readers?

LIVING

What great and mighty deeds has God done in your life for which you will praise Him today? Why not pray through Revelation 15:1-4 with your group, highlighting the attributes of our great God?

In what ways has God's discipline helped you to repent of wrongdoing and come back to Him? Do you know of anyone who seems to shake their fist at God when trouble comes (Revelation 16: 9, 11 and 21) rather than admitting their need for Him?

Assignment: Talk with your group: What has surprised you about God in Revelation? How would you explain the necessity of these plagues to someone who is not a Christian? Why not role play a witnessing situation and talk about how to respond to questions from non-Christian friends?