

Revelation – The Big Picture

1. Final judgement – Chapter 15

- The seven last plagues.
 - With them God's wrath is complete
 - 'Just and true are your ways'
- The tabernacle of the testimony is opened
 - The ten commandments
- The glory of God is seen in salvation and judgement

2. Stay awake – Chapter 16

- You are just in these judgements
 - Similar to the plagues in Egypt
- We reap what we sow – verse 6
 - No repentance – they curse God
- Battle lines are drawn – evil spirits gather the kings of the world
- Armageddon looms

3. Be wise – Chapter 17

- The woman and the beast
- The unfaithful and the enticing judged
 - Satan works behind the scenes
 - Attractive but rotten
- Power and Authorities – political and economic oppress and tempt

4. Come out! – Chapter 18

- Babylon falls
 - God judges the nations
 - Adultery and excessive luxuries
- Self-centred living – Verse 7 (God opposes the proud)
- In one hour such great wealth has been brought to ruin – Verse 16

5. Come in! – Chapter 19

- The heavenly throne room of chapters 4,5
 - God is praised
 - Salvation and glory and power
 - Just and true are his judgements
- These are the true words of God!

Digging Deeper

We meet for prayer together this week. These questions are for your personal study

Revelation 15:5 – 19:10

1. John has been shown 7 Trumpet blasts, 7 Last Plagues – he is now shown 7 bowls. The previous judgements, the trumpets and plagues were partial. The bowls are full symbolising they are final. This is God's final word of judgement. What reasons can you think of that God's judgement would cause rejoicing?
2. Babylon is the focus of Revelation 17 and 18 – Who is this city representing?
3. How has the great prostitute corrupted the earth? (17:2 – 5)
4. In 19:7 We see a wedding. Who are the participants? How is the bride of the Lamb in dramatic contrast to the great prostitute? 19: 7 - 9
 - A. These chapters are filled with images from the most horrific to the most exultant. What do they say to you about sin?
 - B. What do they say to you about heaven?
 - C. When you think of Jesus coming like a thief in the night, how well prepared are you for his coming?