

Revelation 16 Part 1

Hi, this is Richard Oliver, and we are up to unit thirty-two in our series looking at the book of Revelation.

Chapter sixteen verse one, *'And I heard a great voice out of the temple saying to the seven angels, Go your ways, and pour out the vials of the wrath of God upon the earth.'*

Now, we know, of course, that the seven angels are the seven church age messengers. Each one of those came with the Word of God for that particular day, for that particular church age. When that message was rejected a vial was to be poured out by that angel.

Verse two, *'And the first went, and poured out his vial upon the earth; and there fell a noisome and grievous sore upon the men which had the mark of the beast, and upon them which worshipped his image.'*

So the judgement fell on those that rejected the message of that particular time. It was a sore, it was an irritation, it was a pain to the people. But it was only to those that followed the Nicolaitan spirit and tried to get control of the church.

Verse three, *'And the second angel poured out his vial upon the sea; and it became as the blood of a dead man: and every living soul died in the sea.'*

We know also, again from the book of Revelation, that sea means multitudes of people and so on. What happened in the second church age, Smyrna age, was the death of the church. The blood, the very system that carries life itself, because, of course, the life is in the blood, became as a dead man. The dogma, the doctrine, the organisation that was starting up, making the whole body, which should have been the body of Christ, dead.

Verse four, *'And the third angel poured out his vial upon the rivers and fountains of waters; and they became blood.'*

'And I heard the angel of the waters say, Thou art righteous, O Lord, which art, and wast, and shalt be, because Thou hast judged thus.'

'For they have shed the blood of saints and prophets, and Thou hast given them blood to drink; for they are worthy.'

This is the Pergamos church age, the time when the church and state came together. That's always a major problem, creates all sorts of nasty creatures as we have at the moment with those of Islam who are trying to create a religious state. It creates a monster. And this monster, this so-called Christian monster, Christian church, was out to kill those who had the Word of God, the prophets, and the people who really believe God's Word but were against the church organisation of the time. The people within that church were, of course, given blood to drink. Blood, once again, carries a sort of life. And here the waters are rivers, they are the doctrine and the dogma of that particular church. And, of course, all it will do is give them death.

And verse eight, *'And the fourth angel poured out his vial upon the sun; and power was given unto him to scorch men with fire.'*

'And men were scorched with great heat, and blasphemed the name of God, which hath power over these plagues: and they repented not to give Him glory.'

To be honest, I don't know quite what this one is. The only thing I can think of is the time of Columba and the struggle the true church had against the Roman church, trying to bring the Word of God. Columba had the light of the Word at that particular time and that was a major irritation to the church. Whether that is right I honestly don't know.

Verse ten, *'And the fifth angel poured out his vial upon the seat of the beast; and his kingdom was full of darkness; and they gnawed their tongues for pain,*

'And blasphemed the God of heaven because of their pains and their sores, and repented not of their deeds.'

This is the time of Luther. Luther struck right at the heart of Roman Catholicism when he said the just shall live by faith, it has nothing to do with works. The just shall live by faith in the death of Christ on the cross.

The church itself was in darkness. They didn't know and understand. And they were really upset about what was going on, the reformation.

Verse twelve, *'And the sixth angel poured out his vial upon the great river Euphrates; and the water thereof was dried up, that the way of the kings of the east might be prepared.'*

This, of course, is the time of Wesley. And we know that that is the vial that is upon us now even today. China and the countries of the east, Japan and so on, have really made inroads into business and everything in the western world. It's all changed.

Verse thirteen, *'And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs come out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet.'*

This, or the false prophet, this is the trinity doctrine which is being propounded and will become a major sticking point for lots of people. The church will insist that it is only in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost, not in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. They will end prayers that way, they will do baptisms that way, they will bless people in that way, with Father, Son and Holy Ghost instead of Jesus. There is only one name under heaven whereby we must be saved, that is Jesus.

Bro Branham taught that the first bible ever written was written in the stars, the constellations of the stars. Quickly, each of those major star signs has three side Decans, they're called, and Virgo has one called Coma which is virgin with child, Bootes which is the coming one. If we jump to Libra, that is the scales, there are two major stars there. One is called 'the price required' and one is called 'the price paid'. Underneath that you have Sagittarius killing victim Lupus, the dog or fox or whatever. And underneath that you have the Southern Cross. So you have the price being paid in the sky. You go then to Scorpio. You'll find that above Scorpio is Ophiuchus, who is stomping on the head of Scorpio while Scorpio brings his tail up to strike at Ophiuchus's foot, and Ophiuchus is holding back the serpent who is trying to get his head into the Corona Borealis, the crown of heaven. And if that isn't interesting enough, just above Ophiuchus is Hercules who is holding a three-headed dragon which he's trying to bludgeon to death with a club. That is the sign of the trinity doctrine in the heavens which has got to be destroyed by a strong man, in other words, Christ. What happens to those three frogs, or that Trinitarian doctrine.

Verse fourteen, *'For they are the spirits of devils, working miracles, which go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty.'*

This issue over the Trinitarian doctrine is going to become a worldwide issue. It's going to be the controlling influence. This is going to be worldwide. It says *'go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world,'*

We can refer that back to Psalm chapter two verse two, *"The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD, and against His anointed, saying,*

'Let us break their bands asunder, and cast away their cords from us.

'He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh: the Lord shall have them in derision.

'Then shall He speak unto them in His wrath, and vex them in His sore displeasure.'

There is a uniting time and signs. The church is becoming an economic and political body that will try and rule the world, and the key element will be the Trinitarian doctrine. That will be the dividing point between the good and the bad, according to them. And, of course, it is the dividing point for us too. Either we accept Jesus Christ or we accept the church system of three gods, Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Each one of us must make a decision on which we will follow.

More next time. May God bless you.