

Chap. 1-3 lampstands (churches) blessed with constant spiritual presence of Christ

Chap. 4-7 God's people are persecuted, tried and afflicted

Chap. 8-11 Judgments of God against world fails to bring men to repentance. With chap 12 trumpets warn.

Chap. 12-14 the conflict is not physical but spiritual warfare between Christ and Satan (the church and the world)

Chap. 15-16 bowls are poured out all are for all
the gospel age

This fifth vision is the same as the fourth with the
dragon, the beast and the false prophet
corresponding to the dragon the beast of the sea and
the beast of the earth

*Rev 15:1 Then I saw another sign in heaven, great
and marvelous, seven angels who had seven
plagues, which are the last, because in them the
wrath of God is finished.*

Rev 15.2 And I saw something like a sea of glass mixed with fire, and those who had been victorious over the beast and his image and the number of his name, standing on the sea of glass, holding harps of God. (3) And they sang the song of Moses, the bond-servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying, "Great and marvelous are Your works, O Lord God, the Almighty; Righteous and true are Your ways, King of the nations! (4) "Who will not fear, O Lord, and glorify Your name? For You alone are holy; For ALL THE NATIONS WILL COME AND WORSHIP BEFORE YOU, FOR YOUR RIGHTEOUS ACTS HAVE BEEN REVEALED."

First we see the church triumphant at the last day –
the gospel fully revealed

Jude 3 Beloved, while I was making every effort to
write you about our common salvation, I felt the
necessity to write to you appealing that you contend
earnestly for the faith which was once for all
delivered to the saints.

2 Peter 1:3 seeing that His divine power has granted
to us everything pertaining to life and godliness,
through the true knowledge of Him who called us by
His own glory and excellence

2 Tim 3:16 All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; 17 that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.

Rev 15:5 After these things I looked, and the temple of the tabernacle of testimony in heaven was opened, (6) and the seven angels who had the seven plagues came out of the temple, clothed in linen, clean and bright, and girded around their chests with golden sashes. (7) Then one of the four living creatures gave to the seven angels seven golden bowls full of the wrath of God, who lives forever and ever. (8) And the temple was filled with smoke from the glory of God and from His power; and no one was able to enter the temple until the seven plagues of the seven angels were finished.

the purity of heaven where no one enters to offer
further testimony concerning the lamb

John 5:36 "I have testimony weightier than that of
John. For the very work that the Father has given
me to finish, and which I am doing, testifies that the
Father has sent me.

John 8:14 Jesus answered, "Even if I testify on my
own behalf, my testimony is valid, for I know
where I came from and where I am going. But you
have no idea where I come from or where I am
going.

a great similarity between these plagues and those
visited on Egypt Ex 7-10

- v. 2 physical ailments starting with Herod in Acts
12:23 eaten with worms
- v. 3 death due to pollution in sea 8:11
- v. 4 death due to pollution in rivers
- v. 6 wicked deserved punishment
- v. 8 fierce heat - desertification
- v. 9 **They did not repent!**

Rev 16:1-4 Then I heard a loud voice from the temple, saying to the seven angels, "Go and pour out on the earth the seven bowls of the wrath of God." (2) So the first angel went and poured out his bowl on the earth; and it became a loathsome and malignant sore on the people who had the mark of the beast and who worshiped his image. (3) The second angel poured out his bowl into the sea, and it became blood like that of a dead man; and every living thing in the sea died. (4) Then the third angel poured out his bowl into the rivers and the springs of waters; and they became blood.

Rev 16:5 And I heard the angel of the waters saying, "Righteous are You, who are and who were, O Holy One, because You judged these things; (6) for they poured out the blood of saints and prophets, and You have given them blood to drink. They deserve it." (7) And I heard the altar saying, "Yes, O Lord God, the Almighty, true and righteous are Your judgments." (8) The fourth angel poured out his bowl upon the sun, and it was given to it to scorch men with fire. (9) Men were scorched with fierce heat; and they blasphemed the name of God who has the power over these plagues, and they did not repent so as to give Him glory.

Rev 16:10 Then the fifth angel poured out his bowl on the throne of the beast, and his kingdom became darkened; and they gnawed their tongues because of pain,

throne of the beast – antichristian government -
Rome, Russia, Germany, etc

Rev 16:11 and they blasphemed the God of heaven because of their pains and their sores; and they did not repent of their deeds.

Rev 16:12-13 The sixth angel poured out his bowl on the great river, the Euphrates; and its water was dried up, so that the way would be prepared for the kings from the east. (13) And I saw coming out of the mouth of the dragon and out of the mouth of the beast and out of the mouth of the false prophet, three unclean spirits like frogs;

Nothing to stop antiChristian – satanic influences
abominable, loathsome and repulsive as frogs

*Rev 16:14 for they are spirits of demons,
performing signs, which go out to the kings of
the whole world, to gather them together for
the war of the great day of God, the Almighty.*

2 Thess 2:11 And for this reason God will
send upon them a deluding influence so that
they might believe what is false,

Egyptian priests, Simon, Catholic exorcism

Rev 16:15 ("Behold, I am coming like a thief. Blessed is the one who stays awake and keeps his clothes, so that he will not walk about naked and men will not see his shame.")

Jesus returns

Matt 24:43 "But be sure of this, that if the head of the house had known at what time of the night the thief was coming, he would have been on the alert and would not have allowed his house to be broken into. 44 "For this reason you be ready too; for the Son of Man is coming at an hour when you do not think He will.

1 Thess 5:2 For you yourselves know full well that the day of the Lord will come just like a thief in the night. 3 While they are saying, "Peace and safety!" then destruction will come upon them suddenly like birth pangs upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape.

2 Peter 3:10 But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, in which the heavens will pass away with a roar and the elements will be destroyed with intense heat, and the earth and its works will be burned up.

Rev 3:3'Remember therefore
what you have received and
heard; and keep it, and repent. If
therefore you will not wake up, I
will come like a thief, and you
will not know at what hour I will
come upon you.

Rev 16:16-21 And they gathered them together to the place which in Hebrew is called Har-Magedon.

(17) Then the seventh angel poured out his bowl upon the air, and a loud voice came out of the temple from the throne, saying, "It is done." (18) And there were flashes of lightning and sounds and peals of thunder; and there was a great earthquake, such as there had not been since man came to be upon the earth, so great an earthquake was it, and so mighty.

(19) The great city was split into three parts, and the cities of the nations fell. Babylon the great was remembered before God, to give her the cup of the wine of His fierce wrath. (20) And every island fled away, and the mountains were not found. (21) And huge hailstones, about one hundred pounds each, came down from heaven upon men; and men blasphemed God because of the plague of the hail, because its plague was extremely severe.

Armageddon = Har-Magedon

Jud 4:3 Israel is oppressed

Jud 5:6 Israel hides

Jud 5:8 no weapons

Jud 5:19-20 Deborah says the Lord can
defeat Sisera

For us, as at Megiddo, when the need is greatest and
believers are oppressed, the Lord reveals His power
to defeat the enemies.

Judg 4:3 And the sons of Israel cried to the LORD;
for he had nine hundred iron chariots, and he
oppressed the sons of Israel severely for twenty years.

Judg 5:6 In the days of Shamgar the son of Anath,
In the days of Jael, the highways were deserted,
And travelers went by roundabout ways. ... 8 "
New gods were chosen; Then war was in the gates.
Not a shield or a spear was seen Among forty
thousand in Israel.

Judg 5:19 "The kings came and fought; Then fought
the kings of Canaan At Taanach near the waters of
Megiddo ; They took no plunder in silver. 20 "The
stars fought from heaven, From their courses they
fought against Sisera.

2 Thess 1:6 For after all it is only just for God to repay with affliction those who afflict you, 7 and to give relief to you who are afflicted and to us as well when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with His mighty angels in flaming fire, 8 dealing out retribution to those who do not know God and to those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus..

9 And these will pay the penalty of eternal destruction, away from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power, 10 when He comes to be glorified in His saints on that day, and to be marveled at among all who have believed — for our testimony to you was believed

Great is that day when Jesus returns. Yet even in hell the enemies of God continue to blaspheme!

Denial of God and His power is blasphemy.

We must escape while we can.

Act 22:16 And now what are you waiting for? Get up, be baptized and wash your sins away, calling on his name.'