



REVELATION

SESSION 7 DISCUSSION GUIDE

ARMAGEDDON AND THE 7TH BOWL

Summary - Revelation 16 (17 minutes)

As the Seven Bowl Judgements are poured out, the Sixth Bowl dried up the Euphrates, allowing for the gathering of the kings from the east at “Har-Megiddo” or as we call it today - Armageddon (Revelation 16:12-16).

The Battle of Armageddon, or the series of battles, are briefly described in Revelation 16:12-16, but also in Revelation 19:11-21.

The Seventh Bowl is poured out with a loud voice from the Temple declaring “It is done!” It brought a massive earthquake and hail which led to the destruction of all cities (Jerusalem was split into three pieces), and all islands and mountains collapsed (Revelation 16:17-21).

Three opportunities for repentance came during the releasing of the Seven Bowls, but the people instead chose to “curse God.”

Discussion Questions - After discussing what you learned from the teaching, use the following questions to have further conversation.

1. Share one thing you learned this week about the Battle of Armageddon? What surprised you about this future battle, or series of battles?

2. What was unique and important concerning the phrase shouted from the Temple as the Seventh Bowl was released, “It is done!” How did it relate to Jesus and His death on the cross?
3. As the Seventh Bowl is poured out, we learn of the massive destruction it brings. In the midst of such pain and suffering, why would people still respond as v. 21 says, “And they cursed God on account of the plague of hail”? How could the people not understand what was happening and repent?

THE FALL OF BABYLON

Summary - Revelation 17-18 (10 minutes)

John receives a vision of a Great Prostitute seated on a scarlet/red beast (Revelation 17:1-13).

“Babylon” was written on her forehead, and this most likely represents a future pagan power that will be an ally with the Antichrist.

The reign of this future kingdom is portrayed in Revelation 18, and its fall is celebrated from Heaven.

Discussion Questions

1. Many have tried to guess what future kingdom this will be. But instead, what can be ascertained is a description of this future kingdom. From today’s teachings, what do we know this future kingdom will be like (Revelation 17 and 18)? How much of this are we starting to see today? (Please don’t get caught up in mentioning countries, etc., . . . just describe!).
2. As we discovered in class, Babylon is an old city that originates with the Tower of Babel story in Genesis. How do people still seek to reach or manipulate God today?

THE SECOND COMING OF CHRIST

Summary - Revelation 19 (18 minutes)

- Revelation 19 changes everything! As Pastor Drew shared in class, this is what the Bible says about Jesus’ return to earth:

- Jesus will return PERSONALLY. Acts 1:11.
- Jesus will return VISIBLY. Matthew 24:30; Revelation 1:7.
- Jesus will come SUDDENLY. Matthew 24:27.
- Jesus will come in MAJESTY. Matthew 16:27.
- Jesus will come WITH HIS ANGELS. Matthew 16:27
- Jesus will return WITH HIS CHURCH. Colossians 3:4; Zechariah 14:4.
- Jesus will return ON MOUNT OF OLIVES in Jerusalem. Zechariah 14:4
- Finally, Jesus will REIGN IN VICTORY at His return. Zechariah 14:9.

Jesus is riding on a white horse with the church and angels following Him. The armies are defeated and the Antichrist and False Prophet are captured and thrown into the Lake of Fire (Revelation 19:17-21).

Discussion Questions

1. During class Pastor Drew shared eight characteristics of the return of Christ (see bullet points above). Identify their significance and how they contrast with his first coming as a baby in a manger.
2. The Scriptures are clear that Jesus conquers using “a sharp sword (coming out of his mouth) with which to strike down the nations,” and overthrowing the lawless one “with the breath of his mouth.” What does this say about the power of the Word of God (the Bible)? Since the Word of God is so powerful, why do you think so many Christians spend so little time reading their Bible each week? How do you think you can spend more time in God’s Word this week?
3. What is your key takeaway from this session? What are you looking forward to learning from the eighth and final session of our study in Revelation?

Homework: Before the next class, be sure to prepare by reading chapters 20-22.