



# The Canadian *Lord's Day* Association

## Bible Course

## Acts to Revelation

## Lesson 84

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

*Read Revelation 15*

### Vision #5: The Seven Bowls

Chapter 15 begins the vision of the seven bowls. This is the fifth of seven visions. In the first verses, we first see a type of interlude, a time of tranquility and peace.

1. ...they sing the song of Moses...and the song of the Lamb, saying, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ are thy works, Lord God Almighty; \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ are thy ways, thou King of saints.
2. Again remember there are so many references to the Old Testament. Look at Exodus 15:1 to see the similarity: I will sing unto the LORD, for He hath triumphed \_\_\_\_\_: the horse and his rider hath he thrown into the sea. See also Deuteronomy 32:4: he is the Rock, his work is perfect: for all His ways are \_\_\_\_\_: a God of \_\_\_\_\_ and without iniquity, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ is He.
3. Beginning with verse 5, the focus changes to the seven angels with seven vials (or bowls). The vials are \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, who liveth forever and ever.

*Read Revelation 16*

There is a growing intensity with each of these visions. God is coming and bringing the final judgment. Throughout all that will happen, remember, God is in control. This is a comfort for believers and a terror for unbelievers. As each vial is poured out, think also back to the Old Testament and the similarity to the plagues in Egypt.

4. The first three vials are against those who bear the mark of the beast:
  - a. And the first went, and poured out his vial upon the earth; and there fell a \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ upon the men which had the mark of the beast and upon them which worshiped his image (like the Egyptian plague of boils).
  - b. And the second angel poured out his vial upon the \_\_\_\_\_; and it became as the \_\_\_\_\_ of a dead man: and every living soul died in the sea (Egyptian plague of water turned to blood).
  - c. And the third angel poured out his vial upon the rivers and fountains of waters; and they became \_\_\_\_\_.
  - d. And the fourth angel poured out his vial upon the \_\_\_\_\_; and power was given to him to \_\_\_\_\_ men with \_\_\_\_\_. The response of men included: And men...\_\_\_\_\_ the name of God, which hath power over these plagues: and they \_\_\_\_\_ to give Him \_\_\_\_\_.
5. The second set of vials is against the trinity of evil: the Dragon, the Second Beast, and the False Prophet.
  - a. The fifth angel poured out his vial upon the seat of the beast; and his kingdom was full of \_\_\_\_\_; and they gnawed their tongues for \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ the God of heaven.
  - b. The sixth angel poured out his vial upon the great river Euphrates; and the water thereof was \_\_\_\_\_ up, that the way of the kings of the east might be prepared. This is the first reference to the Battle of Armageddon. It is only mentioned here.

Armageddon is taken as a literal battle by many people – maybe a siege of Jerusalem or a battle between two nations, or the struggle between the spread of the gospel and paganism/false religions. But remember to go to the Old Testament for explanation of the symbolism in Revelation. Armageddon in Hebrew is “Har Megiddon” (the Hill of Megiddo). The hill country of Megiddo and the adjacent valley of Esdraelon have been the sight of many important battles (Judges 5:19). Sisera with his advantage of numbers is defeated. Jehu killed Joram and Ahaziah

who fled to Megiddo, then Jehu continued with the killing of Jezebel, Ahab and his family, and the worshippers of Baal. (II Kings 8-11). Josiah was killed by Pharaoh-nechoh in this area. The city of Megiddo is a symbol of the ongoing battle between good and evil ending with a final battle at the end of time. Armageddon is also a symbol of God's miraculous help to His people when they have need.

6. And the seventh angel poured out his vial into the \_\_\_\_\_; and there came a great voice out of the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, from the throne, saying, It is done. There are voices, thunder, lightning, earthquakes all greater than any previous ones.
7. And the great city was divided into \_\_\_\_\_ parts, the cities of the nations fell: and great \_\_\_\_\_ came in remembrance before God, to give unto her the cup of the wine of the \_\_\_\_\_ of His \_\_\_\_\_ Babylon (tower of Babel) represents those who tried to be mightier than God. There is a crushing of all pleasure of those who worship the beast. The Babylonian anti-Christian empire is destroyed as God's anger explodes. \_\_\_\_\_ flee, \_\_\_\_\_ not found. In the final judgment, the empire of evil is completely destroyed. The trumpets warned, the vials poured out the wrath.

Evaluator\_\_\_\_\_

## **Meditation**

### **Future Punishment**

The place in hell is quite ready for every unconverted soul. When Judas died, the Scripture says "he went to his own place." It was his own place before he went there, being quite prepared and ready for him. As when a man retires at night to his sleeping room, it is said he is gone to his own room, so a place in hell is quite ready for every Christless person. It is his own place. When the rich man died and was buried, he was immediately in his own place. He found everything ready. He lifted up his eyes in hell, being in torments. So hell is quite ready for every Christless person. It was prepared long ago for the devil and his angels. The fires are all quite ready, and fully lighted and burning.

*Gems of Robert Murray McChesney*

## Vain Amusements

God gives His mercies to be spent;  
Your hoard will do your soul no good.  
Gold is a blessing only lent,  
Repaid by giving others food.

The world's esteem is but a bribe,  
To buy their peace you sell your own;  
The slave of a vainglorious tribe,  
Who hate you while they make you known.

The joy that vain amusements give,  
Oh, sad conclusion that is brings!  
The honey of a crowded hive,  
Defended by a thousand stings.

'Tis thus the world rewards the fools,  
That lives upon her treacherous smiles;  
She leads them blindfold by her rules,  
And ruins all whom she beguiles.

God knows the thousands who go down  
From pleasure into endless woe;  
And with a long despairing groan,  
Blaspheem their Maker as they go.

Oh, fearful thought, be timely wise;  
Delight but in a Saviour's charms;  
And God shall take you to the skies,  
Embraced in everlasting arms.

*The Works of the Rev. John Newton*