

Revelation 16:1-21



The text – Revelation 16:1-21

1. Read Revelation 16:1-21. This chapter envisions what was introduced in Revelation 15:1 – the pouring out of the seven bowls of God’s wrath. Summarise the visions of this chapter. How does it impact you as you read?
2. How are the bowls of wrath an expression of God’s justice? Read and discuss Revelation 16:5-7.
3. Discuss the repeated refrain of Revelation 16:9, 11 and 21 – “they refused to repent” and “they cursed God”. What does this indicate about sin? Judgement? Salvation?
4. Revelation 16:15 is an important word, in the midst of the visions, to the church. What is the main point? How are God’s people to live in the light of impending judgement?

The Scriptures – Revelation 16:1-21 as a portion of the Scriptures

5. The seventh bowl brings us to the final judgement of all things. Compare and contrast the vision of Revelation 16:18-21 with that of Revelation 11:19, a previous vision of the final judgement.
6. Read, compare and contrast Exodus 10:21-23 (the ninth plague on Egypt) with Revelation 16:10-11 (the fifth bowl).
7. Jesus also spoke about the thief in the night. Read Luke 12:35-40. Jesus is speaking to his disciples. What is his main point? Compare his teaching with the text in Revelation 16:15.
8. The apostle Paul also writes about the coming of the LORD in 1 Thessalonians 4:15-18. Read and discuss this important passage of Scripture.

Our lives – walking the way of Jesus in response to Revelation 16:1-21 as a portion of the Scriptures

9. How do you respond to Revelation 16 with its visions of God’s anger?
10. What is the difference between justice and vengeance? How is God’s anger just and righteous?
11. How does this passage of Scriptures impact your discipleship? What will you do in response?
12. How can we pray for you and support you as a result of this study of God’s word?