

REVELATION CHAPTER 16 part 1 -- 5 Vials of Wrath

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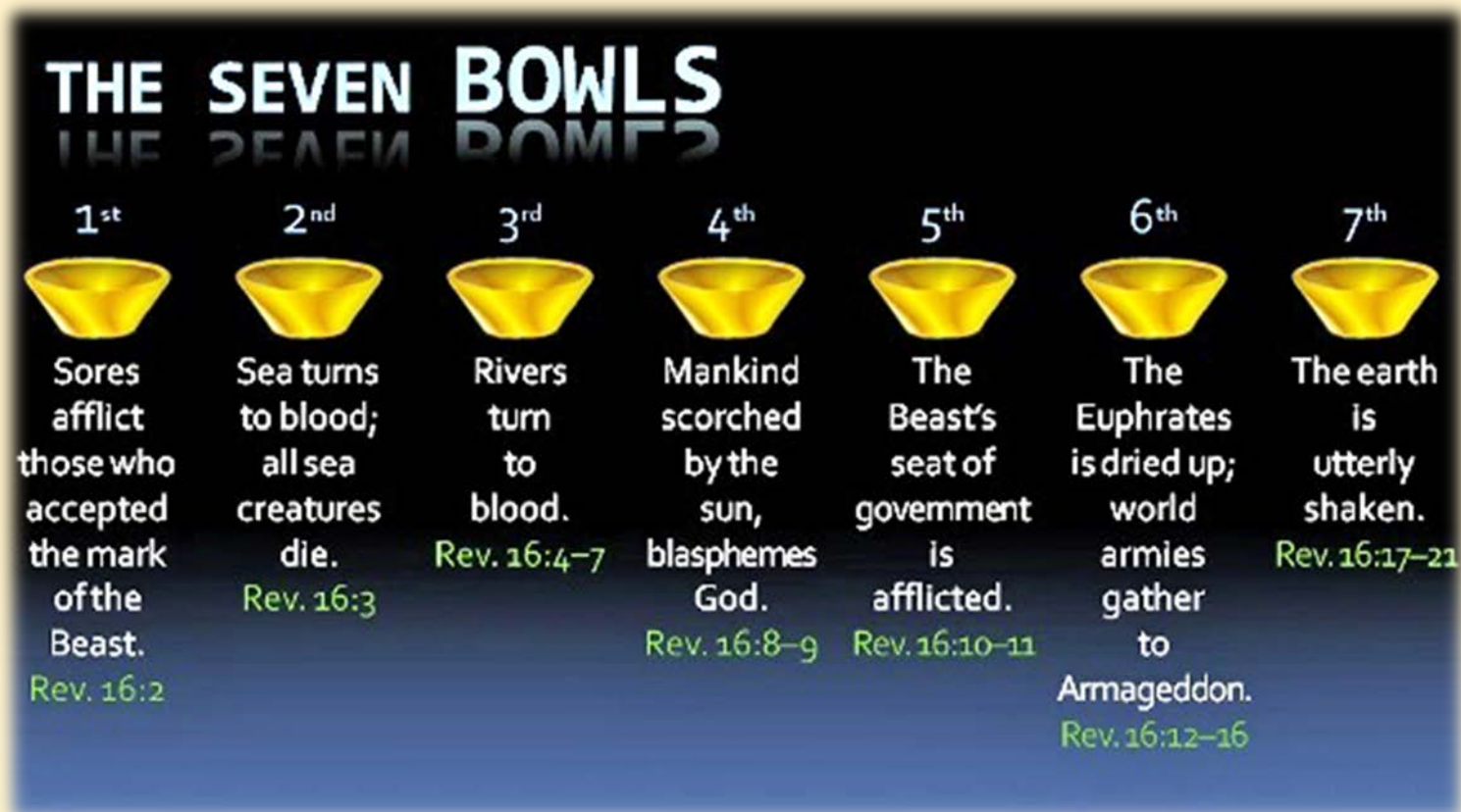
Revelation chapter 16 offers to us a vivid picture of the hell that's going to be unleashed on this earth after Jesus Christ has gathered the believers, those who have accepted Him as their Savior, up into that wonderful wedding supper in Heaven (*Rev.19:7-9*). While that celebration is happening, God unleashes His final judgments upon the Antichrist's empire. In Revelation 15, the

introductory chapter to these judgments, we saw that these final catastrophes will be delivered by...

“Seven angels having the seven last plagues, for in them the wrath of God is complete” (15:1)

By the end of our 6,000 years here upon the earth, human society has had its day, done its damndest, and made such a big mess out of God's creation, which had begun so beautifully and so perfectly in that gorgeous Garden of Eden! That was the beauty of God's creation! That

was the Love of God! That's how it all began, so beautifully and wonderfully, almost beyond imagination how beautiful it was!





But human society, under the Devil's influence, has brought Hell on Earth! So, the world wants Hell? --God will give it! --and He can do it even better than the world can! Since the world chose the Antichrist as their king and evil as their way of life and the worship of idols as their religion, disobedience to God and obedience to Satan, then God is going to give the world what they have chosen!

We find here these angels of the Wrath of God coming now to give the evildoers who are left more Hell than they themselves could ever have created! Because that's what the world has asked for, that is what the world deserves, that's what final End Time human society gets for worshipping Satan as their god, the Antichrist and his Image as their god, accepting Satan's word instead of God's, and so bringing Hell on Earth!

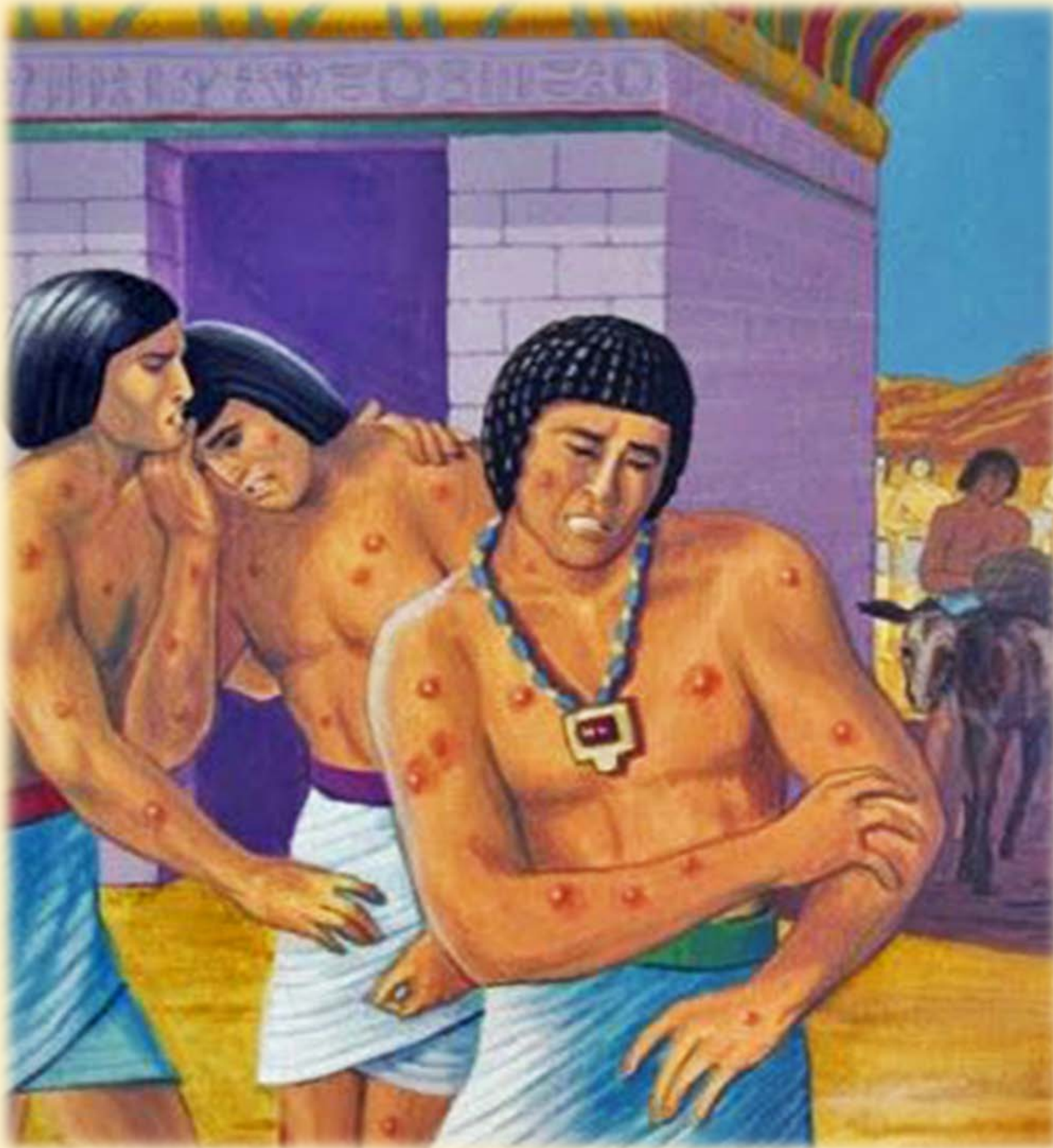
Pay attention to what kind of plagues are poured out and what parts of the Earth they affect:

REV.16:1 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.**

REV.16:2 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.**

The first plague is poured out on the earth and those who had followed the Beast, the followers of the Antichrist who accepted his Mark and worshipped him and his Image, and they develop sores, horrible sores. But what about the people who were neither believers in Jesus nor Antichrist worshippers? They live through this grim era of the Wrath of God, but do they also get the sores? This verse here states that it fell *“upon the men which **had the mark of the beast, and...worshipped** his image.”* **So, they will most likely be spared from it.**





**** EXO.9:8-9** *And the LORD said unto Moses and unto Aaron, take to you handfuls of ashes of the furnace, and let Moses sprinkle it toward the heaven in the sight of Pharaoh. And it shall become small dust in all the land of Egypt, and **shall be a boil breaking forth with blains upon man, and upon beast, throughout all the land of Egypt.***

These plagues are very similar to the ones in ancient Egypt during Moses' time, only they're much more severe and affect the whole world.

REV.16:3 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.

REV.16:4 And the **third angel** poured out his vial **upon the rivers and fountains of waters**; and they became blood.

A similar plague fell upon ancient Egypt.



**** EXO.7:17** *Thus saith the LORD, in this thou shalt know that I am the LORD: behold, I will smite with the rod that is in mine hand **upon the waters** which are in **the river, and they shall be turned to blood.***

Now you notice some of these plagues had already been brought by the judgements of God on the kingdom of the Antichrist during the Tribulation, during his rule and reign, as recounted in Revelation chapters 8 and 9, but they were only partial at that time! A third was destroyed, a third of the waters became blood, and a third of the trees were burned up and so on, remember? This time it seems to be almost total, horrible! It says the whole sea became blood, apparently all the sea, and every living soul died in the sea!

--What a mess! It's hard to fathom how this could happen worldwide and how anyone could survive it. Maybe it refers to certain areas of the Earth, or the area of the Mediterranean Sea? Well, I'm sure what is said here is true, and it's going to happen, but how it's going to happen is still a mystery.





REV.16:5 And I heard the angel of the waters say, **thou art righteous**, O Lord, which art, and was, and shalt be, **because thou hast judged thus**.

REV.16:6 For they have shed the blood of **saints and prophets**, and thou **hast given them blood to drink**; for they are worthy.

It seems like **blood in the water supply is meant as retribution for the blood of martyred saints and prophets**. Throughout the centuries, the world and many of its evil regimes have rebelled against God and His people. They deserve this punishment.

REV.16:7 And I heard another out of the altar say, even so, Lord God Almighty, **true and righteous are thy judgments**.

**** HEB.10:30-31** *For we know him that hath said, **Vengeance belongeth unto me, I will recompense**, saith the Lord. And again, The Lord shall judge his people. **It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.***

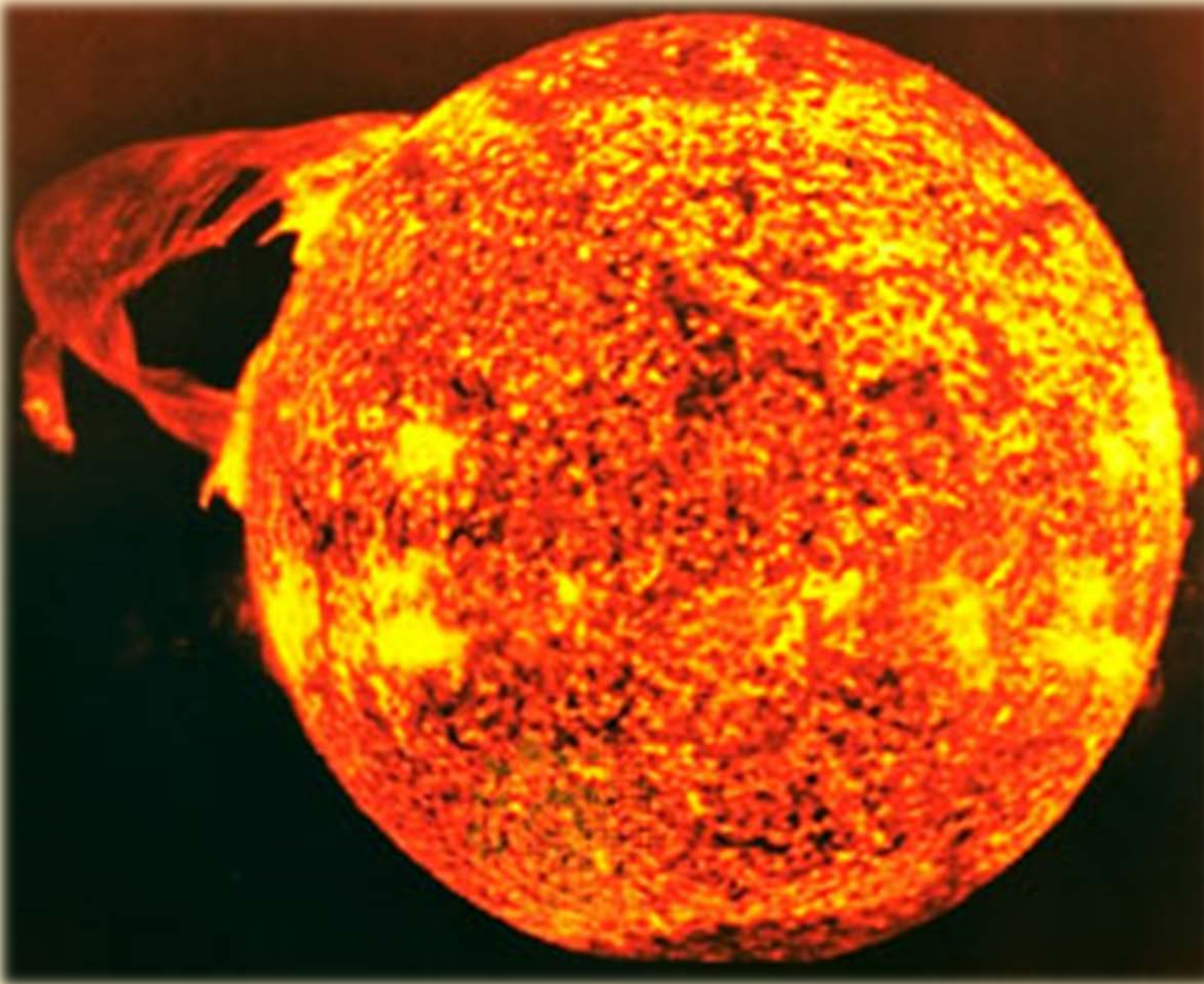
As horrendous as these judgments are, the rebellious world deserves and needs them. Everyone likes to think of God as the God of love, but few remember, that He is also the Judge of the world. (*Psa.7:11; Ps.75:7*) Thank God His grace saved us. He is patient, not willing that even one should perish.

However, there is a time for judgment and retribution and God will judge everyone fairly. This will be such a time.

There will be no way to get a drink of water, nothing to drink but blood! And the Angel says they're worthy of it because they shed the blood of God's Prophets, His children and His people, so they deserve to drink blood! What a vengeance! How the blood of the martyrs is avenged! --Those that cried from under the altar of God in Heaven in Chapter 6, "*How long, O Lord, how long until You avenge our blood upon our enemies?!*" (*Revelation 6:10*) Well, here is the somber answer to their prayers!



REV.16:8 And the **fourth angel** poured out his vial **upon the sun**; and **power was given unto him to scorch men with fire.**



REV.16:9 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.**

God is going to cause the intense heat of the sun to be multiplied. Elsewhere in Scripture, this is expressed as light increasing “*sevenfold*” – which is probably a literary way of saying “*a lot*”.

**** ISA.30:26** *Moreover the light of the moon shall be as the light of the sun, and **the light of the sun shall be sevenfold**, as the light of seven days, in the day that the LORD bindeth up the breach of his people, and healeth the stroke of their wound.*

REV.16:10 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,

REV.16:11 And blasphemed the God of heaven because of their pains and their sores, and repented not of their deeds.

A similar plague was unleashed in ancient Egypt:

**** EXO.10:22-23** And Moses stretched forth his hand toward heaven; and **there was a thick darkness in all the land of Egypt** three days: They saw not one another, neither rose any from his place for three days: but all the children of Israel had light in their dwellings.

Other references to this period of “darkness” at the End of the Age:

**** AMOS 5:18** Woe unto you that desire **the day of the LORD!** To what end is it for you? **The day of the LORD is darkness, and not light.**



**** REV.9:20** *And the rest of the men which were not killed by these plagues **yet repented not of the works of their hands**, that they should not worship devils, and idols of gold, and silver, and brass, and stone, and of wood: which neither can see, nor hear, nor walk.*

The fifth bowl is a direct hit on the Antichrist and his forces. While the first four seemed to generally afflict the entire world, this particular one lands right on the Antichrist and the heart of his kingdom. The curses and plagues and horrors will be so bad that men shall gnaw their tongues because of the pain. And will they then repent? No! It says:

“They blasphemed the name of God, which hath power over these plagues: and they repented not.”

What do the wicked do when they're punished for their unbelief and sins? Does it drive them to their knees in true repentance? Now, we mean the truly wicked. Everyone is a sinner, everyone has done wicked things; but those who humble themselves and accept Christ, they repent and turn from their sins, they have a real revolution in their lives and turn around and go in a different direction. But do the Wicked? --NO!



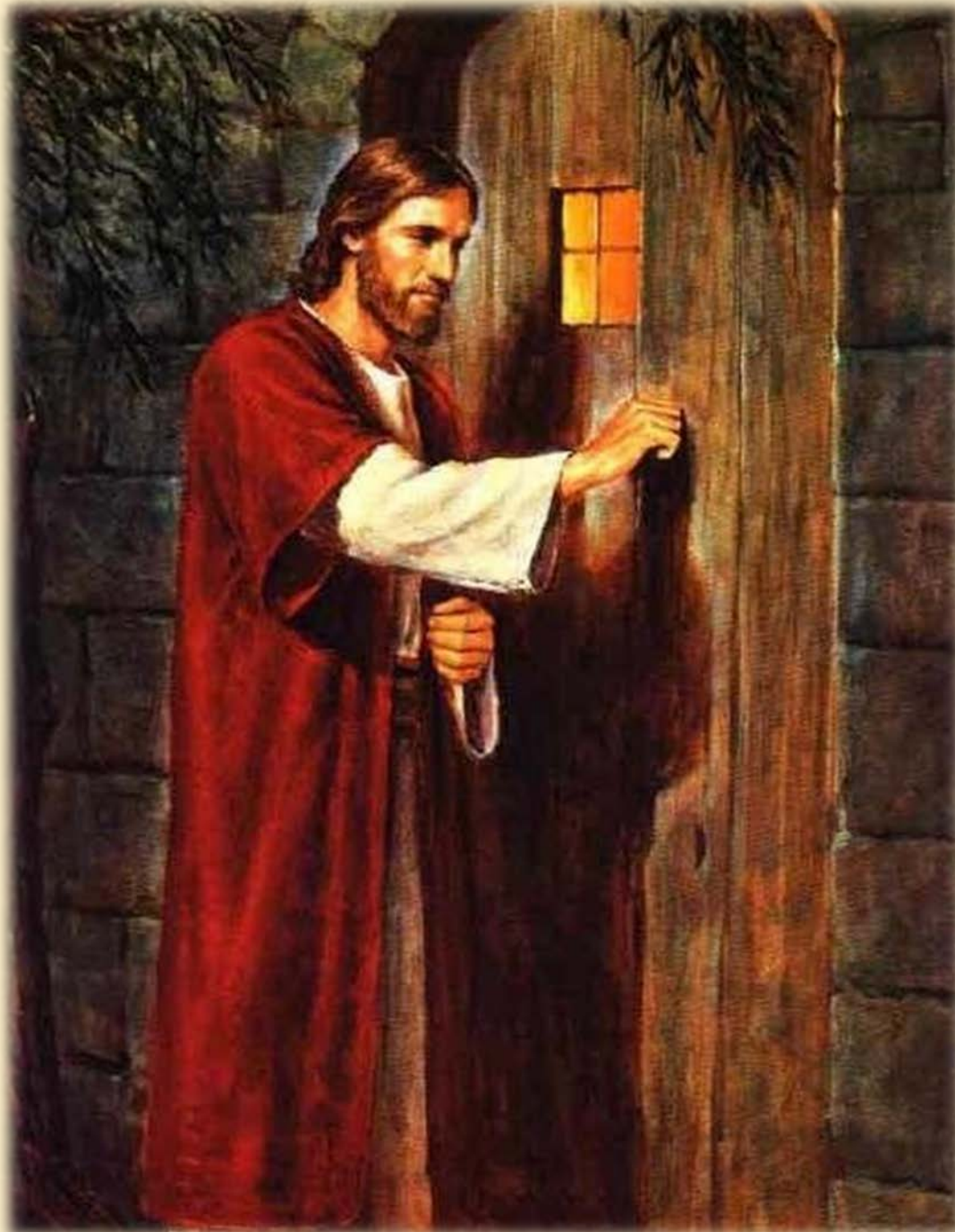
Under all these terrible plagues, what happens? ***"They blaspheme the name of God."*** Who? Who do they curse? Who has power over these plagues? The Devil? No, it says God does, and as usual when the wicked curse God when things go wrong, it shows they know there is a God and that He brought the plagues. But instead of taking responsibility and humbly repenting, ***"they blaspheme the name of God"***, which gives God all the more reason to keep punishing them!

Isaiah, when prophesying against the ancient city of Babylon, seemed to also foresee this time of wrath and prophesied:

***** Isaiah 13:9-13 Behold, the day of the Lord comes, cruel, with both wrath and fierce anger, to lay the land desolate; and He will destroy its sinners from it. For the stars of heaven and their constellations will not give their light; the sun will be darkened in its going forth, and the moon will not cause its light to shine. I will punish the world for its evil, and the wicked for their iniquity...Therefore, I will shake the heavens, and the earth will move out of her place, in the wrath of the Lord of hosts and in the day of His fierce anger.***

The whole earth will become a disaster area under these awful judgments of God!





But you don't have to go through the wrath of God. The apostle Paul wrote, *"For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ."* 1 Thes.5:9. You can receive Jesus at this very moment. It is a free gift of God. Jesus says:

***"Behold, I stand at the door (of your heart), and knock: if any man hears my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me."* Rev.3:20**

Please pray this simple prayer:

"Jesus, please forgive all my faults and sins. I accept that You are the Son of God and that You died for me. I invite You into my heart and life. Thank you for your gift of eternal life and please fill me with Your Holy Spirit. Help me to read and understand Your Word. Amen"

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