

Revelation 14, 15, 16 (Conrad Bowman) (August 17, 2008)

The original commentary that you got didn't go this far. So John was good enough to run off 14 and 15. I'm going to do a little different because I'm going to use this outline this morning a little more than I usually do; because its got some Greek text in it from A.T. Robertson's *Word Pictures in the Greek New Testament*. And I think it sheds so much addition light on it just knowing what the text says. Huh. Isn't that strange. So I brought it along and I want to use it. Which means I'm going to be looking down at this thing and reading some stuff for the first time. I usually don't do that.

Well, good morning. We saved your seat.

Kathryn Davis. [Inaudible].

Conrad Bowman. Oh, Kathryn. Did I leave you out? I'm sorry. Let's have a – I'm going to wait. I'm going to wait. Let's have a word of prayer before we begin.

Father we thank You for the time You give us this morning. Help us to use it wisely. Just settle us down now and give us the mind to focus. A heart to receive what You have. And give us wisdom that's beyond our own understanding so that we could see exactly what You told to You're Apostle John and take it in and just burn it into our memory and into our hearts; and help us to make these things part of our life, so that we understand what You have coming ahead of us; and we thank You for it; we thank You Father for the fact that Your Church, the Bride of Christ, is going to be taken out of here one day, and glorified with the Lord that we love. And we thank You for that, in Christ's name, because He paid for it. Amen.

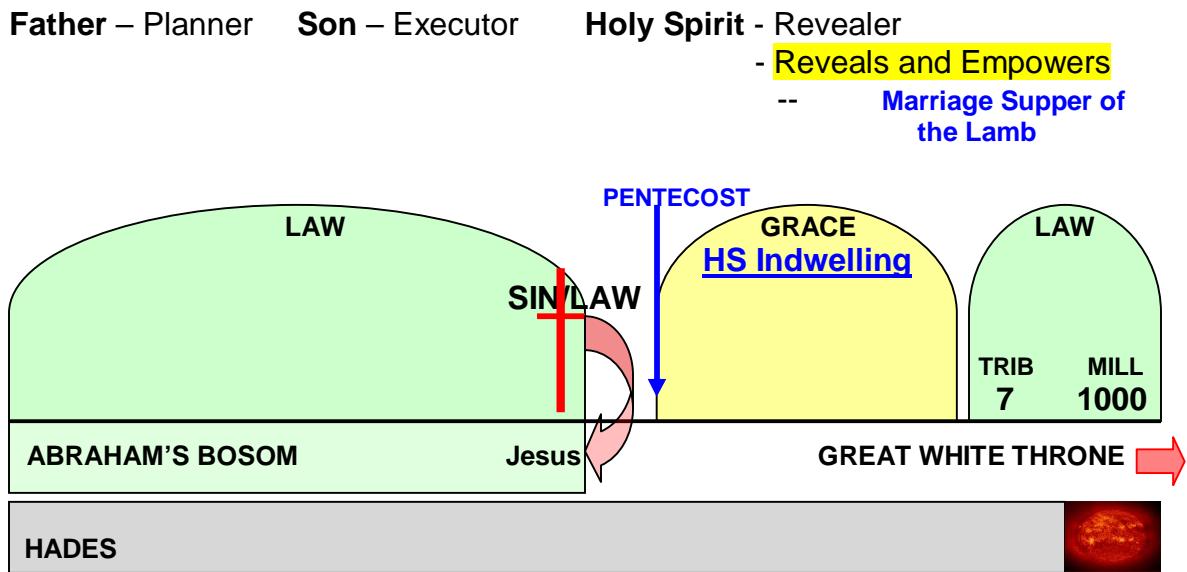
Alright. Chapter 14. Now we've worked this over pretty good but I want to zip through it; and then 15 is a short chapter, and I want to go all the way through that too. So let's start with the outline that you have here, and I'm going to read part of it, and then add a few more comments to it. Chapter 14 begins like many chapters in Revelation.

1. I saw, and behold, the Lamb standing upon Mount Zion ...

The picture here is of Christ, who is the Lamb of God, and He claims Mount Zion when He returns as the new sight on which the City of God is going to be constructed. Now Jerusalem is the City of God, but there's going to be a New

Jerusalem constructed and built during the Millennial Kingdom. And some of the construction is going to start during the Tribulation Period. Now, if you go to Hebrews 12:22 – we're not going there, but the reference is in the Notes. Let's go to Hebrews 12:22, it references that City of God; and its in contrast to those who have the mark of the beast. And you'll remember, now, beginning with the Rapture ....

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The cross is here. The ascension of Christ is here. He goes to the Marriage Supper of the Lamb, which is there. This is the ascension of Christ; and, with Him, go all the Old Testament saints out of Abraham's Bosom, the place where all Old Testament saints were held until Christ Himself ascended because He's the firstfruits – that's His title relative to Israel. Firstfruits. And He enters heaven first and He takes all those Old Testament saints with Him. So Abraham's Bosom is now empty. This happened on day 40 after the resurrection. On day 50, the Holy Spirit descends from heaven, after this 10 day lull, and the Church Age begins. The Church Age lasts from Pentecost forward until the time when Christ comes to gather His Bride in the air – then Christ arrives first, it says, and we who are alive are caught up together with Him in the air. So shall we ever be with the Lord. He takes us back to the Marriage Supper of the Lamb. That's when the Groom comes and gets His Bride.

Now, this is the Church Age. This is the Rapture. At the Rapture of the Church, 144,000 Jews – 12,000 from every Tribe – understand that Christ was in fact the

Messiah and the Savior. And they understand that, and their minds are sealed by the Holy Spirit; now we'll get to that in a little bit. It does not say that they are sealed and protected from harm or danger. They're not. There're minds are sealed against deception. But they are completely vulnerable to the wars and the famines and the earthquakes and everything else that goes along and harms human beings during the Tribulation Period. And I want to make sure you understand that, because a lot of people believe that when God sealed them in their foreheads, He sealed them against all harm. Well that's not true. And Daniel explains that thoroughly when he says, many who have insight will fall by famine and by the sword for many days in order to try those who say they believe in Christ during the Tribulation Period in order to escape further endangerment. Well, that's not going to be good enough, because their lip service is going to have to have works along with it or effort along with it to back it up. So, when the Anti-Christ comes along, he's going to have people declare their allegiance either to God or to himself. And they're going to have to receive his mark in their forehead or on their hands, it says, either way. Going to have to receive his mark, as opposed to the 144,000 who are sealed in their foreheads by Christ. And they have a mark on them.

John Young. Does this happen about the middle of the Tribulation?

Conrad Bowman. No. It happens a lot earlier.

John Young. Earlier. Ok.

Conrad Bowman. This happens very early. It starts happening immediately. The only difference is, John, that in the first of the Tribulation Period, when the Anti-Christ presents himself, he's going to present himself as a bringer of peace; because he's the great deceiver. Just like Christ. So he's going to present himself as the Christ figure – the bringer of peace. And the things he does at the very beginning of the Tribulation Period are going to appear to be – to bring comfort, and comfort; and some ease to men. Well, we know that's not going to be true, but people don't know that. Its only going to be in the last half of the Tribulation that his true character is revealed and known, and things start to heat up. So, when it says, like in your Notes, the 144,000 have Christ's name and the name of God the Father written upon their foreheads, that's their seal against deception. And I erroneously used the words, "seal protection," from 9.4. But, that implies that they are protected from all harm, which is not the case. Ok. So I'll change that before the final version.

So John then in 14:2 – John hears a voice from heaven. And the voice, remember, is like the sound of many waters. Its like Niagara multiplied. And like the sound of loud thunder, and the voices, a huge voice, coming out like the sound – but its soothing. It has the sound of harpists playing on their harps. But its very loud. Its kind of like music in our auditorium. Ok. Which is also very loud, and not quite so soothing. That's enough of that commentary in here. I've got to behave myself.

3. And they sang a new song [they sang a new song] before the throne and before the four living creatures and the elders;

Now you remember, the twenty-four elders and the four living creatures are before the throne of God. And what are those four living creatures doing? They're shouting out the worthiness and holiness of God. Ok. And they do it forever. Over, and over, and over, and over again. They never tire of that. Now we picked that up early on in the Book. So the four living creatures and the elders and – nobody, however, could learn this song except the 144,000 who were sealed in their minds against deception. Now you see God discriminates among His people, doesn't He? --- Good morning, Ms. Evelyn. How are you, Dear? Got a seat right there? Ok. We're in Revelation 14.

Evelyn Wamble. Thank you.

Conrad Bowman. You welcome.

Evelyn Wamble. I knew that.

Conrad Bowman. I knew you did. I knew you did. I just was reminding you I knew it too.

And these 144,000 – these 144,000 – you remember the discussion we got into – are ones who have not been – unfortunately – defiled with women. Ok. And the discussion that followed that was lively. I suggest you get the tapes on that, because I'm not going to go back and re-do that.

Alright. They're not defiled – they didn't defile themselves with women. Now, that goes back to Jewish law and rests on that. They celibates. They're ones who follow the Lamb wherever He goes, and that's a single-minded following. Ok.

4.... These have been purchased out from among men [out from among men] as first fruits to God and to the Lamb.

5. No lie was found in their mouth; and they are blameless

In terms of their following. They set their minds single-mindedly. They do not take wives to themselves. They have not thoughts of that whatsoever. There're union with Christ is thorough. So

6. I saw another angel flying in midheaven ...

Midheaven would be the third heaven. The top heaven would be God's own throne. The lowest heaven would be the atmosphere. Midheaven is visible to all on earth but not in God's realm. Its under that.

6. I saw another angel flying in midheaven, and he has an eternal gospel to preach to those who live on the earth ...

And I want to remind you as we did then that God retains the right and the authority and the privilege of evangelizing the earth. He does it Himself. And He works through the Spirit – the Holy Spirit – and it's the Holy Spirit who's the evangelist throughout the whole earth. And this verse, again, just reinforces that. That angel flying in midheaven

6.... has an eternal gospel to preach to those who live on the earth, and to every nation and every tribe and every tongue and every people;

And He says, or keeps on saying, with a loud voice,

7.... "Fear God, and give Him glory, because the hour of His judgment has come; worship Him who made the heaven and the earth and sea and springs of waters."

And by his statement, he ties the beginning of creation with what God is doing now at the end of creation. And I want you to see that. So what that is, is an encompassing statement that says, what God started He's finishing. And you are right now looking at the finish. That's what he's telling these people. That's what the angel is saying.

7.... His judgment has come; worship Him who made the heaven and the earth and sea and springs of waters."

8. And another angel, a second one follows, saying, "Fallen, fallen is Babylon the great [the one who's made], she who has made all the nations drink of the wine of the passion of her immorality."

So Babylon the Great who has been the source – she's the Great Harlot. Now, Babylon the Great is false religion; and false religion, which is organized on a worldwide basis – that's Babylon. Ok. From the time of Nimrod, when Nimrod became a great hunter in defiance of God, is what it says in Genesis; Nimrod founded Babel, the nation, and built Babylon, the city. And associated with Babylon was that great Ziggurat, the Tower of Babel. And the Ziggurat is just that. It's a strong tower built for religious purposes. And the purpose was that the top would expose him to God and expose God to him. His intention was to rise to the top of Babylon – the Ziggurat in Babylon – and from there rule the nations of the earth. That was Nimrod's intention. He was a type, a forerunner, of the Anti-Christ doing what he does now in Revelation. So that's the reason you see this. Those mountain high places – they were types early on. And Babylon established the first false religion, which was idolatry by any other name, and it has been pursued across history, all the way through. The whole religion of Babylon was adopted by Egypt. It was adopted by Israel in the Temple. You saw Ezekiel – God took Ezekiel in the spirit – took him to the Temple wall – took him to a hole in the wall, and said, "what do you see in here?" And he said, "I see the women of Israel bowing down in the east looking out the eastern gate and waiting for the arrival of Tammuz. And Tammuz was Nimrod and Semiramis's son. They're waiting for the son to return. And what else are they doing? They're offering their baked goods – where'd hot cross buns come from? Hot cross buns came right out of Babylon. They were buns marked with a tower on them. It wasn't the cross of Christ. It was the tower of Tammuz. It was the Celtic tower that was in honor of the false son of the false priestess who was the false queen of heaven – is what they called her. They're weeping for Tammuz. Ok. Son of queen of heaven. That's how far Israel had fallen in their apostasy. Is what you believe important? What you believe is everything. Ok. What you believe is everything. How much has been co-opted by the enemy of God? Easter? Easter. Christmas? Fertility? Rabbits. Eggs. Ok. Now, are we immune to that? No. You go up here in Ohio – and I mentioned it last week – you go up here in Ohio and you visit the great serpent mound. In Ohio! We're not talking about in the Middle East. We're talking about the middle of Ohio. It's a quarter of a mile long. Its forty feet high. Its built out of dirt, and it snakes

through the pine forest up there. And in its mouth is a nice juicy egg. And you follow the coils of that snake and it follows the exact same pattern of Stonehenge – and of other Babylon artifacts that called attention to the movement of the sun across the heavens where the original Gospel was told. We just covered that in Romans on Wednesday night. This is a paid commercial. I'm sorry you missed that, but you ought to get it. Ok. Because its there. When the angel of heaven flying across midheaven with an eternal gospel to preach, he's following the same line in the heavens that have been followed since the very beginning. God did not put the stars, and the moon, and the sun in place in order to give us light and heat. He put them there to tell a story. They are there – Genesis 1 says – for signs and the seasons. And the signs are the signs of the Gospel of the Son of Man. And the whole Gospel is revealed there just like ... [interruption] ... just like Romans says. Night after night their voices are heard. [Interruption].... Night after night their voices are heard. And day after day, it says, their message goes out. That's repeated from the Old Testament prophets, and its repeated by Paul in Romans. Ok. So you need to understand, that there are some eternal truths that were revealed in the very beginning – the Book of Genesis is a marvelous place to study; and we did, we started there like four years ago. And here we are now in the end. And we're seeing the same story worked out. Its His story. Its not about us. Its about Him. And here it is unfolding. So a second angel – are you all following this, because I'm skipping through pretty fast. Ok. Alright. Stick with it.

8. Another angel, a second one, follows, saying, "Fallen, fallen is Babylon the great [and that's the same Babylon that we saw in Genesis established by Nimrod], she who has made all the nations drink of the wine of the passion of her immorality."

And Nimrod's immorality was he became a great hunter of men. The genitive in Genesis said, "before God." But the meaning of that "before God" is in the face of God; in the same sense that we use "in you face" today. Nimrod became a hunter of men. That was the only thing after the Flood that man was prevented from hunting and killing; for his own purposes, was other men. He could kill and hunt anything that lived and breathed and moved on earth for food. If he wanted to eat lizards, he could. If he wanted to eat scorpions, he could. If he wanted to eat snakes, he could. He could do all of that. But he could not kill another man. Nimrod became a mighty hunter, Genesis says, in defiance of God. He hunted men for sport. The enemy of God is still doing that. He hunts men for sport. That's what you see in Nimrod. A complete type of the Anti-Christ – Satan's

personal on earth, at the end time. Ok. And you saw it in Genesis and Nimrod. So,

9. The angel says, a third one, says with a loud voice, "If anyone worships the beast and his image, and receives a mark on his forehead or upon his hand,

10. he will also drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is mixed in full strength in the cup of His anger; and he will be tormented with fire and brimstone [is burning sulfur], he will be tormented with fire and burning sulfur in the presence of the holy angels and in the presence of the Lamb.

Now if people doubt the severity of God's punishment for defiance and sinfulness, they just need to read that verse. Because in verse 10, it lays it out. Their torment is to be burnt in fire and burning sulfur, and this is a parallel to Matthew 25: 42 through 46. We won't go there now.

11. "And the smoke of their torment goes up ...

How long? Forever! Forever. It does not stop. That blocks the annihilationist. There are people who say the punishment for disbelieving God is annihilation. Its not, unfortunately. Its torment. Fire and sulfur – forever. It doesn't stop. The consequences are dire, because what you believe is everything. Ok.

Lady. There's no mercy. No mercy.

Conrad Bowman. No mercy. No ma'am. Mercy is now. Mercy is now and it's for us, literally. Mercy is not there – forever – because men have cut themselves off from God.

Lady. Their choice.

Conrad Bowman. You know. It's a choice thing. Now,

11. "The smoke of their torment goes up forever and ever. They have no rest, day or night, those who worship the beast and his image, and whoever receives the mark of his name.

Now I want you to notice that in chapter 14 we have moved from Genesis to Revelation. Just in 12 – 11 verses. Now this is very important, because this

happens over and over again in the Book of Revelation. You open a chapter, and what you'll see is a panorama of man's history. And it will move very quickly through it. And then you'll go to another chapter and it will do the same thing again. So you keep seeing the same events occur over and over again. Sometimes they have a different label on them. One time they're labeled the vials of God's judgment. Golden vials or bowls. Another time they're labeled spirits for God's judgment. Another time they come in another form. But what you see in Revelation over and over again are the same events viewed from a slightly different perspective. This book is not arranged in chronological order. It's ranged in panoramic order. You get a panorama, and then it stops. And another chapter starts and you get another panorama. And this one may be long, and this one may be short. But what you see are the same events viewed over and over again but from a slightly different perspective, and with a different label; because the lesson is different. And I want you to understand that. Because if you read Revelation believing that it's a chronological order of unfolding, then you're missing the point of the whole revealing, of the whole revelation of things. Ok. Because it goes, over and over again, but it restarts the clock each time. Now, let's continue with chapter 14:12.

12. Here is the perseverance of the saints who keep the commandments of God and their faith in Jesus.

Now that verse can give you a lot of trouble. The perseverance of the saints does not – remember – does not mean – doesn't refer at all to what we're doing. It doesn't have anything to say about our perseverance and salvation. It's talking about the perseverance of the saints in the Tribulation Period. "They keep the commandments of God and their faith in Jesus." Ok. Now the 144,000 understand that. They understand the commandments of God because that's what Moses taught. And they understand the faith in Jesus because they have been sealed in their understanding of who and what Jesus was. Ok. Clear on that one? Ok.

13. I heard a voice from heaven, saying, "Write [write this down - *grapho*], 'Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on!'"

Which means, those who die are dying in a relationship to Christ.

13. ... "Yes," says the Spirit, "that they may rest from their labors, for their deeds follow with them."

So they don't have any more jobs to do. If they're dead, they're gone; and their deeds then follow along with them and are – no longer have any effect on them.

14. I looked, and behold, a white cloud, and sitting on the cloud was one like a son of man,

Understand in the Greek text there is no indefinite article. So the "a" is not there. Anytime you see an "a" that's not there, its implied because of the lack of a definite article. They stick an "a" in there. So, what it says is,

14.... a white cloud, and sitting on the cloud was one like son of man, having golden crown on His head [*stephanos* - crown on his head] and a sharp sickle in his hand.

This is Christ.

15. Another angel came out of the temple crying out with a loud voice to Him who sat on the cloud, "Put in your sickle and reap,

Now its obvious that he's coming out of the temple and he's stepping on to a cloud or sitting on the cloud – this is the Temple in heaven. Its not on earth. It's a visible temple suspended over the earth that they can see. Its in the layer with the clouds. Christ comes out of that heavenly temple and He steps onto that cloud.

15. Another angel came out of the temple crying out with a loud voice to Him who sat on the cloud, "Put in your sickle and reap,

And this third angel that comes out – and this is an imperative command. He turns to Christ and he issues to Him an imperative instruction, which would be, "I told you." "Put in your sickle and reap." And it's a sharp command.

15.... because the hour to reap has come, because the harvest of the earth is ripe."

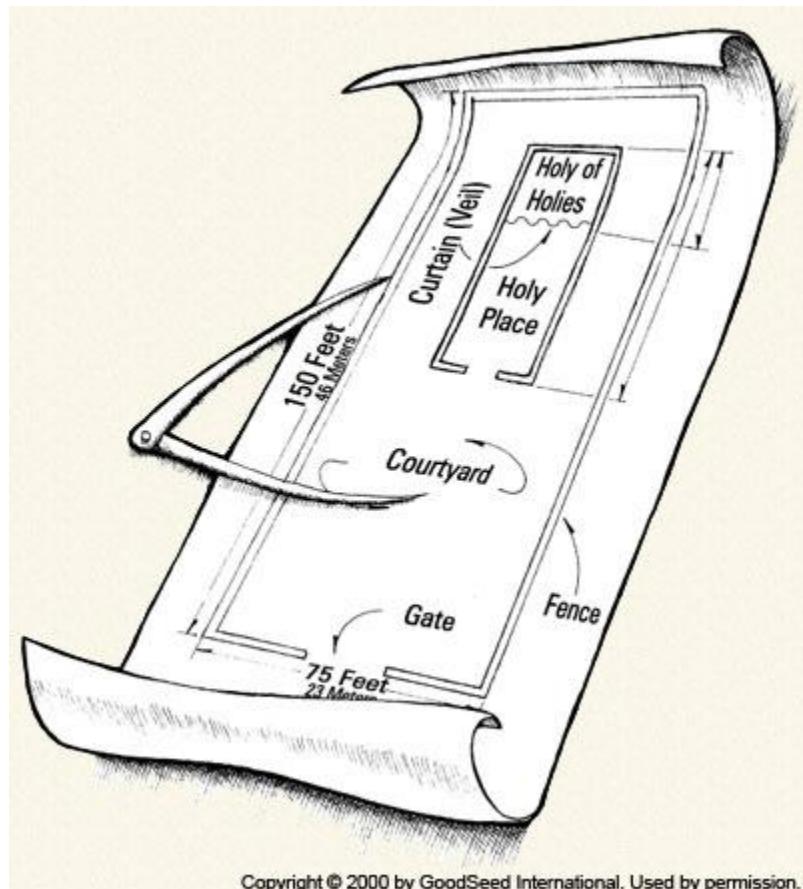
16. And He who sat on the clouds swung His sickle over the earth, and the earth is reaped.

17. Another angel yet comes out of the temple which is in heaven, who also had a sharp sickle.

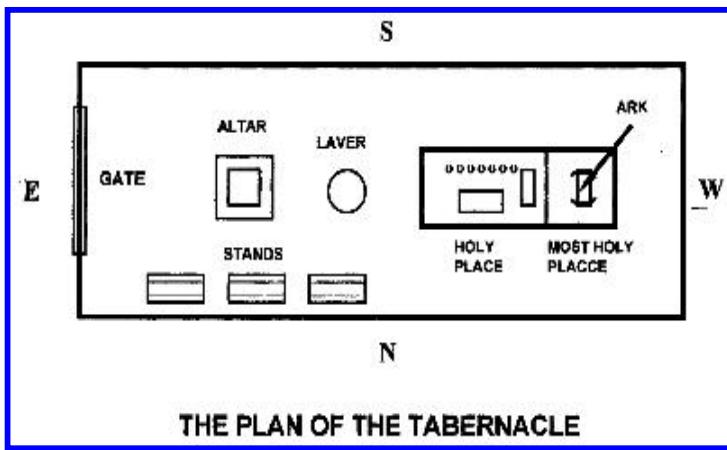
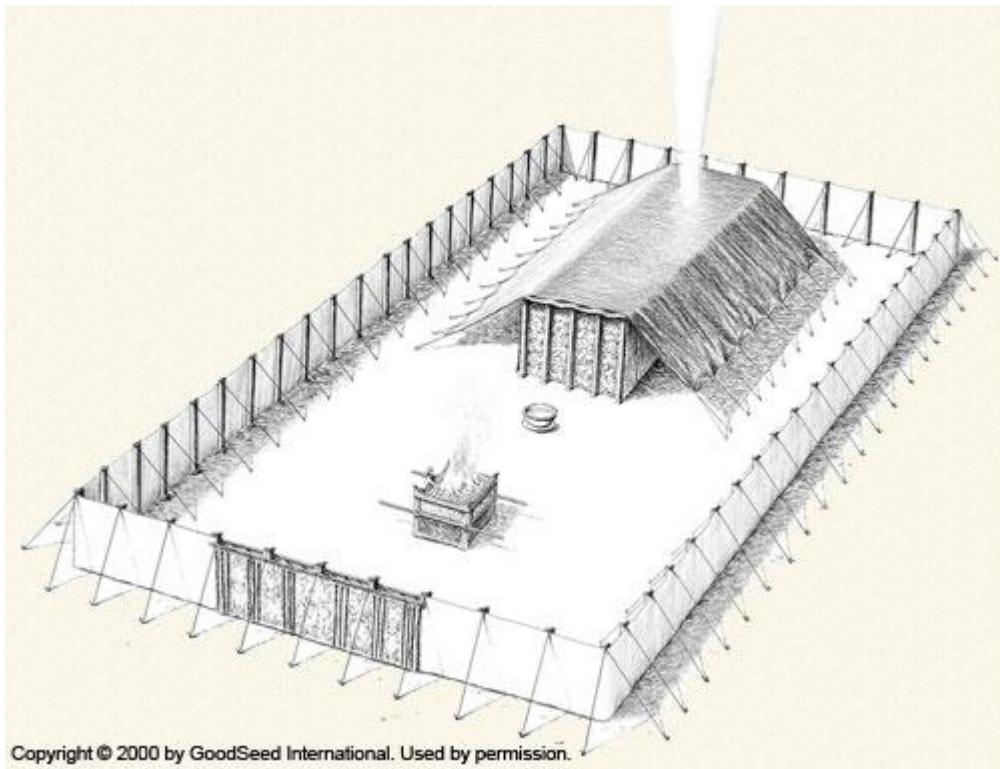
18. And another angel, the one who has power over fire, came out from behind the altar;

And this would be the Altar of Incense. And you remember what the Altar of Incense was,

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It was the Altar – Here's the Temple in heaven. Here's the Great Veil. Here's the Ark of the Covenant. And on top of the Ark of the Covenant is an angel, and an angel, and a raised place called the Mercy Seat. The blood of the sacrifice, which came from the Brazen Altar, is taken by the priest – here's the Golden Laver. And the priest takes it inside; takes it behind the veil; and sprinkles the blood right here. And he does this on the Day of Atonement when sins are forgiven. And the three objects in the Ark, which are: The Tablets of Law; Aaron's rod that budded; and the golden bowl of manna – representing three of Israel's greatest sins; there're judged by justice and righteousness, but they don't see the sins; they see the blood of the sacrifice sprinkled on the Mercy Seat by the high priest. That

high priest is a type of Christ – our high Priest – and he is sprinkling the blood of Christ's own sacrifice on the place where God the Father judges sins according to His standard of justice and righteousness, which are pure and absolute; but they don't see our sins. They see the blood of the sacrifice. Ok. So sin is assuaged. Now, when it was an animal sacrifice in the Old Testament, sin was covered – which is the meaning of atonement – to cover. Sin was covered for a year until the next Yom Kippur. In heaven, its an absolute sacrifice made on absolute sins, and sin is done away with. You remember John's words when he was in the pool. In the brook, and he's baptizing Christ. He's getting ready to, and he points to Christ approaching and he says, "behold the Lamb of God" which is – what? "Taking away the sin of the world." Israel had never heard that before. So the sin is not being covered, he says, by Christ. This Lamb of God is taking away the sin of the world; and that's exactly what Christ did. When He went to the cross, He took all sin, right here; even the nature of sin, He took it away as a force in our life. That's what this represented. That's what they're seeing. The Israelites saw this all the way from Numbers when God gave them the Law. And now the Law has been completely satisfied, and, what they're seeing is Christ, the perfect sacrifice, being put on the altar perfectly for us. That angel who has power over fire comes from the Altar of Incense which is right here; and this is where the prayers of the saints, fired by ashes from the Brazen Altar, rise to God as a sweet savor. So this becomes representative of the entire prayer life of all the redeemed of all time; and he is the angel in heaven who is responsible for that. He comes out ...

18.... And calls with a loud voice to him who had the sharp sickle, saying, "Put in your sharp sickle and gather the clusters from the vine ...

That's not clusters of grapes. That's the clusters of branches that are drying up. Gather those dried branches up from the vine and bring them in to burn; because the time has come –

18.... the grapes have ripened.

So what they're doing is dismantling the vine. Now understand, that vine represents salvation; whether its salvation of the Jew under Law to a life and destiny on earth, or whether its salvation of the Church under grace with an eternal destiny in heaven, is beside the point. The time for reaping, and the time of opportunity to grasp salvation has come to an end; and that's what you're

seeing with the sickles and the reaping. They're gathering the vine in and burning the vine. There is no more allying of gospel among men on earth.

19. And the angel swung his sickle to the earth and gathered the clusters of branches from the vine of the earth, and threw them into the great wine press of the wrath of God.

20. And the wine press was trodden outside the city, and blood came out from the wine press, up to the horses' bridles, for a distance of two hundred miles.

Or one hundred and eighty miles is a little more exact, but two hundred miles is a good approximation. And so you see verse 20 end. This thing started with the sound of God and thunder and a new beginning, and it ends with the complete massive and thorough defeat of the army of the Anti-Christ in the Valley of Megiddo; and the blood runs as high as a horse's bridle for two hundred miles through that pass into – passage way – into the Holy Land and into Jerusalem.

1. 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.

So it starts over with another narrative; and this is in chapter 15.

2. And I saw as it were a sea of glass mingled [or mixed] with fire

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We talked a little bit last week.

2.... and those who had come off victorious from the beast and from his image and from the number of his name, standing on a sea of glass, holding harps of God.

An this is martyrs that come from the Tribulation Period. Ok. Those who have been slain during that period.

3. And they sang the song of Moses, the bond-servant of God [doulos. 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 [this is a song of Moses]  
King of the nations!

4. "Who will not fear, O Lord, and glorify Your name?  
For You alone are holy;  
And ALL THE NATIONS WILL COME AND WORSHIP  
BEFORE YOU ...

And the word "nations" again is heavily leans towards Gentile nations

FOR YOUR RIGHTEOUS ACTS HAVE BEEN REVEALED."

5. After these things I looked, and the temple of the tabernacle of testimony in heaven was opened up,

So the Tabernacle which sits inside the Temple was opened up. Now this is the original Tabernacle. It would be the one that was of the tent of the meaning that was constructed early on before the Temple was ever built.

6. and the seven angels who had the seven plagues came out of the temple, and they're clothed in linen ...

Which represents righteousness.

6.... clean and bright, and girded around their chests with golden girdles.

So they have breastplates – golden breastplates on.

7. And one of the four living creatures gave to the seven angels seven golden bowls [or vials] full of the wrath of God, who lives forever and ever.

8. And the temple was filled with smoke from the glory of God ...

That's the Shekinah glory.

8.... and from His power; and no one was able to enter the temple until the seven plagues of the seven angels were finished.

So chapter 15 is an announcement of what's to come. Chapter 16.

1. I heard a loud voice roll out of the temple, saying to the seven angels, "Go and pour out the seven bowls of the wrath of God into the earth."
2. The first angel went and poured out his bowl into the earth;  
Not on the earth, but into the earth. The earth is filled with it.  
2.... and it became a loathsome and malignant sore upon the men who had the mark of the beast and who worshiped his image.  
That's terrible. You know what a fever blister is? It's a herpes canker right there. It takes the end of the nerve that comes right here and it sets about inflaming that nerve end, so that anything that touches it is painful. Ok. Now you multiply that by about ten or twenty, and that's what you have in the loathsome and malignant sore that's talked about here. Its nerve-end herpes cankers breaking out across your body. John?  
John Young. About – at what point in time in the Tribulation is this happening?  
Conrad Bowman. This is the wrath of God, so now we've moved past the mid-point and we're in the second half of the Tribulation in chapter 16. Yes ma'am?  
Lady. Ok. You were talking about how ... [inaudible]. So, let me get this straight. In 14,  
Conrad Bowman. Fourteen, yes.  
Lady. Ok. We're in 14 to the end is sort of a short version ...  
Conrad Bowman. Yeah, its running on.  
Lady. [Inaudible]  
Conrad Bowman. Chapter 16 is a continuation ...  
Lady. In chapter 15, we get it again.  
Conrad Bowman. In chapter 15, you get a short version of it. Yeah.  
Lady. A little bit longer than 14 ...

Conrad Bowman. Yeah, but 16 is a continuation ...

Lady. In 16, we're getting it again?

Conrad Bowman. No. It's a continuation of 15.

Lady. So we're talking about what all those goals are.

Conrad Bowman. Yeah. So it's a continuation of 15.

Lady. Ok. So the seven last plagues and the seven bowls are the same thing.

Conrad Bowman. Yes ma'am.

Lady. Thank you.

Conrad Bowman. There're exactly the same thing.

Lady. And now we're going to get into more detail.

Conrad Bowman. I'm going to get into more detail.

Lady. [Inaudible]

Conrad Bowman. That's right. That's right. That's right. So this is a continuation of it and an expansion. Ok.

Lady. [Inaudible].

Conrad Bowman. No. You're not. Alright.

2. The first angel went and poured his bowl into the earth; and it became a loathsome and malignant sore upon the men who had the mark of the beast and who worshiped his image.

3. And the second angel pours out his bowl into the sea, and it became blood ...

It didn't say it became like blood. It said it became blood

3.... like that of a dead man;

Which means its jelled.

3.... and every living thing in the sea died.

Now this is mid-point in the Tribulation.

Lady. And the whole earth is involved.

Conrad Bowman. The whole earth is involved in this. The sea jells; and anything in it that depends on processing water through gills dies. Do I take this literally? I do. I do. I am a literalist unless led otherwise. I see no reason not to take it just like it says. So, the seas are thoroughly and totally polluted. How does this happen? Does it come from the volcanoes? Or the eruptions and the roll off of all this volcanic ash?

Lady. You mean the what?

Conrad Bowman. You remember buried in this ash is a high content of [inaudible]. And there's every probability or possibility that it means exactly what it says. That the sea becomes like blood; the blood of a dead man; and when you die, the next thing that happens is your blood begins to congeal. It clots. And there it is, in your veins. And your veins become solid with it. Ok. So, that's the, that's the second angel pouring his bowl out into the sea. It becomes like the blood of a dead man, and every living thing in the sea dies. That's all fish. That's everything that's in there.

4. Then the third angel pours out his bowl into the rivers and springs of waters;

And the same thing happens to them. So whatever the causative agent is in the seas, extends and also covers the springs of fresh water.

5. And I heard the angel of the waters saying, "Righteous are You, who are and who was, O Holy One, because You did judge these things;

6. for they poured out the blood of saints and prophets, and You have given them blood to drink.

Instead of water, is implied.

You've given them blood to drink.

6.... They got what they deserve."

They deserve it.

7. And I heard the altar saying [from behind the altar comes], "Yes, O Lord God, the Almighty, true and righteous are Your judgments."

And at that point,

8. The fourth angel pours out his bowl into the sun, and it was given to the sun to scorch men with fire.

9. And men were scorched with fierce heat; and they blasphemed the name of God ...

This is amazing to me. The fourth angel pours out his bowl and what's being predicted by a lot of people with a breakdown of the ozone layer and what-have-you, it could in fact become true. And sunlight in its rawest form could break through that protective layer in a highly elevated state. Now if you add sun spots to that, or anything else that gives short bursts of extra energy coming from the sun blasting through a thinner atmosphere around the earth, and the results are going to be devastating.

Evelyn Wamble. Is the earth moving toward the sun?

Conrad Bowman. No. No. There's nothing there. This is strictly an intensification of the sun's output by different means – it's possible.

Don Fruin. You think it's solar flares?

Conrad Bowman. Solar flares. Yeah. That's what I'm thinking of, with the sun spots and the solar flares. We get short bursts of energy now and you can track skin cancer, and the occurrence of skin cancer right to the bursts of solar flare energy. So men were scorched with fierce heat, but they blasphemed – they're cursing the name of God,

9.... who has the power over these plagues, and they did not repent so as to give Him glory.

How hard-headed are we? It's in our DNA. Can you believe it? That you give rise to children who have the same DNA in them and the same make-up as these people here in the Tribulation Period? Thank God that you're the recipient of grace. Thank God. Write it down. Ok. Because the Bride is going to be taken out of all of this. There are many who believe that the Church is going to go through this Tribulation Period. I do not. I don't see it.

12. The sixth angel pours out his bowl into the great river, the Euphrates; its water was dried up, that the way might be prepared for the kings from the east.

Because when the great battle is called for, the army of two hundred million that's going to descend on Jerusalem and come through the plains of Megiddo which Napoleon called the greatest natural battlefield in the world. That two hundred million are going to come from the east.

Betijean Kennerly. They're going to walk through – they're not going to walk through the water?

Conrad Bowman. No water there. The Euphrates was one of the great natural barriers, and it's going to be just dried up. It's not going to be there. So they'll come right down that water bed just like a highway.

13. And I saw coming out of the mouth of the dragon and out of the mouth of the beast [who's the Anti-Christ] and out of the mouth of the false prophet [who's the head of Babylonianism – worldwide religion], three unclean spirits like frogs;

You know, about five years ago, they discovered in the – did you ever see the Baldachinno of Bernini. You know what that is? Ok. In the Vatican, in the center of it – right smack in the middle, is this great bronze canopy built by Bernini; and it's called the Baldachinno of Bernini. And the lower part is just a serpentine pattern in this bronze column that's huge. And it goes up to maybe twelve feet high; and then from there, there's a straight column with vines entwined all around it. And they decided to clean those things here a few years back; and when they did, they discovered down in those vines, little bronze lizards; and little bronze tree frogs; cast in bronze; woven into the vines, the bronze vines, up high where nobody could see them. They had to get up there cleaning those things to be able to see this. The Baldachinno of Bernini. I've been fascinated by that ever since Brenda went to Cal Poly, San Luis [Obispo, California], and in her

studies she covered part of this stuff; and she brought it home. And when I saw the Baldachinno of Bernini, I was fascinated with it because up at the top of that, the capitals, at the very top, on the four corners, is a great sun burst. It's the sun burst – it's the same sun burst that was carried forward with the worship of the sun god – and we've got to go. It's time. I can't finish this story. We'll have to come back next week. Ok. I beg your pardon, but we've got to clear out the class. Let's have a word of prayer.

Father, we thank You for the time You give us. Just give us wisdom, and just guard us from – guard me, Father, from my tendency to wander; and keep me centered in the Word so that we wouldn't waste any of our time at all; and we just commit the rest of the day and the rest of the week in Your keeping. In Christ's name.

Thank you so much.