

Reflection Questions for Chapters 15-16

For the next session on March 4th, please read Chapters 15-16, pages 254-270 in *The Revelation* book. Begin with this or another prayer of your choice: "*To seek the Kingdom of heaven, when I don't know how, Lord, help me to see the heavenly glory around me, here and now. To be a faithful follower, when I feel far, far behind, Lord, please grant me the grace to listen to Your Word with an open mind. To notice people as You did, when I would rather pass them by, Lord, increase in me the generosity to put my own desires aside. To be a sign of Your love, for I have Your love to give, Lord, may I reconcile with others readily, following Your example of how to live. Amen.*" <https://www.heartofthenation.org/daily-prayers> Your reflections will be shared **March 4th** in your small group. Your group may not get to all the questions. Allow the Holy Spirit to guide you to those questions most important for your group.

In this chapter we meet the Song of the Saints (15:1-4), the Seven Last Plagues (15: 5-8), and the Seven Bowls (16:1-21).

The Song of the Saints (15:1-4)

1. (1-2) John is given a vision of the next step of the plan. God is good, kind, loving, merciful, gracious, patient, and righteous, but He is not lenient with sin. (See also Romans 1:18, Eph 6:13, Romans 8:37, 1 Cor. 15:57, and John 4:23-24) How would you explain to someone that salvation is available to anyone? You must do only one thing, accept His Son. (John 3:36)

2. (3-4) John said he saw what appeared to be a sea of glass mingled with fire. Having never seen anything like this before, it was hard to describe. Glass is motionless, but the sea moves; fire and water don't mix well. One day we will find out the meaning of this. Read 1 Cor. 13:12. How can this message affect your prayer and study?

The Seven Last Plagues (15:5-8)

3. (8) "Then the temple became so filled with the smoke from God's glory and might..." Why does the smoke fill the sanctuary and how do you think this relates to God's glory and power? How does this passage help you to understand God's character?

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The Seven Bowls (16:1-21)

4. (2) The first bowl is like the plague in Egypt that only afflicted the Egyptians. Sin always comes with consequences. *How does James 1:14-15 help one to open their eyes to see clearly and choose the right path?*

5. (3) We see a pattern emerging in the second bowl judgment. *What does this escalation of intensity show us about God's character? See also 2 Cor. 6:2.*

6. (8) "...but they did not repent or give him glory." *What were your thoughts when you read this? See also Romans 1:21-25.*

7. (13) "Blessed is the one who watches and keeps his clothes ready..." We should know ourselves well—our weaknesses and areas of temptation. We must put on the armor of God. Part of being alert is having a plan. *What are some practical ways we can be alert?*

8. (p. 268) The seventh bowl unleashes the final judgment, including a violent earthquake like has never been seen before. *Have you ever experienced an earthquake? Why is an earthquake so terrifying? On a spiritual level, what might it symbolize?*

What else stood out for you in these chapters?

For your personal prayer:

God gives us chances to be faithful in little things. Thank God for those times of suffering and burdens. Stand up for what is right without wavering. Remember, that God is the one on the throne and not any earthly figure. Contemplate this during prayer.