TRUE AND JUST ARE YOUR JUDGMENTS

Revelation 15:1–16:21

Key Verse: 16:7

1. How are chapters 15 and 16 introduced? (15:1) Why is this sign “great and marvelous”? (see also verse 3) Why are these plagues called “last”? (1b) What did John see? (2) Where was this “sea of glass”? (4:6) Who are those “victorious” over the beast? (see also 14:1–5; cf. 12:11) Why did God give them harps?
2. What is “the song of God’s servant Moses”? (3a; Ex15:1–18) and “of the Lamb”? (3a; 5:9,10; 14:3) Read verses 3b,4; compare with 16:5–7; 19:2; see also Ps112:2,3; Dt32:4; Jer10:7; Ps86:9; 98:2. Note the ways this song describes God. Why is it important to know these things about him?
3. What else did John see? (5) Note how the angels are described (6); what does it mean? How are the bowls described, and who gave them to the angels? (7) Afterwards, what happened in the temple, and what does it mean that no one could enter? (8)
4. What did a loud voice tell the angels? (16:1) What happened through the first bowl, and why? (2) The second and third, and with what effect? (3,4) Read verses 5–7. How did this plague fit the crime of these people? (6:10,11; 17:6; 18:24; 19:2; cf. Ge9:5,6; 18:25) Why is it important for us to see God’s acts of wrath and judgment as “true and just”?
5. What happened through the fourth bowl? (8,9) The fifth bowl? (10,11) The sixth? (12) What else did John see? (13,14) What did the demonic spirits do? (16) What happened through the seventh bowl? (17–21) Note people’s responses here (16:9,11,21b; cf. 13:5,6); what do you think we should learn from this?
6. Read verse 15; cf. 3:3; Mt24:42. What does it mean to stay awake and clothed? (3:4,18; 19:8)