



The Bible Speaks

SEVEN TERRIBLE PLAGUES

Several years ago a man travelling down a highway was startled to see several red lights on the highway in front of him. He immediately recognized that this was a signal of danger. The brakes on his car brought him to a stop just short of a yawning abyss where the highway had dropped out of sight into the canyon below.

At first he had been disturbed by the delay caused by the red lanterns, but when he saw what would have happened to him if they had not been placed there, he was thankful that someone thought enough of others to warn them of the great danger.

God has set seven warning lanterns along the highway of life to warn the careless of the danger that lies ahead. These seven red lanterns are the Seven Last Plagues that are described in the book of Revelation. God has not given these to frighten people into being Christians. He has only put them there to warn us of the ultimate end of the sinner.

In every instance where it has been necessary for God to allow judgment to be visited upon a particular city or people, He has always warned them beforehand of what will happen if they fail to repent and accept the salvation that He has provided. In the days prior to the flood he sent Noah, who preached for 120 years, warning of impending doom. When God was about to allow the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah He sent two angels to Abraham and then to Lot to warn them of the coming devastation. Moses told Pharaoh what would happen before the plagues fell upon the Egyptians.

Again the last days through the Bible He has warned every man of the future. It is not God's fault that we are so busy that we do not take time to notice the warnings which He gives. He will neither force us to heed the warnings, nor will He force us to accept the salvation that He has provided. Only if we love Him will we find it a privilege and pleasure to serve and obey Him.

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1. What punishment will be poured out upon the wicked at the end of time?
Revelation 15:1,7, 8

The Bible Answer: _____

2. Upon whom will these plagues fall? **Psalm 75:8**

The Bible Answer: _____

Note: The special group among these - **Revelation 16:1, 2**

3. How does the prophet Daniel describe this period of time? **Daniel 12:1**

The Bible Answer: _____

4. What proclamation is made by God at the beginning of this period of the plagues? **Revelation 22:11**

The Bible Answer: _____

Note: No man can approach God during this time. **Revelation 15:8**

5. What takes place when the first plague falls? **Revelation 16:1, 2**

The Bible Answer: _____

6. What happens to the sea when the second vial is poured out?
Revelation 16:3

The Bible Answer: _____

7. What takes place when the third angel is commanded to pour out his vial?
Revelation 16:4-6

The Bible Answer: _____

8. What happens when the fourth angel does his duty? **Revelation 16:8, 9**

The Bible Answer: _____

9. Describe the fifth plague and how those who suffer these plagues react. **Revelation 16:10,11**

The Bible Answer: _____

10. To what place are the nations gathered after the sixth angel pours out his vial? **Revelation 16:12-16**

The Bible Answer: _____ (V.16)

11. What happens when the final plague is released? **Revelation 16:17-21**

The Bible Answer: _____

12. What invitation does God give to His people during this time of trouble? **Isaiah 26:20, 21**

The Bible Answer: _____

13. What promise did God make concerning His complete protection from these plagues? **Psalms 91:4-12**

The Bible Answer: "There shall no _____
neither shall _____."

14. What people will be delivered at this time? **Daniel 12:1**

The Bible Answer: _____

15. How does the Bible indicate that God does not relish the punishment of the wicked? **Ezekiel 33:11**

The Bible Answer: _____

16. What invitation does God give to those who desire to be saved from sin and destruction? **Isaiah 55:6,7**

The Bible Answer: _____

Just before God delivered the Israelites from the land of Egypt, He sent Moses to warn Pharaoh of the consequences if the Egyptians refused to let God's people go. Pharaoh hardened his heart against God's warning. Ten plagues were then poured out upon the land of Egypt.

The first three of these plagues fell on the people of God and the Egyptians alike, but the last seven, which in many ways parallel the Seven Last Plagues, fell only upon the Egyptians. God's people were protected from these tragedies. Just so God's people will be protected when the last plagues are poured out.

The final plague of Egypt was the death of all of the first-born in the land. God's people took the blood of a lamb and sprinkled it on the doorposts of their houses. When the blood of the lamb was seen by the destroying angel on that fateful night, he passed over the houses marked by the blood. Death and destruction came to the homes of those who did not use the blood of the lamb to mark themselves as being those who trusted in God for deliverance.

Just so today, there is only one means of safety and deliverance and that is through the Lamb of God. His blood will cleanse all from their past sins and protect them from coming destruction as the Israelites were protected.

It was on that last night when the final plague fell that God's people were delivered and they started their journey to the promised land. So God's people at the last plague will be delivered from this land of bondage and sin and will start their journey to the promised city. Let us all be ready to make that trip by allowing the blood of the Lamb to cleanse us completely.

(If you wish to respond to these questions, place a cross in the boxes.)

I desire to be washed completely by that blood.

I desire to be sheltered under the wing of the Almighty when the plagues fall.

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