

How The Bible Was Put Together and Why It Is (Still) Our Book

[Week 30]

(Revelation)

- Opening Scripture:
 - **Revelation 15 & 16 – The Bowl Judgments**
 - **Victory over the beast celebrated, doxological song, restored (heavenly Temple), individual judgments/plagues/bowls, & Armageddon**

- ONGOING FOCUS: **Symbolism in Prophetic & Apocalyptic Literature**
- ✓ This week: Meaning & purpose(s) of each bowl.
 - **Chapter 15**
 - Celebration over defeat of the beast
 - Imagery of the glass sea
 - History repeats itself (remembering Egypt) & Moses' song
 - **The Restored, Perfect, Heavenly Temple**
 - Tabernacle of The Testimony
 - **Appearance of the 7 Angels**
 - Temple filled with GOD's Power & Presence
 - **Chapter 16**
 - 1st Bowl – Sores (for whom?)
 - 2nd Bowl – Sea turned to blood (why?)
 - 3rd Bowl – Rivers and springs turned to blood (progression of punishment)
 - 4th Bowl – Sun's power magnified (symbolism and purpose)
 - 5th Bowl – Darkness over beast's kingdom & continued pain from previous judgments
 - 6th Bowl – Euphrates dried up (significance)
 - Kings of The East"
 - Armageddon (foreshadowing of final days/final "showdown")
 - 3 frogs (evil spirits)
 - Power to perform miracles & rally/deceive kings
 - Voice of The Lamb provides warning (reminiscent of Passover)
 - Physical location of battle (symbolism & history)
 - 7th (final) Bowl – Thunder & lightning, earthquake, giant hail
 - Babylon divided into 3
 - Islands and mountains scattered
 - Hail crushes people & they curse GOD

- **CONTINUING KEY WORDS:** *Hermeneutic; Semiotics; Transmission; Transliteration (vs. translation &/or paraphrase); Psuedopigrapha; Inspiration; Divine Superintendence; Textual Reliability; Exogesis/Isogesis; Anthropomorphism, Polytheism/Henotheism & Monotheism; Eschaton &/or Parousia; Millennialism/PRE-Millennialism/POST-Millennialism/ A-Millennialism; Dispensationalism; Covenant Theology; Type, Archetype & Metatype. Antagonist & Protagonist*

NEXT SESSION : Revelation 17 & 18 – Babylon's destruction in detail.