

Bereans Bible Institute

Module XI – Revelation

Lesson 38 – Revelation 15:5 – 16:20

I. Rev. 15:5-8 The “Sanctuary” in the sky

A. Different Greek terms translated “Temple”

1. τὸ ἱερόν (hieron – neuter) refers to the structure(s) including entire complex (Matt. 24:1).
2. ὁ ναός (naos – masculine) the inner sanctuary behind the veil where God’s presence dwelled, only visited on Yom Kippur (Matt. 27:51).

B. God showed Moses the pattern for the Tabernacle (Ex. 25:8-9; Ex. 26:30; Heb. 8:1-5; Heb. 9:2-3,11-12).

C. ὁ ναός “Sanctuaries” (inner Temple) in end-time drama

1. The “Sanctuary” in heaven (always ὁ ναός) – God’s Throne behind the veil (sky) – described in Rev. 4-5, court scene in Dan. 7.
2. The “Sanctuary” in Jerusalem during the testimony of the 1260-day Testimony of 2 Witnesses (Rev. 11:1-3) & 144,000 worship outside. Ark represents God’s presence under the Mosaic Covenant.
3. Antichrist defiles τὸν ναὸν τοῦ θεοῦ (“the Sanctuary of God”) (2 Thess. 2:4); Ark of the Covenant removed to heavenly Sanctuary (Rev. 11:19).
4. Kingdom “Sanctuary” in Jerusalem, full access to overcomers (Rev. 3:12);
 1. Ark of the Covenant remains in heaven, Throne takes its place as the new “Sanctuary” without a veil of separation (Jer. 3:16-17; Ezek. 43:4-7; Rev. 21:22). No “Ark of the Covenant” means the Law of Moses is concluded.

D. “Sanctuary” in the sky opened in Revelation:

1. Rev. 11:19 @ 7th Trumpet, ark of the covenant in heaven
2. Rev. 14:15,17 @ Harvest of the wicked
3. Rev. 15:5-8; 16:1 @ 7 Bowls

II. Rev. 16:1-21 Compounding 7 judgments

A. 1st Bowl (vss. 1-2) ulcers upon worshippers of the beast

B. 2nd Bowl (vs. 3) sea turned to blood

C. 3rd Bowl (vs. 4-7) rivers & springs turned to blood

D. 4th Bowl (vs. 8-9) sun scorches men – do not repent

E. 5th Bowl (vss. 10-11) darkness, (note still suffering from 1st bowl), no repentance

F. 6th Bowl (vss. 12-16) Great deception (unclean spirits) gathering nations:

1. God gathers the nations (Joel 3:2,10; 2 Thess. 2:7-12; Rev. 19:19)
2. Warning to the assemblies when nations are gathering (v. 15)

G. 7th Bowl (vss. 17-19) Jerusalem divided into three parts (Zech. 13:1-9); massive earthquakes world-wide; meteorites (hail) strike mankind. God reminded to not only judge Jerusalem, but also the current persecutor of God’s people – Rome.