

SEVEN REASONS

Why the Seven Last Plagues Are Literal and Future

1. The Seven Last Plagues, also called the Wrath of God are for the purpose of bringing all heathen nations on earth to realize that God is God, and that HE is ruling this world. The plagues of Egypt were for the same purpose. See Exodus 7:5. As a consequence of these judgments, Israel was let go. The Lord tells us in Rev. 15:4 that "All nations will come to worship Him when his judgments are made manifest." The Lord here is plainly speaking of the plagues. If they were figurative then the nations would not even know when they came or what they were, for the wicked will not understand the Bible prophecy.

2. When the seven angels come forth to pour out the plagues of God's wrath on the earth the heavenly temple is filled with smoke so that NO MAN can enter until the plagues are poured out. Rev. 15:8. Jesus is now our mediator, between us and God, and He is in the most holy place of the heavenly temple. Just as was the high priest under the old dispensation. He went into the Most Holy place, and interceded for the people. If He could not have done this because of the earthly temple being filled with smoke, then the people during that time could no have had their sins forgiven. If the plagues are in the past, then the door of mercy has closed. Jesus is no longer our mediator, because when the angels come forth to pour out these plagues, we are told that no man can enter the temple till the plagues are past. Therefore if this is true we ministers better stop preaching and the people had as well stop paying tithes to preach the Gospel of Salvation. No man can enter the temple while the plagues are in the process of being poured out. This is what God tells us. Now, dear reader, shall we listen to, and believe God, or man?

3. These plagues are the LAST PLAGUES. Hence none can come later or follow them, because they are the last plagues. We all know there have been numerous plagues such as the Spanish Influenza, the Bubonic Plague, the Black Death, etc., that have come in recent years taking the lives of millions. If some of these seven plagues are

past, then they were not the last plagues, and the Lord was mistaken, and gave us the wrong information.

4. In Rev. 15:1 we are told that "All nations shall come and worship before thee: for thy judgments are made manifest." These judgments referred to are the seven last plagues, and because of their reality and severe punishment upon the nations they will know and recognize God. The word "Manifest" means to be made known, clear and plain. See Webster's definition of the word. There will be no figurative symbolism about them. The nations know they are here, and manifest, and they consequently come to worship God. If they were not literal, and now in the past, then they failed of their purpose, because the world is still ignorant of their presence.

5. Three of these same plagues fell upon the Egyptians and all of the Egyptians knew about it. One of them was boils breaking forth. Exodus 9:8 to 10. Note that the first one of the seven last plagues is a noisome and greivous sore. Rev. 16:2. The first plague falling upon Egypt was the waters turning to blood and the fish all dying. Ex. 7:17-21. This really occurred, and the people knew it. It was not figurative, so none of the wicked knew anything particular was wrong. Note Rev. 16:3-5, that the same thing occurs again, but it will be upon the whole world this time. It was literal in Egypt and it brought the Egyptians to time. It will be literal the next time because the nations know and realize it, and come forth to worship God. Rev. 15:1-4.

6. The angel Gabriel told Daniel to close up and seal the prophecies of that book till the time of the end, and then knowledge would be increased, and the wise would understand. Remember, dear reader, that the Third Angel's Message is a warning to the world against worshipping the beast, etc. Hence, this last message could not have been intelligently received or accomplished anything before the book of Daniel was unsealed, because Daniel is the one that introduced the beasts into prophecy, and told us what they meant. See Dan. 7:16-23. This book concerning the beasts was not to be unsealed until "The time of the end", hence the third angel's message which warns the world against worshipping the beast, and the consequences of doing so would be the seven last plagues, could not have gone forth until the book of Daniel was unlocked, and this did not occur until the time of the end. Therefore they cannot be in the past. The time of the end was marked by the increase of knowledge and many running to and fro. Dan 12:4. Note verses 4, 9 and 11.

The Lord has never brought His judgments upon any

city, or even upon the world without first having warned the people of its approach and of the way of escape. He warned the world before the flood; He warned Sodom and Gomorrah; He warned Tyre and Sidon; He warned Nineveh and Babylon, and He is going to warn this present world of His pending judgments, which are in particular the Seven Last Plagues, known as THE WRATH OF GOD, which He says will go to every nation on earth. Note Rev. 14:9.

7. It is generally understood by all prophetic students that the second angel's message, Rev. 14:8 and 18:2, 3 was the message of protestantism against the woman branded "Babylon The Great", Rev. 17:5. This message concerning the corruption of this false system has now gone forth to every nation under heaven. It commenced about five hundred years ago at the time of Martin Luther. It reached down to the "Time of the End", when Gabriel declared knowledge would be increased and many would run to and fro. This was about one hundred and fifty years ago and near the time when this power was dethroned, the year 1798. This was the beginning of the period of inventions, beginning with the steamboat, 1807, the steam printing press, 1811, the locomotive, 1819, etc. This is when the book of Daniel was unlocked and unsealed. It was the steam printing press which gradually brought forth the light to the world of the past events of history, enabling people to rightly identify and locate the beasts of Daniel 7th chapter.

Before this time the Third Angel's Message could not have gone forth intelligently because the book of Daniel was yet unsealed. Now we are in the days of the Three Fold Message, when all three of these particular, and outstanding messages of the gospel age are being given.

For the last one hundred years, and a little over, the message concerning the beast worship, that is observing the doctrines, such as Sunday keeping, sprinkling for baptism, etc., have been going forth to the world. This is the first division of the last message, while its completion will also include the image of this beast, etc., after the deadly wound is healed, which we are witnessing today. The beast is sure to come back, because he takes a prominent part in Armageddon, which is the last great battle. Rev. 16:13.

It is claimed by some that the image of the beast was papal Rome arising around 538 A. D. If this be true, then the Third Angel's Message warning the world about the approach of this image, is past and went forth nearly fifteen hundred years ago. This is wrong for three major reasons:

first, the coming of Jesus is an event immediately following the Third Angel's Message, Rev. 14:9 to 14; second, those who worship the image are to be punished in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb, when Jesus comes, and all of those people are dead long ago, and will not be resurrected until the end of the thousand years. See Rev. 14:9-11; and third, the contents of the Third Angel's Message were entirely out of order fifteen hundred years ago, because the book of Daniel was sealed up until the time of the end, and any message like this one, about the beast, would not be understood until the time of the end when knowledge was increased, and the world understood what a beast meant in Bible prophecy. This symbol of a beast with its meaning is contained in Daniel 7th chapter.

Furthermore if the first plague of the noisome and grievous sore was poured out about 1750 to 1798 when the punishment against the papacy began, then there was an interval of over one thousand years after the warning went to the world of their approach, before they came. The actual people who were warned of the approach of the image of the beast back in 533, were all dead, and none of them were punished by the first plague, or any of the others. This position, dear reader, will not stand up when put to the actual test of passing events.

The foregoing is submitted only in love for the truth, and not for the sake of argument. The "Church of God" must have the truth. It is the pillar and the ground of truth, and any church without a message is a dead church. This message is our message. It is for the Church of God to take to the world in these last days, and time is very short to do the work, to which God has definitely called us. To warn the world now of God's appointed judgments, is a noble work. It is a grand and glorious privilege.

Yes, dear reader, there is a definite work for God's church to do today. It is a far reaching and a most definite task, and we must not shirk our duty in this time of crisis. Let us put our lives into this message, whether it be money, lands, time or talent. Every follower of Jesus Christ who has heard the call, and has come out of Babylon, has a part to do in this work, and may God's Holy Spirit so enthuse and enliven every one that he will find joy in sacrifice, and "deny himself", taking up his cross and walking with Jesus all the way.

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