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Brothers and sisters, welcome back to another episode of the Study of Revelations in Gamma. This is Study 14. Today, we're going to be looking at two chapters. Actually, from today and the next week we'll be doing two chapters and two chapters in a row, which means 15-16 this week, 17-18 next week. So please make sure you read so that you're up to speed.

So let's start with a word of prayer. Lord, we ask that you be with us this evening. Help us illuminate our minds and souls to receive your word and that your word take hold of our hearts and transform the way we live and we think. We ask for Jesus' sake. Amen.

Now, today we'll be dealing with the seven bowls of judgment, bowls of judgment of God's wrath that will be poured. And the structure is basically the first verse talking about the seven bowls. There are seven plagues and then there is an intermission where there is a discussion on the song of victory of Moses and after that, the discussion on the seven bowls continue. All right. So let's look at the first verse. Now before that, the seven bowls are actually model after Exodus.

Why is it modeled after Exodus?

It uses the kind of judgment language that is actually taken from Exodus, so that we could better understand that we can interpret these bowls in the light of Exodus. Exodus, bowls, these are judgments that are directed against unbelievers and these are mainly directed against unbelievers. Now let's look at verse one.

1 Then I saw another sign in heaven, great and amazing, seven angels with seven plagues, which are the last, for with them the wrath of God is finished.

What does it mean that these plagues, these bowls are the last? Well, they could be the last, because the last in the sequence of the vision. It could be the last, because they're the last events of history or in a sense how the seals and trumpets have now reached their final goal, which is the bowls or it could mean that it is finished. The full measure of God's wrath is expended. So, I believe the first and last are more likely the meaning of last, which means it is last in the sequence of vision and the last when the full measure of God's wrath is actually poured out.

2 And I saw what appeared to be a sea of glass mingled with fire—and also those who had conquered the beast and its image and the number of its name, standing beside the sea of glass with harps of God in their hands. 3 And they sing the song of Moses, the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb,

Now, here you actually have the saints, all who have conquered the beast. You conquer the beast by the blood of lamb. And they are standing on a sea of glass mixed with fire. The sea is basically representing multitudes of people and they are calmed and it has fire. It's a place where the lamb has judged the beast as it were. So all of them are standing and basically they have refused to compromise in the midst of persecution. They have battled the beast and an unbelieving masses, they are victorious and they are standing and then a singing the song.

The same picture is painted in Exodus where Israel praise God right by the sea with a song of Moses

when the waters of the red sea parted and there was saved through it and Egyptian soldiers went through it and water's collapsed again and destroyed their enemies. And they were actually saved in a miraculous banner and they sang this song of Moses, and now they've got this new song of Moses because this is the second Exodus. All right. Let's look at the song.

“Great and amazing are your deeds,
O Lord God the Almighty!
Just and true are your ways,
O King of the nations
4 Who will not fear, O Lord,
and glorify your name?
For you alone are holy.
All nations will come
and worship you,
for your righteous acts have been revealed.”

This song is very important because it tells us how of what worship is like. Worship is basically revelation and response. In any song, in any worship that we have three features come out.

- Who God is.
- What he has done
- and our response.

And if you examined his song, who he is, Oh Lord God, the Almighty, O King of the nations, O Lord you alone are Holy. So here when we sing, we always sing and praise God for who he is and what he has done. Great and amazing are your deeds, Just and true are your ways. And all the nations will come and worship you for your righteous acts have been revealed. So it's who he is, what he has done and our response. Who will not fear, O Lord glorify your name. All nations will come and worship you. So this is our response. So this should guide us whenever we worship in church or at home and even if there is reference to us, we always talk about how we are alive in Christ. We have the mind of Christ. We have the peace of God. We are the righteous of God in Christ. We can all do all things through Christ. Even that is reference for us, it is how we have been touched by God.

So worship transforms our worldview. When we actually worship God through song, we actually looking at our world through the lens of worship of who God is. We look at a situation whether it is good or bad, difficult or easy through the lens of what God's purposes are. So that actually transforms our worldview.

Now let's look at verse five.

5 After this I looked, and the sanctuary of the tent of witness in heaven was opened, 6 and out of the sanctuary came the seven angels with the seven plagues, clothed in pure, bright linen, with golden sashes around their chests.

So here we have the heavenly origin of the earthly witness and judgment. The sanctuary or the tent witnesses is actually a tabernacle. So when Israel was going through the Desert in Sinai, they had the desert, they had a tabernacle, which is a place where the presence of God was symbolized and right at the Holy of Holies you have the Ark. An Ark with a two cherubim made of gold and inside the Ark was what, the 10 commandments. This law is God's testimony. It's revealing his just will and this is how God dwells. You see the covenant is when God will be their God and they will be his people. How will they be his people? How will he be their God, it is when his testimony, his law is placed there.

So on one hand they will follow his law, but if they do not follow his law judgment will come out. And the judgment that comes out of this sanctuary is tabernacle is the seven angels with seven plagues. And they are all dressed in pure white, which means righteousness, bright linen with golden sashes around their chest. So these bowls are plagues.

7 And one of the four living creatures gave to the seven angels seven golden bowls full of the wrath of God who lives forever and ever, 8 and the sanctuary was filled with smoke from the glory of God and from his power, and no one could enter the sanctuary until the seven plagues of the seven angels were finished.

Here we have bowls and bowls of judgment represent God's wrath. The bowls are filled with wrath and these are the opposite of the bowls actually filled with a prayers of persecuted saints, the importance of prayer, Revelations 5, remember each one was holding a harp, the elders and golden bowls full of incense and incense are actually prayers to the saints. And Revelations 8:3,

He was given much incense to offer the prayers of the saints on the golden altar before the throne filled with fire from the altar and threw it on the earth and there were peals of thunder, rumblings and flashes of lightning and an earthquake.

So here we actually have bowls that contain the prayer of the saints. And what are the prayer of the saints say. It is in the fifth seal. The picture of saints who had been martyred under the altar and they cry out with a loud voice,

O sovereign Lord, holy and true. How long before you judge and avenge our blood on those who dwell on the earth.

So therefore here you have them prayer fully asking God how long. These are the prayers that basically scream out for justice and God executes justice. Psalm 116:15

Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints.

Which means God doesn't forget his people. God's judgment is in response to the prayers and cries for help of his people. When these people are persecuted, they will cry for help and God remembers. He may not execute judgment straight away, but in time God's judgment is true and sure and definitely it will come, because precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints. And so therefore when we look at the seven bowls we need to see not as some capricious God who basically strikes out. Okay. We need to see in the light of God's judgment, in his righteous judgment, in response to the persecution of his saints. It is justice and the fearsome is so great if you look in verse 8

8 and the sanctuary was filled with smoke from the glory of God and from his power, and no one could enter the sanctuary until the seven plagues of the seven angels were finished.

So it was so great. No one could enter until the God's wrath was completely finished. Now let's look at the seven bowls. There is a correspondence between the seven bowls and the seven trumpets. There are similarities. If you look in the first trumpet, hail, fire, and blood was thrown on earth. One third of the earth, the trees were burnt and all the grass was burnt. It is like the seven, the seven Exodus plague. On the bowls, the bowls were poured the earth. They were malignant sores on those with the mark of the beast. Second trumpet was burning mountains thrown into the sea. One third of the sea creatures died. One third of the ships were destroyed. On the second bowl, bowl was poured on the sea as well becomes blood. But this time it is worse. Every living thing dies. And this corresponds to the first

Exodus plague.

So they are similar, but the bowls are more intense. Instead of one third dying, everyone dies, everything under the sea dies. Here's the third trumpet, star from heavens comes down hitting one third of the rivers and fresh water, one third of the fresh water was polluted causing death, which is similar to the first plague of Exodus. The third bowls, bowl poured onto the contents of bowl poured into the rivers and fountains and water becomes blood uniformly.

The fourth trumpet, a third of the sun, the moon stars was struck. Light was dim. And the bowls is the bowl poured on the sun which scorches all men with fire.

The fifth trumpet, there was a shaft of the pit and the Satan goes in and he opens it up and locust comes out and torments men without the seal of God. And the fifth bowl was poured on the throne of the beast directly and his kingdom was darkened and men were in anguish. The sixth trumpet is when the four angels were bound at Euphrates was released with 200 million cavalry killing one third of men.

The six bowl showed the bowl poured on Euphrates drying it. Demonic frogs come out, deceive the kings to assemble for the battle of Armageddon against God, which they will later be entirely slaughtered. And the last trumpet is a loud heavenly voice announcing the coming of the kingdom of God with lightning and thunder and the bowls in the same manner poured out of heaven. It is a loud voice from God's throne announcing it is done and then there is great earthquake and terrible hail.

So the trumpets give as a narrow view of what's happening. All right. Whereas the bowls give you a wider picture with more details. All right. The bowls are judgments.

Revelations 16:7

7 And I heard the altar saying, "Yes, Lord God the Almighty, true and just are your judgments!"

There are judgments in response to the persecution of the saints. And the judgments are more directed towards unbelievers. 16:2b

came upon the people who bore the mark of the beast and worshiped its image. ... 6 For they have shed the blood of saints and prophets, and you have given them blood to drink. It is what they deserve!"

So, it is more directed towards unbelievers and it is directed towards unrepentant unbelievers. If you look each time the judgment comes in, there was scourged with fierce heat. They cursed the name of God who had power over this plagues and did not repent or give him glory.

10 ...People gnawed their tongues in anguish 11 and cursed the God of heaven for their pain and sores. They did not repent of their deeds.

They keep on having these sufferings but they will not repent. Now let's look at specific bowls. What happens?

The first bowl, the angel went and poured out his bowl on the earth and harmful and painful sores came upon the people who bore the mark of the beast. And there is some correspondence of this. Here we have fitting punishment, people have the mark on their head or the hand will have these sores over their head and the hand is as it were. It is proportionate justice.

6 For they have shed the blood of saints and prophets, and you have given them blood to drink. It is

what they deserve!"

Same thing is taken from Isaiah.

Isaiah 49:26 I will make your oppressors eat their own flesh; they will be drunk on their own blood, as with wine. Then all mankind will know that I, the LORD, am your Savior and your Redeemer, the Mighty One of Jacob."

So there is proportionate justice. They who oppress others, caused blood to be spilled will be at the end receive just punishment, which is proportionate. Then there is darkness. This is the fifth bowl.

10 The fifth angel poured out his bowl on the throne of the beast, and its kingdom was plunged into darkness. People gnawed their tongues in anguish 11 and cursed the God of heaven for their pain and sores. They did not repent of their deeds.

This darkness is metaphorical. It is not necessarily all but darkness, because if you look in the Old Testament, darkness can actually equal famine.

Isaiah 8:21 They will pass through the land, greatly distressed and hungry. And when they are hungry, they will be enraged and will speak contemptuously against their king and their God, and turn their faces upward. 22 And they will look to the earth, but behold, distress and darkness, the gloom of anguish. And they will be thrust into thick darkness.

So basically darkness is a metaphor for famine in Isaiah 8. Darkness can also be a metaphor for exile,

Jeremiah 13:16 Give glory to the Lord your God before he brings darkness, before your feet will stumble on the twilight mountains, and while you look for light he turns it into gloom and makes it deep darkness...19 The cities of the Negeb are shut up, with none to open them; all Judah is taken into exile.

So here darkness equals to exile. So somehow in this particular bowl darkness comes upon the kingdom of the beast. Now on a sixth bowl,

12 The sixth angel poured out his bowl on the great river Euphrates, and its water was dried up, to prepare the way for the kings from the east.

Now, if you look historically, this is the River Euphrates and it forms a natural barrier against invasion from the Kings from the East. Now if you dry this down then all the Kings from the East can come right across and invade your land. Same thing happened in Babylon. Huge city, nobody could conquer it, but there was River Euphrates that runs right through the middle of this fortified city. If you look at a walls they are actually huge, three layers of walls you couldn't get through any of them at all. They are so thick, but one day Cyrus the great, what he came was the Mead. He conquered them one night. What he did was he actually dug a channel and diverted the river. When he diverted the river, the level of the water drop down and then his troops were able to go underneath and dig and attack Babylon one night when the people were having a party, they were very secure, but overnight they were actually taken by Cyrus. So Cyrus then frees the Jews, sends Nehemiah back and the people returned back from exile.

So in the Old Testament, it's always God who dries the sea. He dries the sea in the Euphrates River to bring salvation to the Jews. He dries the sea to bring salvation to Israel, and he lets the water go back to destroy the Egyptian. So it's always God who dries the sea and here we have three unclean spirits after

this.

13 And I saw, coming out of the mouth of the dragon and out of the mouth of the beast and out of the mouth of the false prophet, three unclean spirits like frogs.

So here we have three unclean spirits coming out of the mouth of the dragon, beast and the false prophets. So here is the Unholy Trinity. We've got Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Then you've got Satan, False Prophet and the Beast. All three of them work through false demonic spirits. And demonic spirits are basically the same thing happened in Exodus. You got a big plague of frogs. So he takes the imagery from Exodus. Psalm 78:45 says,

He sent among them swarms of flies, which devoured them and frogs, which destroyed them.

Why use frogs? Frogs produce loud croaking noises which are meaningless and confusion. And the main way in which these demonic spirits work is through confusion and deception, and it causes all the Kings to gather for war. And, you know, the Egyptian goddess of resurrection is called Heqt. All right. And here you actually have the Egyptian goddess of resurrection is actually symbolized by a frog. So they've got a frog goddess and this goddess purportedly causes people to be resurrected. Here is a parody on the beast who was supposed to have a mortal wound but now is healed.

And the deception leads to war,

14 For they are demonic spirits, performing signs, who go abroad to the kings of the whole world, to assemble them for battle on the great day of God the Almighty.

So here they assemble all the people who have been deluded, deceived for great battle of this battle, which we'll read later on in chapter 19 is the battle of Armageddon. Here in verse 16 it says,

16 And they assembled them at the place that in Hebrew is called Armageddon.

Now, if you look here, this is Megiddo and Megiddo is right in the middle of Palestine. This is a highway called the Kings Highway. So every army that goes through attack up North will have to go to the Kings Highway and they come to a place called Megiddo or called Har-Megiddo. Har means mountain, mountain of Megiddo, but it's actually not a mountain. It is only a 70 foot hill. You see this is Megiddo and this is the hill of Megiddo which is not really a mountain, but around Megiddo there is a huge plain. It's an absolutely flattened plain where many battles have been fought. In fact, Napoleon Bonaparte said that this is the most natural battlefield in the whole world. Huge battles have been fought here. There are about 34 historical battles that fought on this single plain. You have to fight here.

We have got Phar Thutmoses versus the Canaanites in 1468 B.C. Gideon against the Midianites in Judges 7. Saul against the Philistines in 1 Samuel 31. Here is often when righteous Israel is attacked by evil nations. The Megiddo. Pharaoh kills King Josiah as he tries to stop Pharaoh from growing up North. Barak defeats Sisera. So whenever you talk of Armageddon, we talk about place of battle. And Ezekiel prophesied one day, there will be a last battle.

Ezekiel 38:16 You will come up against my people Israel, like a cloud covering the land. In the latter days I will bring you against my land, that the nations may know me, when through you, O Gog, I vindicate my holiness before their eyes. 18 But on that day, the day that Gog shall come against the land of Israel, declares the Lord God, my wrath will be roused in my anger.

There will be a last battle. Ezekiel prophesied of last battle and John says this will be at Megiddo.

17 The seventh angel poured out his bowl into the air, and a loud voice came out of the temple, from the throne, saying, "It is done!" 18 And there were flashes of lightning, rumblings, peals of thunder, and a great earthquake such as there had never been since man was on the earth, so great was that earthquake.

It was a huge earthquake and this resembles what was on Mount Sinai when God lands on the wall, when God executes judgment there is flashes of lightning and peals of thunder and earthquake.

19 The great city was split into three parts, and the cities of the nations fell, and God remembered Babylon the great, to make her drain the cup of the wine of the fury of his wrath.

Here is imagery as if God's wrath is in a cup and it's drained completely, the cities of the world are destroyed.

20 And every island fled away, and no mountains were to be found. 21 And great hailstones, about one hundred pounds each, fell from heaven on people; and they cursed God for the plague of the hail, because the plague was so severe.

Here is again metaphorical, symbolic looking at a great destruction. This the last judgment. As we can see, there's whole bunch of final judgments in the sixth seal. Similar language, the seven trumpet, similar language, the great harvest Revelations 14 and now today the seven bowls of Revelations 15 and 16.

So here is a cycle where we actually come back to a final judgment all the time. Now, finally, what about application? How do we apply as today's passage is depressing? It is talking about judgements all the time. But we see from these judgments that God's judgments are just, you know, why, because it is God's world. We often forget. We live in such a man-centered world that we forget it is actually God's world. And here what we have done is that we've actually twisted God's character. We think God is only love and love alone and that is a lopsided idolatrous understanding of who God is. In fact when actually we see judgment, it is always other people sin. This is Reverend Ron Baity of the Berean Baptist Church when the state legislature actually struck down the ban against gay marriages. You know what he said. He said,

My friends, we are meriting because of the striking down of gay marriage. We are bringing the judgment of God on the nation, as sure as Sodom and Gomorrah were destroyed, don't be surprised at the plagues. Don't be surprised that the judgement of God. You think Ebola is bad now, just wait.

Now the problem is that he is actually targeting one particular sin. Actually, when judgment comes, it's for man refusing to give glory for God and all is sin. You can't point specifically. Reverend Pat Robinso and he is actually condemning the people of Haiti because they suffered a huge earthquake there, almost 300,000 people died and it is always other people sin. You know, what he said. He said,

"They were under the heel of the French. You know, Napoleon III and whatever. And they got together and swore a pact to the devil. They said, "We will serve if you will get us free from the French." True story. And so, the devil said, "Ok, it is a deal."

So he is actually equating the sin of the people, making a pact with the French, that's why they had the

earthquake and actually 300,000 people dying. Again, it is bigoted. It is very judgmental. It is always other people sin.

God's judgment is against all unbelieving men, not a particular or specific sin. If we have this idea that God is love and only love then what happens that we are not able to take in the realities of life. In reality, life is evil and senseless suffering. It happens. And if only have a God who is God of love, which means your God is impotent, criminals get away. If God is only a God of love, therefore he is impotent to stop the evil that is happening. And one day because of that, our life will be crushed by this concept of called fatalism. I mean, God is helpless so therefore whatever will be what will be, and this actually denigrates the true image of who God really is. It denigrates the holiness of God.

When we actually have suffering, it does not indicate purpose but it summons attention to the true character of God. It can be judgment or it can be a trial. To the people who do not know God, judgment is there, why? Because God is just and it vindicates for people who've been persecuted and gives opportunity. It draws attention to God so that people will know that the idols are useless. So the people will know they have a Holy God, that people will know they have got a powerful God and they have to give account. And this gives them opportunity to repent. And for Christians, it is a trial which authenticates and actually strengthens their faith. So suffering is seen in the light of a just God, not just a God of love, but a God of justice, mercy and love as well. So we understand who the true God is.

In fact, people who undergo judgement, even though have opportunity to repent often do not, just like the people here in Revelations who undergo the seven bowls. There was a story told of a man who actually survived a plane crash. And he actually listened to the response of the people on this plane as it was going down. Instead of going on their knees and actually praying, many of these people were cursing God all the way down until they actually crashed. Look at Genesis chapter 19, when all the men surrounded Lot's house.

Genesis 19:6-7 Lot went out to the men at the entrance, shut the door after him, 7 and said, "I beg you, my brothers, do not act so wickedly.

He is telling them, if they are going to come out and homosexually rape the two angels, it is not a good thing. Don't act so wickedly. You know what they did. They said,

Stand back and they said, "This fellow came to sojourn, and he has become the judge

You see when we bring up God's character, when we bring up God's judgment on the things that man do wickedly they don't repent. They often react negatively and against judgment. Here is a predictable human response. After the fourth bowl, fierce heat they cursed the name of God. They didn't repent. After the fifth bowl, darkness, they cursed the God of heavens. Because of pain and sores, they did not repent. After the seventh bowl, earthquake, hail, 100 pound hail, they cursed God for the plague of the hail, because the plague was so severe. It is never their fault.

Here is the ultimate rebellion. The ultimate rebellion is, despite all these is happening they assembled them together to battle against God.

Now, the second feature that comes out that is important in today's lesson is satanic deception. They are the frogs that come from the mouth. Was it the mouth of the beast, the mouth of the false prophet and the mouth of the dragon. These are false satanic deception and actually so important in our lives. We live in a post-truth era, postmodernism where morality of each person's private code of ethics without the need to follow traditional values and rules.

So we live according to the way we feel. My truth is what I say, relativism. In fact, there was a senior white house advisor, Kelly Anne Conway, very famous, when she actually said, she presented alternative facts. Facts are facts, but she presents alternative facts. And we look in the presidency of Trump. It started off many years ago when he first said Obama was not born in the United States, small lie then it became president. The entire presidency is built on lies. 20,000 lies checked by Fact Checkers and the last big lie, the election was stolen from me, but lies are not innocuous. You know, why. Lies galvanize support and all of them, 17 million people believed his lies and lies have consequences and they gathered and attack the Capital. This is exactly the same thing that will happen in the last days with the lies of the evil spirits coming from the mouth of the dragon, the mouth of the beast, and the false prophet will come and galvanize support of the people against God because lies have consequences.

So today threats, more lies, TV channels, social media, even clever people. Here look at some of people who are actually telling lies on behalf of president Trump. Joshua Hawley, Senator, bachelor of arts from Stanford University, JD from Yale. Peter Navarro, professor economics from PhD Harvard, the smartest people believe lies. How? Even Christians. Franklin Graham, Wayne Grudem, these are luminaries in the light of theology, in the world theology and they buy into the lies of Trump. So lies are pernicious, lies are dangerous.

51% of senior pastors have a biblical worldview, which talks about 51% of pastors believe in accuracy of Bible teaching, sinless nature of Jesus, existence of Satan, omnipotence and omniscience of God, salvation by grace, a personal responsibility to evangelize. These are the tenants of the biblical worldview, but only half of the pastors in the United States actually believe in them. So, we were living in a world where deception is actually going to be the norm.

Millennials, the younger people, they believe in legalized abortion, same-sex marriage. They don't believe in governments. They don't believe in the church. In fact, uh, they filter God's commands through their own wisdom. They believe in spirituality instead of religion and they rely on their own instincts. We are moving in a world where deception causes us to believe that self-fulfillment is the most important thing that we should focus on. The best way to find yourself is by looking inside, we find the answers. Where your heart is leading you. People should not criticize somebody else's lifestyle because it's their choice. To be fulfilled in life you should pursue the things that you most desire. The highest goal of life is to enjoy it as much as possible.

So even after people are retiring, they are traveling all over the place. They are just using the money they've accumulated over the years, just to please themselves. I deserve it. Instead of understanding that whatever God has given you is to honor and serve the Lord. People can believe whatever they want, as long as those beliefs don't affect society, it is your own private beliefs. And lastly, any kind of sexual expression between two consenting adults is acceptable. And that is why people are not fuss with gay marriage as long as it doesn't affect you, doesn't effect self-fulfillment people feel that it's all right.

And this leads to this addictive disorders because addictive disorders is basically the end result of this pursuit of self-fulfillment. And in the end, judgment is destructive because you can see that the deaths from drug overdose is skyrocketing all over the world.

George Orwell actually is one of most famous British novelists. He actually writes,

“The most society drifts from the truth, the more it will hate those that speak it”

Try talking to people about same-sex marriage, the fact that you are against abortion and the first thing

they will say is that you are so judgmental because it causes them to hate those who speak the truth.

Lastly, there's a warning to believers in this passage. The warning is taken from verse 15,

Behold, I am coming like a thief! Blessed is the one who stays awake, keeping his garments on, that he may not go about naked and be seen exposed!”.

What is this?

See, there's a warning against sin. Nakedness is a symbol of judgment. Being naked is being self-exposed. When Adam and Eve sinned, they have first time they sinned, they had this sudden awareness that they were naked and nakedness is a symbol of sin. That's why they ran and hid when God came to the garden and put themselves around leaves so that it would not be seen. Nakedness is a symbol of judgment.

Idolatrous Israel was described as a prostitute. Ezekiel 16:37 says,

I will gather them against you from every side and will uncover your nakedness to them, that they may see your nakedness.

So here we have a picture, Israel is cast as a prostitute and when she is judged, she is stripped naked and she is to walk through the crowd and everybody will look at your nakedness and see and that's humiliating. So this is what sin actually looks like in God's eyes.

So the Laodicean church,

Or you say, I am rich, I have prospered, and I need nothing, not realizing you are wretched, pitiable, poor, blind, and naked.

Naked means sinful. So God gives white robes to cover our nakedness.

Then they were each given a white robe and told to rest a little bit longer until the number of their fellow servants and their brothers should be complete, who were to be killed as they themselves had been killed.

So when saints are given a white robe, white robe washed in the blood of the lamb. So we are living in times of judgment. We are living in End Times and what we need to do to remember from our lesson today is that as these judgments come, we are to be careful to live righteous lives, clinging onto the blood of lamb that cleanses us from our sin and walking with the lamb, to be careful.

And then says in a passage,

Behold, I am coming like a thief! Blessed is the one who stays awake,

Which means Jesus he is not coming like a thief in the sense that you don't even know he is here, but he is coming suddenly and you will be caught and Jesus can come anytime, which means living a righteous life, clinging onto the blood of Christ, walking in a life of integrity needs to be done all the time, vigilant, because our God is going to come one day when we're not expecting him suddenly. So may God add his blessings to all of you as you take in this lesson and discuss among yourselves.