POISON CONTROL

It was one of those gorgeous September mornings in Chicago. As the sun rose over Lake Michigan and commuters battled traffic jams on the Kennedy and Eisenhower expressways and children made their way to school, a chilling story began to emerge that struck fear into the hearts of all Chicagoans: people were becoming tragically sick, and some were dying just a few hours after taking Tylenol capsules. Upon testing, each of the capsules proved to be laced with potassium cyanide, a deadly poison. A deranged individual had tampered with the medication. To this day, authorities don’t know who did this.

As we have seen, Revelation warns us that the “inhabitants of the earth” will drink a deadly poison called the “wine” of Babylon. There are false doctrines and teachings that, in the end, will lead only to death. However, the world is not left without the antidote, the protection against this spiritual poison: the three angels’ messages.

In this week’s lesson we will continue to look at Babylon’s deceptions, Jesus’ plan to save us from them, and the death they would otherwise bring.
Write out Revelation 16:13, 14 and 18:2, 3 from the translation of your choice. You may also rewrite the passage in your own words, or outline or mind-map it.
Go back to your scribed text and study the passage.

Circle repeated words/phrases/ideas

Underline words/phrases that are important and have meaning to you

Draw Arrows to connect words/phrases to other associated or related words/phrases

What special insights do your marks seem overall to point to?

Memorize your favorite verse. Write it out multiple times to help with memorization.

What examples of modern spiritualism exist in your culture today?

How is firm adherence to the Word of God our only protection? Though this may seem obvious, why?

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After looking at your scribed and annotated text, what special insights do your marks seem to point to overall?

What questions emerge after studying this passage? What parts are difficult?

What other principles and conclusions do you find?

What lessons can we take away for ourselves from what has been written in Ezekiel 20:1–20? (See also 1 Cor. 10:11.)

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What relationship do the following verses have with Satan’s final deceptions?

Revelation 17:1–6, 14–18
Revelation 18:4
Jeremiah 50:33–38
Psalm 115:4–8
Revelation 12:9
Proverbs 14:12
Job 19:25–27

What other verses come to mind in connection with Revelation 16:13, 14 and 18:2, 3?

Review your memorized verse from Revelation 16:13, 14 and 18:2, 3.
How does 1 John 3:4 harmonize with Romans 14:23, especially in their definitions of sin?

To you personally, how is Jesus the answer to your faithlessness?

What is He saying to you personally through these texts?

How do you see Jesus differently or see Him again?

Prayer Response:
Review the memory verse.
How does it apply to your life this week?

After this week's study of the passage, what are your personal takeaways?

What are the takeaways for the organizations and communities that you are a part of?

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Why is it so critically important to understand the truth about death? What does it protect us from? Why is it so comforting, too?

How do we explain that some who do evil believe they are following the will of God? What role should the law of God play in this explanation?

Look around at how prevalent Sunday worship is in Christian churches. What should this fact teach us about how pervasive Satan's deceptions are? Again, as with the state of the dead, what is our only safeguard?

What is God's appeal to the multitudes still in fallen religious organizations?

How are Satan's final deceptions different from any of his other ones? How are they exactly the same?

How do we avoid fanaticism as well as naïveté? Which ditch are you more prone to fall into?