

7 Bowls of God's Wrath Revelation 16

I. Bowls of God's Wrath – 16:1-9

1. Angels with 7 plagues given bowls – 15:5-8
Each angel is given a gold bowl to pour out God's wrath
These 7 bowls are to be poured out on earth
When completed, the 7 plagues are finished – 15:8
2. This mission is given to 7 angels in heaven – 16:1
John heard a loud voice issuing a command to angels
They are to pour out each bowl on earth
3. First angel poured out harmful & painful sores – 2
Upon the people who bore the mark of the beast
And who worshipped its image
Not told the nature of these sores, only that they are harmful & painful
4. Second angel poured his bowl on the sea - 3
The sea became like the blood of a corpse
Every living thing died that was in the sea
5. Third angel poured his bowl into rivers & springs of water – 4
They became blood & angel in charge of waters spoke: - 5
About God's justice in this judgment
Men on earth have shed the blood of saints & prophets
God now has given them blood to drink
It is what they deserve
John heard the altar saying:
"Yes, Lord God the Almighty, true and just are your judgments"
6. Fourth angel poured his bowl on the sun – 8-9
It was allowed to scorch people with fire
They were scorched by fierce heat – 9
They cursed the name of God who had power over these plagues
"They did not repent and give Him glory"
First four, Man did not honor God as Creator
God, in turn, brought disruption on the creation

II. Judging Leaders of Rebellion – 16:10-21

1. Fifth angel poured out his bowl on the beast – 10-11
On the throne of the beast
Its kingdom was plunged into darkness
People gnawed their tongues in anguish
They cursed the God of heaven for their pain and sores
They did not repent of their deeds
2. Sixth angel poured out his bowl on river Euphrates – 12-16
Euphrates has long been a natural boundary between east & west
God set this boundary with Abraham & Israel – Gen. 15:18
Today it sets a boundary between Israel & Arab nations (Islamic)

Its water dried up, to prepare the way for the kings from the east – 12

John saw, coming out of the mouth of the dragon (Satan) – 13

Out of the mouth of the beast (antichrist), out of mouth of false prophet

These 3 are demonic spirits, performing signs, they go to kings of whole world -14

To assemble them for battle on the great day of God the Almighty

3. Jesus speaks to John (notice the ("I") red letter for some – 15

"Behold, I am coming like a thief!" (when you are not expecting)

"Blessed is the one who stays awake, keeping his garments on, that he may not go about naked and be seen exposed"

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

"Armageddon" comes from the Greek "Harmagedon" a transliteration of Hebrew for "Mount of Magiddo" and the plain of "Esdraelon"

Scene of many Old Testament battles

This assembly of nations is led by the beast and the kings of earth with their armies as found in Rev.19:19

The return of Christ will bring an end to this battle

5. Seventh angel poured his bowl into the air – 17-21

"A loud voice came out of the temple, from the Throne" Saying: "It is Done" There were flashes of lightning, peals of thunder – 18

A great earthquake such as there never had been since man was on earth

"The great city was split into three parts,"

"The cities of the nations fell" - 19

"God remembered Babylon the great, to make her drain the cup of the wine of the fury of His wrath"

"Every island fled away, and no mountains were to be found" – 20

"Great hailstones, about one hundred pounds each, fell from heaven on people – 21

"They cursed God for the plague of hail, because the plague was so severe"