

Revelation 16

Seven Bowls of Wrath

15:7,8 Smoke has filled the temple —*shekinah* Gods presence-glory of God-- judgment upon Antichrist & his followers--rejected God's son & chose false messiah. *John 5:43 "I have come in My Father's name, and you do not receive Me; if another shall come in his own name, you will receive him."*

No one enters the temple 15:8 – place of fellowship, forgiveness, intimacy and comfort—now closed off due to isolation in judgment upon the earth.

Is 63:33 "I have been treading the winepress alone; no one was there to help me. In my anger I have trampled my enemies as if they were grapes. In my fury I have trampled my foes. Their blood has stained my clothes. 4 For the time has come for me to avenge my people, to ransom them from their oppressors. 5 I was amazed to see that no one intervened to help the oppressed. So I myself stepped in to save them with my strong arm, and my wrath sustained me. 6 I crushed the nations in my anger and made them stagger and fall to the ground, spilling their blood upon the earth." NLT

Mercy ends, wrath begins until Christ return. 15:8 God alone in temple

1 And I heard a loud voice from the temple, saying to the seven angels, "Go and pour out the seven bowls of the wrath of God into the earth."

Loud voice—great 84 x's in revelation (magnitude of events) 11 x's ch 16–

Seals, trumpets, now bowls—increasing one upon the other or clustered, simultaneous. Trumpet & bowl correspond to each other or bowl an escalation of trumpet. Both 1st earth; 2nd sea; 3rd rivers, fresh water; 4th sun; 5th darkness; 6th Euphrates; 7th lightning, thunder, great earthquake.

2 And the first angel went and poured out his bowl into the earth; and it became a loathsome and malignant sore upon the men who had the mark of the beast and who worshiped his image.

Physiological reaction to mark – *loathsome-malignant*-running sore similar to 6th plague of Egypt *Ex 9:9 boils breaking out with sores on every person and animal through all the land of Egypt* *sore* same word for *boil* in Hebrew

Angel in mid-heaven warning not to take mark 14:9,10 – *flesh eating virus?*

Side-effect of what's in the mark--Those who refuse escape contamination

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3 And the second angel poured out his bowl into the sea, and it became blood like that of a dead man; and every living thing in the sea died. 4 And the third angel poured out his bowl into the rivers and the springs of waters; and they became blood.

Similar to 2nd Trumpet 8:8 1/3 sea life die – 1st plague in Egypt Moses lifted his staff struck the waters *Ex 7:20....all the water that was in the Nile was turned into blood.* Could not drink—horrible stench. Now **all** oceans poisoned & fresh water systems turn to blood. Micro organisms, plankton, red tide.

5 And I heard the angel of the waters saying, “Righteous art Thou, who art and who wast, O Holy One, because Thou didst judge these things;

Angel authority over the waters—Air drive highest—2nd is thirst drive

6 for they poured out the blood of saints and prophets, and Thou hast given them blood to drink. They deserve it.” 7 And I heard the altar saying, “Yes, O Lord God, the Almighty, true and righteous are Thy judgments.”

Reap what sow— shed blood, so blood you shall drink. Refused living water of salvation **so** drink blood of condemnation. Judgment in kind —

Pharaoh's edict to drown Hebrew infants—his army drown in Red Sea –

Haman's 75' gallows for Mordecai—Haman hung on them—reap what you sow---if you sow wind you will reap whirlwind.

Pr 26:27 He who digs a pit will fall into it & he who rolls a stone it will come back on him. They sowed violence on others now reaping violence upon themselves. Heaven **rejoices** when justice prevails. *Pr 21:15 The exercise of justice is joy for the righteous, But terror to those who practice injustice.*

Altar cries out--yes Lord justice Ps 97:2 Clouds and darkness surround Him; righteousness & justice are His throne's foundation....Lk 19:40 stones will cry out

8 And the fourth angel poured out his bowl upon the sun; and it was given to it to scorch men with fire. 9 And men were scorched with fierce heat; and they blasphemed the name of God who has the power over these plagues; and they did not repent, so as to give Him glory.

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4th trumpet 8:12 1/3 sun, moon, stars darkened—now sun *intensifies*.
Remember waterways polluted--intense thirst. Now earth scorched

Lk 21:25 “There will be signs in the sun, moon and stars. On the earth, nations will be in anguish and perplexity at the roaring and tossing of the sea. 26 People will faint from terror, apprehensive of what is coming on the world, for the heavenly bodies will be shaken. 27 At that time they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. 28 When these things begin to take place, stand up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

Man made global warming?-yet *blasphemy Tenerife KLM-Pan Am-Norman Williams*

10 And the fifth angel poured out his bowl upon the throne of the beast; and his kingdom became darkened; and they gnawed their tongues because of pain, 11 and they blasphemed the God of heaven because of their pains and their sores; and they did not repent of their deeds.

Specific wrath on beasts throne & kingdom-a preview of hell itself ‘outer darkness’ **Mat 25:30** *And throw that worthless servant into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.*

Similar to 9th plague in Egypt **Ex 10:21** “Stretch out your hand toward the sky, that there may be darkness over the land of Egypt, even a darkness which may be felt.” 22 *So Moses stretched out his hand toward the sky, and there was thick darkness in all the land of Egypt for three days –*

Time of crucifixion darkness **noon-3 pm Lk 23:44**—as God judging sins of world in body of His son. **My god, my god...** Now judgment in darkness on wicked. – *gnaw tongue in pain* – no repentance only blasphemy

*12 And the sixth angel poured out his bowl upon the great river, the **Euphrates**; and its water was dried up, that the way might be prepared for the **kings** from the east. 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**; 14 for they are spirits of **demons**, performing signs, which go out to the kings of the whole world, to gather them together for the **war** of the great day of God, the Almighty. 15 “Behold, I am coming like a thief. Blessed is the one who stays awake and keeps his garments, lest he walk about naked and men see his shame.” 16 And they gathered them together to the place which in Hebrew is called **HarMagedon**.*

Dried up Euphrates-begins in Mts of Turkey--900 to 3600 feet **wide** 1800 miles **long** 10’-30’ **deep**—boundary of E and W

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Roman Empire considered it a secure barrier against invading armies from the east—it to dry up allowing massive armies from east to move westward.

Is 11:15 And the LORD will utterly destroy The tongue of the Sea of Egypt; And He will wave His hand over the Euphrates River With His scorching wind; And He will strike it into seven streams And make people walk over in dry sandals.

Similar 6th Trump 9:13, ***Then the sixth angel sounded, and I heard a voice from the four horns of the golden altar which is before God, 14 saying to the sixth angel who had the trumpet, "Release the four angels who are bound at the great river Euphrates." 1/3 mankind killed— 4 angels loosed — now*** up the ante – Demons like frogs from mouths unholy trinity—Jews considered frogs unclean & disgusting Egyptians worshiped frog-goddess. Demons like frogs go out to gather nations to battle.

Enable kings of **East** Lit 'Sunrising' -- China, India, Japan, N Korea--oriental rulers who descend on middle east for final battle – enter valley Jehosephat, Jezreel, Har-hill - Megiddo-place of **troops** or place of **slaughter**. Napolean 'most natural battlefield on earth'

Dan 11:40-45 indicates series of battles climaxing in Armageddon— **possible scenario:** nations hastily confederate under antichrist's one world rule **but** begin to disintegrate, in-fighting until all nations of world meet in valley of Megiddo 180 mi long. Finally Jesus 2nd coming w/ armies of heaven descend causing nations to unite instantaneously against Jesus & saints. This brings God's judgment upon nations **Zech 12 Joel 3:9-21**

Mark 13 19 "For those days will be a time of tribulation such as has not occurred since the beginning of the creation which God created, until now, and never shall. 20 "And unless the Lord had shortened those days, no life would have been saved; but for the sake of the elect whom He chose, He shortened the days.

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17 And the seventh angel poured out his bowl upon 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 and sounds and peals of thunder; and there was a great earthquake, such as there had not been since man came to be upon the earth, so great an earthquake was it, and so mighty.

Satan, *prince of power of air* – judgment upon realm he inhabits and from which he deceives the nations – wrath on his religious system **ch 17** and political, commercial system **ch 18** and military **ch 19** as Jesus returns w/ the armies of heaven.

Earthquake on great city-Jerusalem changes topography when Jesus returns **Zech 14:3,4** *Then the LORD will go forth and fight against those nations, as when He fights on a day of battle. 4 On that day His feet will stand on the Mount of Olives, which is in front of Jerusalem on the east; and the Mount of Olives will be split in its middle from east to west forming a very large valley. Half of the mountain will move toward the north, and the other half toward the south.*
Geological fault discovered

Heb 12:26 *"YET ONCE MORE I WILL SHAKE NOT ONLY THE EARTH, BUT ALSO THE HEAVEN."* **27** *This expression, "Yet once more," denotes the removing of those things which can be shaken, as of created things, so that those things which cannot be shaken may remain*

19 And the great city was split into three parts, and the cities of the nations fell. And Babylon the great was remembered before God, to give her the cup of the wine of His fierce wrath.

Emphasis is fall of Babylon ch 17,18—beast rule political, economic, religious

20 And every island fled away, and the mountains were not found.

Again--Bye, bye Hawaii

21 And huge hailstones, about one hundred pounds each, came down from heaven upon men; and men blasphemed God because of the plague of the hail, because its plague was extremely severe.

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7th plague Egypt *Ex 9:23 Now the LORD said to Moses, "Reach out with your hand toward the sky, so that hail may fall on all the land of Egypt, on every person and animal, and on every plant of the field, throughout the land of Egypt."*
23 So Moses reached out with his staff toward the sky, and the LORD sent thunder and hail, and fire ran down to the earth. And the LORD rained hail on the land of Egypt. 24 So there was hail, and fire flashing intermittently in the midst of the hail, which was very heavy, such as had not occurred in all the land of Egypt since it became a nation. 25 The hail struck everything that was in the field through all the land of Egypt, from people to animals; the hail also struck every plant of the field, and shattered every tree of the field. 26 Only in the land of Goshen, where the sons of Israel were, was there no hail. – OT penalty for blasphemy was stoning. But still no repentance

Spurgeon "I have known people say, 'Well, if I were afflicted I might be converted. If I lay sick I might be saved.' Oh, do not think so. Sickness and sorrow of themselves are no helps to salvation. Pain and poverty are not evangelists; disease and despair are not apostles. Look at the lost in hell. Suffering has effected no good in them. He that was filthy here is filthy there. He that was unjust in this life is unjust in the life to come. There is nothing in pain and suffering that, by their own natural operation, will tend to purification."

These are heavy things to come—this is prophecy that cannot be stopped & we are moving rapidly toward the end of this world system as we know it. Man's rule will cease, judgment is about to begin & Jesus kingdom will come--1000 year reign. We will rule with Him as we see in the final chapters of Revelation. But I like what HA Ironside says.....

HA Ironside 'let me remind you that the church of God is to be caught up ere these scenes take place upon the earth. We are looking for the Lord Jesus Christ, who is our Savior from the coming wrath. Do you know Him? If not, I plead w/ you in the light of all we have had before us, 'Flee from the wrath to come.'