

23 - THE BOWLS OF DIVINE WRATH (REVELATION 16:1-21)

I. The Introduction (Revelation 16:1)

- The seven angels are told to pour out their bowls of wrath upon the earth.

II. The First Bowl (Revelation 16:2)

- The first bowl produces ugly and painful sores upon followers of the beast.

III. The Second Bowl (Revelation 16:3)

- The second bowl destroys every living thing in the seas.

IV. The Third Bowl (Revelation 16:4-7)

A. The Judgment of the Bowl (Revelation 16:4)

- The third bowl turns the rivers and streams into blood.

B. The Praise of the Angel (Revelation 16:5-6)

- An angel praises the Lord for His retribution for the blood of the martyrs.

C. Affirmation of the Praise (Revelation 16:7)

- Another voice proclaims the justness of God's judgments.

V. The Fourth Bowl (Revelation 16:8-9)

A. The Judgment of the Bowl (Revelation 16:8-9a)

- The fourth bowl causes the sun to scorch the earth and mankind.

B. The Response of Mankind (Revelation 16:9b)

- Mankind will blaspheme God and refuse to repent of their sins.

VI. The Fifth Bowl (Revelation 16:10-11)

A. The Judgment of the Bowl (Revelation 16:10)

- The fifth bowl is poured out on the beast and his kingdom.
- It causes a darkness and intense pain.

B. The Response of Men (Revelation 16:11)

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- Once again men refuse to repent and blaspheme God.

VII. The Sixth Bowl (Revelation 16:12-16)

A. The Judgment of the Bowl (Revelation 16:12)

- The sixth bowl causes the River Euphrates to be dried up.

B. The Gathering of the Armies (Revelation 16:13-16)

1. The Task of the Three Demons (Revelation 16:13-14)

- Three demons proceed to gather the armies of the world.

2. The Words of Christ (Revelation 16:15)

- Christ's promise of His return is remembered.

3. The Place of the Gathering (Revelation 16:16)

- The armies of the world gather at Armageddon.

Biblical Note: Armageddon

The word "Armageddon" refers to the battleground for the final battle between forces of Jesus Christ and the forces of the Antichrist. The site of the battle has identified with the Valley of Jezreel and the Plain of Esdraelon at the foot of Mount Megiddo. This site has been the scene of many decisive incidents in the history of Israel.

VIII. The Seventh Bowl (Revelation 16:17-21)

A. The Last Bowl of Judgment (Revelation 16:17)

- The last bowl is poured in the air.
- A voice proclaims that the judgments are done.

B. The Natural Disasters (Revelation 16:18-21)

1. The Great Earthquake (Revelation 16:18-20)

- The greatest of all earthquakes destroys most of the earth.

2. The Response of Mankind (Revelation 16:21)

- Mankind will continue to blaspheme God.