

What Is This World Coming To?

An In-depth Study Of Bible Prophecy

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Lesson 10: The Bowls or Vials

Revelation Chapter 16

1. The Overview

The Vials Or The Bowls Of Divine Wrath.

Chronologically this chapter is close to the time of the Second Coming of Christ.

God is speaking from HIS heavenly temple (16:1) .

All though there are similarities between the trumpet judgments and these vials judgments; a careful look will reveal some striking differences. I will point them out as we move through these Vial Judgments.

2. The Order

1st Vial or Bowl (16:2)

The first angel pours out his bowl of wrath and it produced these, ugly, painful sores on those who had the mark of the beast and worshipped his image.

-The trumpet judgments, generally speaking affected **a third** of the earth or heavens.

-However, these vial judgments effected **the entire earth** and **are much more severe**.

2nd Vial or Bowl (16:3)

In this second Vial judgment, **every living thing in the sea died**.

In the second trumpet judgment, only **a third** of the living creatures died;

And only **a third** of the ships were destroyed.

3rd Vial or Bowl (16:4-7)

While the *third trumpet* made a "*third of the waters bitter*", this third bowl turns all the water to blood.

Saints, God turning the waters to blood is a Just God's response to the shedding of the blood of the saints and prophets. When we read **verse 6**, we hear this word from the altar declaring this judgment as just.

4th Vial or Bowl (16:8-9)

This judgment focuses on the intense heat of the sun. The scorching heat of the sun upon the earth will destroy all food crops as well as bring untold misery upon mankind.

*Note man's response to this judgment in **verse 9**. They blasphemed God and refused to repent.*

You think people blaspheme God now, and they do, that's nothing compared to how they will blaspheme HIM doing the Tribulation.

5th Vial or Bowl (16:10-11)

This judgment will be directed to the beast's throne. The Antichrist kingdom is filled with demonic darkness and this judgment will also inflict painful sores on the people.

That's what you get for following the Antichrist!

Notice: Again, the curse God and refuse to repent.

6th Vial or Bowl (16:12-16)

As the angel pours out his vial or bowl, it dries up the Euphrates River.

This preparing the way for the kings from the East.

These kings or rulers will participate in the final world war.

This passage lets us know that the Second Coming of Christ is near.

Here in **verses 13-16 the Apostle John gets this view of the final Vial or Bowl of God's wrath.**

John sees:

- These three evil spirits that looked like frogs coming out of the mouth of Satan, the dragon.
- Two beasts, the Antichrist (**Chapter 13:1-10**) & the False Prophet (**13:11-18**).
- They are the spirits of demons performing miraculous signs.
- They will go throughout the world influencing kings to assemble for the battle on the **GREAT DAY OF GOD ALMIGHTY!**

This sixth vial or bowl of the wrath of God is the preparation for the final act of judgment.

7th Vial or Bowl (16:17-10)

As the seventh angel pours out his vial into the air, John hears this voice from the throne saying; **IT IS DONE!**

Saints, THIS IS IT!

- John saw **LIGHTNING FLASHES!**
- He hears **THUNDER!**
- And then he feels this EARTHQUAKE; **THE GREATEST EARTHQUAKE THAT HAS EVER OCCURRED!**

Red Foxx would grab his chest and say; Elizabeth it's the BIG ONE!

This earthquake will affect THE WHOLE WORLD!

- Babylon, that great city will be split into three parts.
- The cities of the nations will collapse.
- The tremendous loss of life and the destruction of the world empire.

- **Note how graphic the description is in verses 19-21**

v. 19 I bet you this wine didn't taste good!

v. 20 So frightening is this scene that the islands and mountains flee from God's wrath.

v. 21 100-pound hailstones fell on men & women.

- God's attitude towards sin.
- Man's attitude toward sin.
- God's response to sin (big hailstones).

Sinner's response to sin (blasphemous hearts).

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