

Chapter 16

“Seven Bowls of God’s Wrath”

Vs.1

- **A loud voice from the Temple to the 7 angels (vs.1)**
 - The voice of God
 - Pour out the bowls of God’s wrath on the earth

Point – these judgments will be heaped one upon another

Vs.2

A. Angel #1

- a. Ugly and painful sores
 - i. On those who have mark of the beast/worship the image (*distinction*)

Note

- * Sixth plague in Egypt – **Exodus. 9:8–12**
- * Consequences of disobedience – **Deuteronomy 28:27,35.**
- * Only those who have submitted to “the beast” and who have rejected the warning of the first angel will experience this judgment – **Rev. 14:6–7** (a distinction – **Exodus 8:22; 9:6; etc.**)
- * Hurting can affect how we act around people

Vs.3

B. Angel #2

- a. Poured on the sea
 - i. Turned to blood
 - ii. Every living thing in the sea died

Note

- * Parallels the first plague in Egypt – **Exodus 7:14-25**
- * 2nd trumpet (**Rev.8:8,9**) – third part of the sea

Vs.4-7

C. Angel #3

- a. Poured on rivers and springs (fresh water)
 - i. Turned into blood
 - ii. Parallels 3rd Trumpet (**Rev.6:10,11**) – third part of fresh water (wormwood) to blood

Vs.8,9

D. Angel #4

- a. Poured out on the sun
 - i. Given power to scorch people with fire
 - ii. Seared by the intense heat

Note

- * Third of the sun was dimmed – **Rev. 8:12**
- * Water systems are useless – blood
- * Crops burned up

- b. Result
 - i. Cursed the name of God
 - ii. Refused to repent and glorify Him
 - iii. **Malachi 4:1** – “*Surely the day is coming; it will burn like a furnace...*”

Vs.10,11

E. Angel #5

- a. Poured out on the throne of the beast
 - i. Kingdom plunged into darkness
 - 1. *Jerusalem?* – image located
 - 2. *Rome?* – place of rule

Note

- * Ninth plague in Egypt – **Exodus 10:21-23**
God made a distinction
There was light in the Israelite camp

- ii. Men gnawed their tongues in agony
 - 1. Cursed God in heaven because of their sores
 - 2. Refused to repent of their wrong

Vs.12-16

F. Angel #6

- a. Poured out on River Euphrates (vs.12)
 - i. Water dried up (**Isaiah 11:15**)
 - 1. Prepare way for kings of the East

Note – three evil spirits (vs.13) **Satanic Trinity** (*the evil behind the invading armies*)

- * Looked like frogs

- * Came out from the mouth of the Dragon/beast/false prophet
- * Performed miraculous signs (vs.14)

Note – message from Heaven (vs.15)

- * *“I come like a thief...”*
- * *“Blessed is he who keeps his clothes with him...”*

Just as Christians are not to be surprised by the Rapture of the church (**1 Thessalonians 5:4**), so believers at the time of the Second Coming will be anticipating His return. Blessing is promised to the one who is prepared for the coming of the Lord by being attired in the righteousness or clothing which God Himself supplies.

2. Gathered kings of the world to do battle with God Almighty
 - a. At Armageddon (**Zechariah 14:12,13**)

Vs.17-21

G. Angel #7

- a. Poured out into the air (vs.17)
 - i. Voice from Temple
 1. *“It is done”*
 - ii. Lightning, rumblings, peals of thunder, severe earthquake (vs.18)
 1. Great city split into 3 parts (vs.19)
 2. Cities of the nations collapse
 3. Babylon the Great receives fury of His wrath
 - a. **Jeremiah 50,51**
 4. Every island fled away (vs.20)
 5. Mountains could not be found
 - iii. From the sky (vs.21)
 1. Huge hailstones (110lbs each)
 2. Men cursed God because of the hail

Note – Seventh plague in Egypt – **Exodus 9:22-26**

Movements of armies, confederations of nations, and worldwide opposition to God cannot hinder the Lord from fulfilling His Word and achieving His purposes. Men think they are free to do as they please, but in reality, they are accomplishing the plans and purposes of God!