

THE BOWL JUDGMENTS

Introduction

Jesus Christ will receive a scroll from His Father in the presence of all the living beings in Heaven. It will have seven seals on it to protect its contents from being changed. It is the official document that reveals the true owner of the earth, which is His Son. He purchased its redemption from sin by His death on the cross. When He breaks the first seal to open the scroll, the Tribulation begins. God judges the earth for its rebellion against Him (Rev 6). When the seventh seal is opened, at the middle of the Tribulation, seven angels will blow their trumpets one at a time to announce a new judgment that will devastate the kingdom of the Antichrist for the last 3½ years of the Tribulation. Six angels will blow their trumpets (Rev 8-9), but John is given more information before the seventh angel blows his trumpet (Rev 11:15). The results of this trumpet-judgment are given (11:16-19), but not the judgments. The stage is set for this final judgment in chapters 12-14. The seventh trumpet announces the last seven judgments known as the bowl or vial judgments (Rev 15-16). These judgments fall in rapid succession near the end of the Tribulation.

Aim of the Lesson: Know why the holy wrath of God, that is poured out on unbelieving people, is just.

John wrote in his Gospel that those that believe on the Son have everlasting life, but those that do not believe on the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abides on them (John 3:36).

Outline of the Lesson and Questions to Answer

I. Introduction to the Bowl Judgments (15:1-8)

1. What did John see in Heaven? 15:1
2. Who did John see standing on the sea of glass in Heaven? 15:2
3. What do they say about God's ways? 15:3
4. What will the nations say about God? 15:4
5. Compare Revelation 15:5 with 11:19 and tell what John saw regarding the temple.
6. What is given to seven angels that come out of the temple? 15:6-7

II. Identification of the Bowl Judgments (16:1-21)

A. First Bowl - Grievous S_____ (16:1-2)

7. Who will receive this malignancy when the first bowl of wrath is poured on the earth? 16:2

B. Second Bowl - Bloody S_____s (16:3)

8. What will happen when the second bowl of wrath is poured out?

C. Third Bowl - Bloody R_____ (16:4-7)

9. Why will God be just when He turns their drinking water into blood? 16:6

D. Fourth Bowl - Scorching S_____ (16:8-9)

10. What will happen to sinners when the fourth bowl is poured out?
11. How do the sinners respond to this judgment? 16:9

E. Fifth Bowl - Dreadful D_____ (16:10-11)

13. How do the people suffer during this judgment? 16:10
14. How do the people respond to this judgment? 16:11

F. Sixth Bowl - Battle of A_____ (16:12-16)

15. What will the plague of sixth bowl accomplish? 16:12, 14, 16

G. Seventh Bowl - Great E_____/H_____ (16:17-21)

16. What is said after the seventh bowl is poured out on the earth? 16:17
17. Trace the beginning of this storm to the 7th bowl; see it increase in intensity. 4:5; 8:5; 11:19; 16:18-21
18. What is accomplished by the seventh bowl-judgment? 16:19-20

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