

Revelation Bowls of Wrath

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It is finished! The full wrath of God is going to be poured out. Let us put things in context. In C.12 & 13, the main characters have been revealed. Also we saw that the Beast would conquer the saints in Rev.13:7 **Now before the final wrath of God is poured out we see the status of the Tribulation saints.**

Revelation 14:1–5 (ESV)

Then I looked, and behold, **on Mount Zion stood the Lamb, and with him 144,000 who had his name and his Father's name written on their foreheads.** ² And I heard a voice from heaven like the roar of many waters and like the sound of loud thunder. The voice I heard was like the sound of harpists playing on their harps, ³ and they were singing **a new song** before the throne and before the four living creatures and before the elders. **No one could learn that song except the 144,000 who had been redeemed from the earth.** ⁴ **It is these who have not defiled themselves with women, for they are virgins. It is these who follow the Lamb wherever he goes.** These have been redeemed from mankind as **firstfruits** for God and the Lamb, ⁵ **and in their mouth no lie was found, for they are blameless.**

Notice the OT language; Mount Zion, the Lamb, the 144,000. In Rev.7:4 we identified the 144,000 as Ethnic Jews. Here we see them described as chosen by God, virgins, and blameless much like Elijah and John the Baptist. They are identified as the **firstfruits**, the first Tribulation saints to be redeemed with more to follow. These are the ones who did not receive the mark of the beast or worship his image.

Now before pouring out the bowls of wrath, three angels warn the earth what about is coming.

Revelation 14:6–11 (ESV)

⁶ Then I saw **another angel** flying directly overhead, with an **eternal gospel** to proclaim to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people. ⁷ And he said with a loud voice, “Fear God and give him glory, because **the hour of his judgment has come**, and worship him who made heaven and earth, the sea and the springs of water.”

⁸ **Another angel**, a second, followed, saying, “Fallen, fallen is Babylon the great (world system), she who made all nations drink the wine of the passion of her sexual immorality.”

⁹ And **another angel**, a third, followed them, saying with a loud voice, “**If anyone worships the beast and its image and receives a mark on his forehead or on his hand**, ¹⁰ he also will drink the wine of God’s wrath, poured full strength into the cup of his anger, and **he will be tormented with fire and sulfur in the presence of the holy angels and in the presence of the Lamb**. ¹¹ And the smoke of their torment goes up forever and ever, and **they have no rest, day or night, these worshipers of the beast and its image, and whoever receives the mark of its name.**”

Damnation to eternal Hell is promised for all those who worship the Beast and receive his mark, 666!
In contrast we see the fate of the Tribulation saints. They are asked to endure unto death, but those who worship the beast and receive his mark, they are promised eternal victory, rest, and reward.

Revelation 14:12–13 (ESV) O/H

¹² Here is a call for **the endurance of the saints**, those who keep the commandments of God and their faith in Jesus.

¹³ And I heard a voice from heaven saying, **“Write this: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on.”** “Blessed indeed,” says the Spirit, “that they may rest from their labors, for their deeds follow them!”

After reassuring the Tribulation saints, God now carries out HIS final judgment and wrath on the unbelieving earth!

Revelation 14:14–20 (ESV)

¹⁴ Then I looked, and behold, a white cloud, and seated on the cloud one like a son of man, with a golden crown on his head, and a sharp sickle in his hand. ¹⁵ And another angel came out of the temple, calling with a loud voice to him who sat on the cloud, “Put in your sickle, and reap, for the hour to reap has come, for the harvest of the earth is fully ripe.” ¹⁶ **So he who sat on the cloud swung his sickle across the earth, and the earth was reaped.**

¹⁷ Then another angel came out of the temple in heaven, and he too had a sharp sickle. ¹⁸ And another angel came out from the altar, the angel who has authority over the fire, and he called with a loud voice to the one who had the sharp sickle, “Put in your sickle and gather the clusters from the vine of the earth, for its grapes are ripe.”

¹⁹ So the angel swung his sickle across the earth and gathered the grape harvest of the earth and threw it into the great winepress of the wrath of God. ²⁰ And the winepress was trodden outside the city, and blood flowed from the winepress, as high as a horse's bridle, for 1,600 stadia.

In Dan.7:9-14, we also see God setting in judgment of the world and the anti-Christ while the Son of Man taking dominion of the world!

The final verse (v. 20) is gruesome: blood flows up to the horses' bridles for a distance of about **two hundred miles (sixteen hundred stadia). **Here in Revelation the judgment is not the task of human vengeance but belongs exclusively to the Son of Man and his angelic reapers.** The symbolism is that of a head-on battle, a great defeat of the enemy, a sea of spilled blood.**

After stating the final judgment, God pauses to reveal more details of how this is going to take place. This cycle is released by the 7th trumpet and is the 3rd Woe! We see the martyred Tribulation saints honor God and 7 Angels are given 7 bowls of Wrath to pour out on the earth. **Then the wrath of God is finished! Important note: In typical Hebrew fashion, each cycle (seals, trumpets, bowls) repeats in new ways the former events and also adds fresh details not in the former series.**

Revelation 15:1–8 (ESV) **O/H**

Then I saw another sign in heaven, great and amazing, seven angels with seven plagues, **which are the last**, for with them **the wrath of God is finished**.

² And I saw what appeared to be a sea of glass mingled with fire—and also **those who had conquered the beast and its image and the number of its name**, standing beside the sea of glass with harps of God in their hands. ³ And they sing the song of Moses, the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying,

“Great and amazing are your deeds, O Lord God the Almighty!

Just and true are your ways,

O King of the nations!

⁴ Who will not fear, O Lord, and glorify your name? For you alone are holy.

All nations will come and worship you,
for your righteous acts have been revealed.”

⁵ After this I looked, and the sanctuary of the tent of witness in heaven was opened, ⁶ and out of the sanctuary came the seven angels with the seven plagues, clothed in pure, bright linen, with golden sashes around their chests. ⁷ **And one of the four living creatures gave to the seven angels “seven golden bowls full of the wrath of God” who lives forever and ever,** ⁸ and the sanctuary was filled with smoke from the glory of God and from his power, and no one could enter the sanctuary until the seven plagues of the seven angels were finished.

Now the Details of the Final Judgment of God! The Seven Bowls of God's Wrath!



Revelation 16:1-14 (ESV)

Then I heard a loud voice from the temple telling the seven angels, **“Go and pour out on the earth the seven bowls of the wrath of God.”**

² So **the first angel** went and poured out his bowl on the earth, and harmful and painful sores came upon **the people who bore the mark of the beast and worshiped its image.**

³ **The second angel** poured out his bowl into the sea, and it became like the blood of a corpse, and **every living thing died that was in the sea.**

⁴ **The third angel** poured out his bowl into the rivers and the springs of water, and **they became blood.** ⁵ And I heard the angel in charge of the waters say,

“Just are you, O Holy One, who is and who was,
for you brought these judgments.

⁶ For they have shed the blood of saints and prophets,
and you have given them blood to drink.
It is what they deserve!”

⁷ And I heard the altar saying,

**“Yes, Lord God the Almighty,
true and just are your judgments!”**

⁸ **The fourth angel** poured out his bowl on the sun,
and it was allowed to scorch people with fire. ⁹ **They
were scorched by the fierce heat**, and they cursed the
name of God who had power over these plagues. **They
did not repent and give him glory.**

¹⁰ **The fifth angel** poured out his bowl on **the throne
of the beast**, and **its kingdom was plunged into
darkness**. People gnawed their tongues in anguish
¹¹ and **cursed the God of heaven** for their pain and
sores. **They did not repent of their deeds.**

**(Sixth Bowl of Wrath is demonic spirits bringing the
world together for the Great Battle at Armageddon.)**

¹² **The sixth angel** poured out his bowl on **the great
river Euphrates** (Rev.9:14), its water was dried up, **to
prepare the way 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 **demonic spirits**, performing signs, who go
abroad to **the kings of the whole world**, to assemble
them for battle on the great day of God the Almighty.

(My opinion: Jesus interjects this warning to “the church” that the rapture and the pouring out of God’s wrath could happen at any time, Be Alert!)

Revelation 16:15 (ESV)

¹⁵ (“Behold, I am coming like a thief! Blessed is the one who stays awake, keeping his garments on, that he may not go about naked and be seen exposed!”)

Revelation 16:16 (ESV) O/H

And they assembled them at the place that in Hebrew is called Armageddon.

This is the final overthrow of all the forces of evil by the might and power of God. The great conflict between God and Satan, Christ and the Anti-Christ, good and evil, which lies behind the perplexing course of history, will culminate in this final struggle in which God will emerge victorious eradicating evil and restoring the earth. It refers to a real point in history and to real persons who will encounter God’s wrath.

Revelation 16:17–21 (ESV) O/H

¹⁷ The seventh angel poured out his bowl into 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, rumblings, peals of thunder, and a great earthquake such as there had never been since man was on the earth, so great was that earthquake.

19 The great city was split into three parts, **and the cities of the nations fell**, and God remembered Babylon the great, to make her drain the cup of the wine of the fury of his wrath. **20 And every island fled away, and no mountains were to be found.** **21** And great hailstones, about one hundred pounds each, fell from heaven on people; and **they cursed God for the plague of the hail, because the plague was so severe.**

“It is done.” With this seventh bowl, the eschatological wrath of God is completed. These eschatological signs symbolize the destruction of the anti-God forces throughout the world. He is speaking of the great realities of the end, when God has put down all his enemies and eradicates evil.

To the church, those who have trusted Christ, Be alert! Christ return is imminent.

Revelation 16:15 (ESV) O/H

Behold, I am coming like a thief! Blessed is the one who stays awake!

We have hope and something good to say!

Revelation 22:17 (ESV) O/H

The Spirit and the Bride say, **“Come.”** And let the one who hears say, **“Come.”**

Prophetic Team

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