

Revelation – The Return Bowls (Revelation 15-16)

The judgments

There are three series of seven divine judgments each in Revelation.

- Each series is more intense and destructive than the ones before it.
- The first series of judgments are the seven seals.
- The second series of judgments are the seven trumpets.
- The third series of judgments are the seven bowls.

The angels Rev. 15

The seven plagues will be given to seven angels.

- Revelation 15:1
- The “great and marvelous” plagues will bring us to the end of God’s judgments and to the return of Jesus.
- The martyrs of the Antichrist will be victorious.
 - Revelation 15:2
- The martyrs of the Antichrist will sing the song of the Lamb.
 - Revelation 15:2-4
- Followers of Jesus have **victory** even in death.
- A living creature will give the angels bowls of God’s wrath.
 - Revelation 15:7, Exodus 9:16 same purpose of Moses plagues poured out on Egypt
- The shallow bowls will be emptied of God’s wrath completely and quickly: answer to the prayers of the saints (chap 5)
- God’s final judgments will not be interrupted.
 - Revelation 15:8 Nothing or no one could enter the temple or intercede. This prayer is being answered.

The bowls Rev.16

God will instruct the angels to empty their bowls in rapid sequence bring a time of great distress.

- Revelation 16:1
- Matthew 24:21 Jesus said there will be nothing like the great Tribulation

The first bowl will bring ugly and painful sores to followers of the beast.

- Revelation 16:2
- The mark pledged to give protection will bring God’s judgment.

How can we not be deceived by Satan? _____

The second bowl will turn the sea into blood.

- Revelation 16:3

The third bowl will turn all fresh water into blood.

- Revelation 16:4

- This judgment will be a just punishment for those who spilled the blood of God’s followers.
 - Revelation 16:5 AMPC ⁵ And I also heard the angel of the waters say, **Righteous (just)** are You in these Your decisions *and* judgments, You Who are and were, O Holy One!

God’s judgments **are just and true**. Defined as honorable and upright

- Revelation 15:3, 16:5, 16:7
- God’s judgment is unaltered by who we are or what we have.
 - Psalm 89:14¹⁴ **Righteousness and justice** are the foundation of Your throne; mercy *and* loving-kindness and truth go before Your face.
- God is who He is regardless of our understanding of His actions.
 - Revelation 5:9-10

Give an ex. of why we need to accept God’s plan for judgement and not our own: _____

The fourth bowl will produce a searing sun to scorch the skin.

- Revelation 16:8

The fifth bowl will cover the Antichrist’s kingdom with darkness.

- People will refuse to repent and God’s door will be closed.
- Hard hearts refuse God’s grace and ignore His judgement until they can’t >>>

The sixth bowl will dry up the Euphrates River.(plus 3 frogs)

- Revelation 16:12
- Demons will deceive the kings into battle.
 - Revelation 16:13-14

The seventh bowl will bring unmatched natural disasters.

- Revelation 16:17-21 (50-60lb hailstones)

Jesus warns His people to be prepared for His unannounced return.

- Revelation 16:15
- Hebrews 10:25
- Matthew 11:28-29P

Action Steps

- Be prepared for Jesus' return. Encourage others, Christians and non-Christians, to be prepared.
- Share the gospel with someone this week.
- Invite someone to join us next week.

Revelation:15 1 I saw in heaven another great and marvelous sign: seven angels with the seven last plagues—last, because with them God's wrath is completed. ² And I saw what looked like a sea of glass glowing with fire and, standing beside the sea, those who had been victorious over the beast and its image and over the number of its name. They held harps given them by God ³ and sang the song of God's servant Moses and of the Lamb:

- "Great and marvelous are your deeds,
Lord God Almighty.

**Just and true are your ways,
King of the nations.**^[a]

⁴ Who will not fear you, Lord,
and bring glory to your name?

For you alone are holy.

All nations will come

and worship before you,

for your righteous acts have been revealed."^[b]

- ⁵ After this I looked, and I saw in heaven the temple—that is, the tabernacle of the covenant law—and it was opened. ⁶ Out of the temple came the seven angels with the seven plagues. They were dressed in clean, shining linen and wore golden sashes around their chests. ⁷ Then one of the four living creatures gave to the seven angels seven golden bowls filled with the wrath of God, who lives for ever and ever. ⁸ And the temple was filled with smoke from the glory of God and from his power, and no one could enter the temple until the seven plagues of the seven angels were completed

Revelation 16-The Seven Bowls of God's Wrath 1 Then I heard a loud voice from the temple saying to the seven angels, "Go, pour out the seven bowls of God's wrath on the earth."² The first angel went and poured out his bowl on the land, and ugly, festering sores broke out on the people who had the mark of the beast and worshiped its image.³ The second angel poured out his bowl on the sea, and it turned into blood like that of a dead person, and every living thing in the sea died.⁴ The third angel poured out his bowl on the rivers and springs of

water, and they became blood. ⁵ **Then I heard the angel in charge of the waters say: "You are just in these judgments, O Holy One, you who are and who were; for they have shed the blood of your holy people and your prophets, and you have given them blood to drink as they deserve."** ⁷ **And I heard the altar respond: "Yes, Lord God Almighty, true and just are your judgments."** ⁸ The fourth angel poured out his bowl on the sun, and the sun was allowed to scorch people with fire. ⁹ They were seared by the intense heat and they cursed the name of God, who had control over these plagues, but they refused to repent and glorify him.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 agony ¹¹ and cursed the God of heaven because of their pains and their sores, but they refused to repent of what they had done.¹² The sixth angel poured out his bowl on the great river Euphrates, and its water was dried up to prepare the way for the kings from the East. ¹³ Then I saw three impure spirits that looked like frogs; they came out of the mouth of the dragon, out of the mouth of the beast and out of the mouth of the false prophet. ¹⁴ They are demonic spirits that perform signs, and they go out to the kings of the whole world, to gather them for the battle on the great day of God Almighty.¹⁵ "Look, I come like a thief! Blessed is the one who stays awake and remains clothed, so as not to go naked and be shamefully exposed."¹⁶ Then they gathered the kings together to the place that in Hebrew is called Armageddon.¹⁷ The seventh angel poured out his bowl into the air, and out of the temple came a loud voice from the throne, saying, "It is done!" ¹⁸ Then there came flashes of lightning, rumblings, peals of thunder and a severe earthquake. No earthquake like it has ever occurred since mankind has been on earth, so tremendous was the quake. ¹⁹ The great city split into three parts, and the cities of the nations collapsed. God remembered Babylon the Great and gave her the cup filled with the wine of the fury of his wrath. ²⁰ Every island fled away and the mountains could not be found. ²¹ From the sky huge hailstones, each weighing about a hundred pounds,^[a] fell on people. And they cursed God on account of the plague of hail, because the plague was so terrible.

Heb 10 :25 Not forsaking or neglecting to assemble together [as believers], as is the habit of some people, but admonishing (warning, urging, and encouraging) one another, and all the more faithfully as you see the day approaching.

²⁸ Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy-laden and overburdened, and I will cause you to rest. [I will ^[a]ease and relieve and ^[b]refresh ^[c]your souls.]²⁹ Take My yoke upon you and learn of Me, for I am gentle (meek) and humble (lowly) in heart, and you will find rest (^[d]relief and ease and refreshment and ^[e]recreation and blessed quiet) for your souls.

