

The Bowl Judgements – Part I

Revelation 16:1-7

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I. Introduction

- A. Seven Seals
- B. Seven Trumpets
- C. Seven Bowls
- D. This happens at the end of the Tribulation and happens quickly!

II. The Beginning of the End – vs. 1-7

- A. The Origin of the Judgments – v. 1
 - 1. These judgments answer the prayers of the martyred saints. See 6:9-10
 - 2. “The wrath of God is finished.” (15:1) See also John 19:30
 - 3. The command comes from the temple of God. The voice is best understood to be that of God the Father, versus an angel or one of the “living creatures”.
 - 4. The command to “go” is given.
- B. The First Angel and the First Bowl – v. 2
 - 1. “. . . a loathsome and malignant sore. . . ”
 - a. “a bad and malignant sore.” A.T. Robertson
 - 2. This is similar to the 6th plague upon Egypt in Ex. 9:8-17.
 - 3. The Greek for “sore” in the Lxx is translated “boils”.
 - 4. This plague is only on those who worship the beast (13:17; 14:9, 11; 19:20)
 - 5. After the bombing of Nagasaki and Hiroshima, thousands of people died of malignant type sores.
- C. The Second Angel and the Second Bowl – v. 3
 - 1. The sea (maybe only the Mediterranean) becomes blood.
 - 2. Note that “like” or “as” is not used.
 - 3. This results in the death of all marine life.
 - 4. “We can only speculate as to whether a direct judgment of God or a tremendous nuclear exchange will affect marine life to this extent.” Hal Lindsey
 - 5. This is like the first plague on Egypt (Ex. 7:14-25)

- 6. The second trumpet judgment was also upon the sea, but limited to only one third. (8:8, 9)
- D. The Third Angel and the Third Bowl – vs. 4-7
 - 1. The rivers and springs become blood – v. 4
 - 2. Judgment on the fresh water supply; this is similar to the third trumpet. (8:10, 11)
 - 3. God’s judgments are defended in light of His character. – v. 5
 - a. He is righteous; He always does the right thing.
 - b. He is eternal; He knows all things both actual and possible.
 - c. He is holy; He is without prejudice and moral error.
 - 4. God’s judgments are just in light of the crime. – v. 6 (See 17:6; 18:24; 6:10)
 - 5. The martyred saints agree – v. 7

III. Conclusion

- A. The Judgment of God on the Wicked
- B. The Judgment of God on His Own
 - 1. Deuteronomy 28
 - 2. I Peter 4:17