

THE BOWL JUDGMENTS – ONE THROUGH FIVE -- 16:1-11

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Monday 7:30pm, H 106 (1st floor, High School--foot of stairs, behind the gym, by doughnut/vending machine area), Tuesday 7:00am, Family, Room, CCCM – Phil Twente, cell # 714 425 9221; email – ptwente@gmail.com For past studies, audio plus notes, go to: <http://www.missioncalvary.com/> Click on “Bible Studies” on the left column. References include commentaries by Pastor Chuck Smith, Vernon McGee, David Hocking, Warren Wiersbe and others.

THE THIRD WOE — MIDDLE OF THE GREAT TRIBULATION – THE SEVENTH BLOWS DURING THE LAST 3.5 YEARS!

PLAGUE ONE - HEALTH - 1-2

Rev 16:1 Then I heard a loud voice from the temple saying to the seven angels, "Go and pour

out the bowls of the wrath of God on the earth."

Rev 16:2 So the first went and poured out his bowl upon the earth, and a foul and loathsome sore came upon the (the) men who had the mark of the beast and those who worshiped his image.

PLAGUE TWO - FOOD SUPPLY

Rev 16:3 Then the second angel poured out his bowl on the sea, and it became blood as of a dead man; and every living creature in the sea died.

PLAGUE ONE - HEALTH – VS. 1-2 – cf. Rev. 15:1

v. 1 “a loud voice” – 16X “Loud” megas - 20 times; 84X “Great”; (voice from temple - Cf. 15:8; 16:17; Dt. 28:15, 27, 35

v. 1 “the wrath of God on the earth” –cf. Rev. 6:16-17; Mal. 3:2-3;

v. 2 “a foul and loathsome(vile) sore came” - cf. Exodus 9:9-11 (sixth plague – boils); Rev. 16:11

Possibilities:

1. Result of taking the mark of the beast
2. Malignant sore like cancer, that will not heal
3. Radiation (from nuclear or atomic fallout)
4. Unknown plague

PLAGUE TWO - FOOD SUPPLY – V. 3

v. 3 “every living creature in the sea died.” - cf. Rev. 8:8-9 (1/3 died) cf. Exodus 7:19-25 (Similar to the first plague; Just Egypt – here, it’s the whole world!)

“THE FINAL PLAGUES” - Revelation 16:1-11

“who had the mark of the beast and those who worshiped his image.” This would represent the majority of the people on earth. Everyone would have the pain and the same sores! Can you imagine everyone having malignant painful sores and man not being able to do anything about them?

Plague #2 hits the food supply of the world!

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PLAGUE THREE - DRINKING WATER

Rev 16:4 Then the third angel poured out his bowl on the rivers and springs of water, and they became blood.

Rev 16:5 And I heard the angel of the waters

saying: "You are righteous, O Lord, The One who is and who was and who is to be,

Because You have judged these things.

Rev 16:6 For they have shed the blood of saints and prophets, And You have given them blood to drink. For it is their just due."

Rev 16:7 And I heard another from the altar saying, "Even so, Lord God Almighty, true and righteous are Your judgments."

PLAGUE THREE - DRINKING WATER – VS. 4-7

v. 4 "the rivers and springs of water, and they became blood" - Cf. 8:10-11(1/3 of the rivers and springs)

v. 5 "I heard the angel of the waters The reaction of the angel of the waters - Cf. Hebrews 1:14 (angels with special assignments; ministering spirits of God)

v. 5 "You are righteous, O Lord, The One who is and who was and who is to be" - The exaltation - Cf. Psalms 33:5; 145; 17

v. 5 "Because You have judged these things" -- The explanation -

v. 6 "You have given them blood to drink. For it is their just due" - The reason behind this praise -- Cf. Rev. 6:9-11(martyred saints); Cf. (just, righteous revenging by God) 15:3; 18:20, 24; 19:2 Cf. (His righteous judgments) Psalms 19:9; 50:6; 58:10-11; 119:7, 75, 106, 118-120, 137-138, 142, 144, 164; Isaiah 26:9

v.7 "Even so, Lord God Almighty, true and righteous are Your judgments." -- The response of another angel

Plague #3 hits the drinking water of the world!

The reaction of the angel of the waters--You are righteous! All of Your judgments are righteous!!

The explanation is because You have judged these things!

The reason behind this praise – God is always righteous and will always do the right thing! "they have shed the blood of saints" - God will always avenge!

In the mouth of another witness a truth is established!

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PLAGUE FOUR - WEATHER PATTERNS –

Rev 16:8 Then the fourth angel poured out his bowl on the sun, and power (from the sun) was given to him

to scorch men with fire.

Rev 16:9 And (the) men were scorched with great heat, and they blasphemed the name of God

who has power over these plagues;

and they did not repent and give Him glory.

PLAGUE FIVE - ENERGY SOURCES –

Rev 16:10 Then the fifth angel poured out his bowl on the throne of the beast, and his kingdom became full of darkness; and they gnawed their tongues because of the pain.

Rev 16:11 They blasphemed the God of heaven

because of their pains and their sores, and did not repent of their deeds.

PLAGUE FOUR - WEATHER PATTERNS – VS. 8-9

v. 8 “power was given to him” - The POWER of this plague - referring to the sun, not the angel or to God. “great heat” - severe burning.

v. 8 “scorch(very strong term) (the) men with fire” - The PERSONS who are affected” -

v. 9 “And menblasphemed the name of God” - cf. v. 2

v. 9 “who has power over these plagues” - The PURPOSE of this plague - To demonstrate the Power and wrath of God To prove that the Problem with the world is not the environment, but the human heart.

v. 9 “they did not repent and give Him glory. -” cf. (giving glory; calling to glorify God) 11:13; 14:6-7

PLAGUE FIVE - ENERGY SOURCES – VS. 10-11

v. 10 “full of darkness - The RESULT of this plague - cf. Exodus 10:21-23- the ninth plague-- “full of darkness” - a preview of hell itself – “outer darkness” - cf. Matt. 25:30

v. 11 “They blasphemed the God of heaven” - The RESPONSE of those who worship the beast and his image

v. 11 “because of their pains and their sores.” - The REASON for their response

v. 11 “did not repent of their deeds.” - Cf. 9:20-21 - Their REFUSAL to repent

Plague #4 hits the weather patterns of the world!

Plague #5 hits the energy sources of the world!

We see here the human heart is incurably wicked. No amount of punishment will purify it and change it! Only by His Spirit can we receive a new heart!!!

How soft and repentant is my heart?

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		<p><u>Questions:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. In verse 1, whose voice do you think is described as a “loud voice”? 2. Can you see a similarity of these final seven bowl judgments with the plagues of Egypt in Exodus? 3. Do you think these final 7 bowls are going to be poured out in a rather rapid rate? 4. During the Third Bowl, why do you think the angel interrupts, saying, “You are righteous, O Lord”? 5. Do you find it strange that we are told in both fourth and fifth bowls that men did not repent from their deeds? 6. How repentant are we? 7. During the fifth bowl (darkness and pain) do you think this is a prelude of the conditions of hell (outer darkness)?
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