A Study Of The Book Of Revelation

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BOOK OF REVELATION: CHAPTER 16 BOWLS OF WRATH — JUDGMENT COMPLETE

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"Seven Bowls of Wrath" Chapter 16

- I. First Bowl: on the Earth (verse 2)
- II. Second Bowl: on the Sea (verse 3)
- III. Third Bowl: on the Rivers and Springs (verses 4-7)
- IV. Fourth Bowl: on the Sun (verses 8-9)
- V. Fifth Bowl: on the Throne of the Beast (verses 10-11)
- VI. Sixth Bowl: on the Euphrates (verses 12-16)
- VII. Seventh Bowl: into the Air (verses 17-21)

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BOWL 1

On the Earth (verse 2)

- A. Causes a foul and loathsome sore
- B. Upon those who have mark of beast and worship his image

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BOWL 2

On the Sea (verse 3)

- A. Sea became blood
- B. Creatures of sea died

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BOWL 3

On the Rivers and Springs (verses 4-7)

- A. Water turned to blood (verse 4)
- B. Angels praise God for righteous judgment (verses 5-7)
 - 1. Angel of the waters
 - 2. Angel from the altar

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BOWL 4

On the Sun (verses 8-9)

- A. Scorched men with fire (verse 8)
- B. Men who were scorched (verse 9)
 - 1. Blaspheme God
 - 2. Did not repent
 - 3. Did not give glory to God

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BOWL 5

On the Throne of the Beast (verses 10-11)

- A. The kingdom of the beast becomes full of darkness (verse 10a)
- B. The beast and his kingdom (verses 10b-11)
 - 1. In pain
 - 2. Blaspheme God
 - 3. Did not repent

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BOWL 6

On the Euphrates River (verses 12-16)

- A. River dried up making way for kings of the east (verse 12)
- B. Three unclean spirits go out to gather kings to battle (verses 13-16)
 - From the dragon, beast, and false prophet (verse 13)
 - 2. Go to kings to gather them for battle (verse 14)
 - 3. A warning (verse 15)
 - 4. At Armageddon (verse 16)

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BOWL 7

On the Euphrates River (verses 12-16)

- A. Voice from the temple of heaven: "it is done" (verse 17)
- B. Noises, thunder, lightning, and earthquake (verse 18)
- C. Effect of this fierce wrath (verses 19-21)
 - 1. Cities of the nations fall
 - 2. Wrath poured on Babylon
 - 3. Men blaspheme God

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What Is The Point?

God's wrath executed on Rome

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REVELATION 16:1

"And I heard a great voice out of the temple, saying to the seven angels, Go ye, and pour out the seven bowls of the wrath of God into the earth."

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Trumpets	Bowls	Plagues
Fire, blood on earth (8:7)	On earth, sores (16:2)	Boils (Ex. 9:9-11)
Sea – Blood (8:10)	On the sea (16:3)	
Fountains bitter (8:10)	Rivers - blood (16:8)	Water - Blood (7:17-21)
Sun, Moon Darkened (8:12)	Sun scorched (16:8)	
Smoke, Locust (9:1-4)	Darkness (16:10)	Darkness (10:21-23)
Angels of Euphrates (9:14)	Euphrates dried (16:12)	Locusts (10:4)
Mystery finished (10:7)	Finished; hail (16:17)	Hail (9:19-24)
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(Frank Jamerson, 1994 Florida College Lectures, page 132)		

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THE COMMISSION

- No partial judgment.
- The wrath/plagues find their background in the plagues of God on Egypt.
- Climax of the apocalypse.
- The final judgment of God against a wicked agent of Satan is about to be revealed.
- Not the final judgment of all the world.

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THE COMMISSION

- "Voice from the temple" (*loud*) must be God since no one else is in there
- Spoken to the seven angels
- "Go ... pour out" "into all earth"
- Warning is gone
- The fury of God
- God's patience is now over

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"And the first went, and poured out his bowl into the earth; and it became a noisome and grievous sore upon the men that had the mark of the beast, and that worshipped his image."

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THE FIRST BOWL POURED OUT

- These would **not** affect the Christians
- Incurable disease (like the 6th plague in Egypt – Exodus 9:10ff)
- Affected those who "worshipped the beast" and those with the "mark of the beast"
- Poured out on the **same objects** of nature of those the of the four trumpets.

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THE FIRST BOWL POURED OUT

- Three underlying reasons for Rome's downfall:
 - Natural disasters
 - Social decay
 - External invasions
 - Three objects affected by the trumpets and now repeated by the bowls
 - Symbolism reminds those persecuted Rome would fall in time - by God's timetable!

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