

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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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

Fire, blood on earth (8:7)
Sea – Blood (8:10)
Fountains bitter (8:10)

Bowls

On earth, sores (16:2)
On the sea (16:3)
Rivers – blood (16:8)

Plagues

Boils (Ex. 9:9-11)
Water – Blood (7:17-21)

Sun, Moon Darkened (8:12)

Sun scorched (16:8)

Darkness (10:21-23)

Smoke, Locust (9:1-4)

Darkness (16:10)

Locusts (10:4)

Angels of Euphrates (9:14)

Euphrates dried (16:12)

Hail (9:19-24)

Mystery finished (10:7)

Finished; hail (16:17)

**Trumpets: Warn-
Third part destroyed**

**Bowls: Finality of
Judgment**

(Frank Jamerson, 1994 Florida College Lectures, page 132)

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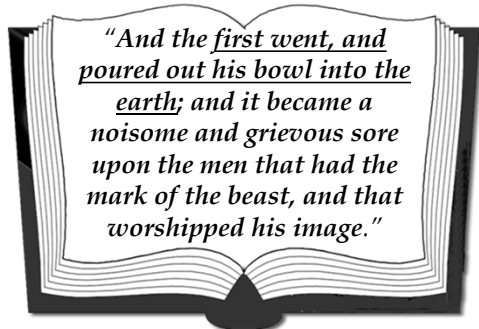
- No **partial judgment**.
– cf. Revelation 8:6ff – Trumpets sounded.
- The **wrath/plagues** find their background in the plagues of God on Egypt.
- Climax of the apocalypse.
- The final judgment of God against a wicked agent of Satan is about to be revealed.
- Not the final judgment of all the world.

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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 the earth”**
- **Warning** is gone
- The **fury of God**
- God’s **patience** is now over

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REVELATION 16:2

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THE FIRST BOWL POURED OUT

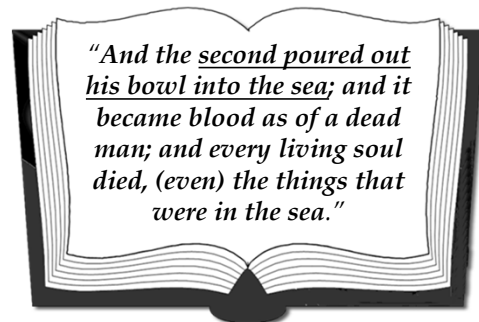
- These would not affect the Christians
- Incurable disease (*like the 6th plague in Egypt – Exodus 9:10ff*)
- Affected those who "**worshipped the beast**" and those with the "**mark of the beast**"
- Poured out on the **same objects** of nature of those the of the four trumpets.

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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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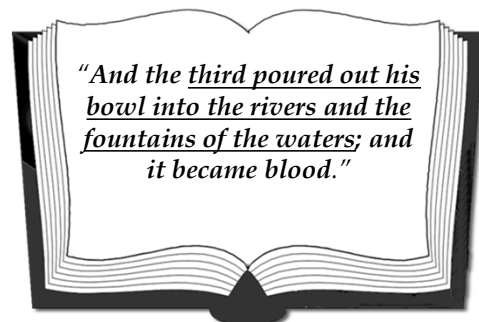
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THE SECOND BOWL POURED OUT

- Into the sea
- Blood (**Exodus 7:17-21**)
- Here, it is literally, "**blood of a dead man**," (*not fresh*) and **NOT** the blood of dead man.
- Water is one of man's basic requirements
- Polluted water causes endangerment
- Second trumpet (**8:8-9**) – maritime disaster warning

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"And I heard the angel of the waters saying, Righteous art thou, who art and who wast, thou Holy One, because thou didst thus judge"

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"for they poured out the blood of the saints and the prophets, and blood hast thou given them to drink: they are worthy."

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REVELATION 16:7

"And I heard the altar saying, Yea, O Lord God, the Almighty, true and righteous are thy judgments."

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THE THIRD BOWL POURED OUT

- *"Into rivers and springs of water"*
- Fresh, as well as salt water, stank with death as they turned to blood
- Men on earth **reaping** what they had sown
- Blood — **judgment declared to be righteous**
- Confirmed by this angel
- Righteous because of the **blood of martyrs** shed by Rome
- Made their blood run as water (**17:6**) and now all they have to drink is blood!

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THE THIRD BOWL POURED OUT

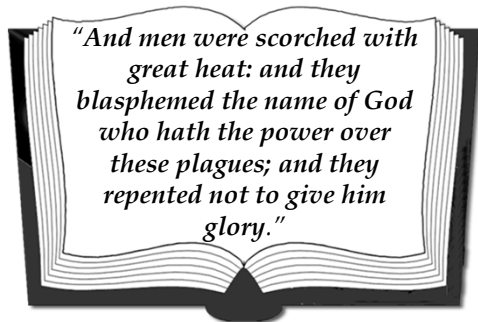
- Deserve **God's wrath** because of rejection of truth and shedding the blood of the bearers of that truth
- The martyrs under the altar, asking for **vindication** earlier
- The "**altar**" represents as replying to praise the event.
- **Punishment** fits the crime
- Rome is worthy of torment for her **conduct**.

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"And the fourth poured out his bowl upon the sun; and it was given unto it to scorch men with fire."

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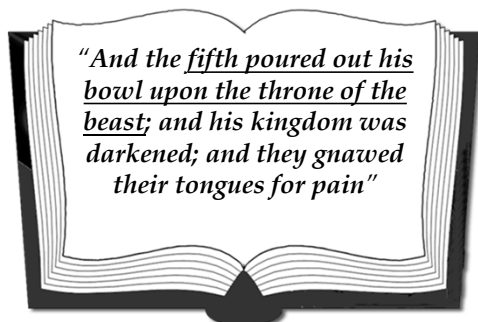
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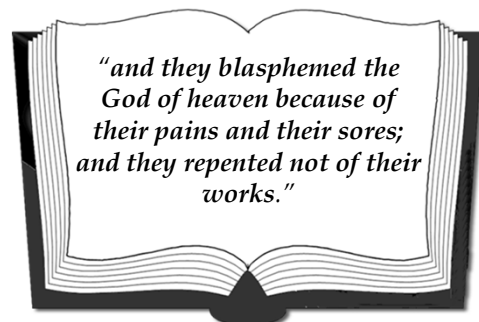
THE FOURTH BOWL POURED OUT

- Horrible effect on the sun
- Intensified on the non-Christians
- Frightening picture of torment of sinners
- Fiery trial now for the non-Christian
- Blasphemy and impenitence – fiery trial had hardened their hearts
- First four bowls happens quickly – did not move them to repent
- So far into sin – can't repent (**Hebrews 6:6**)

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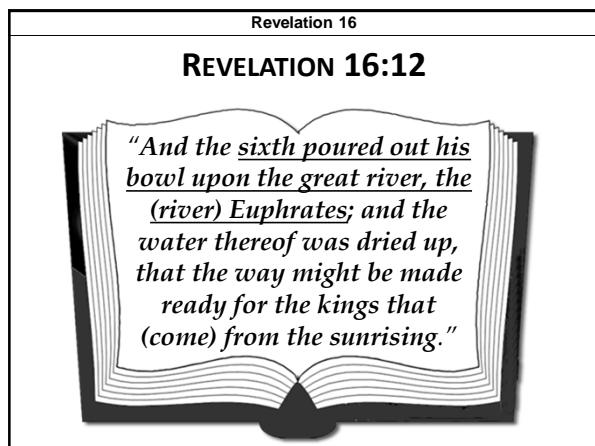
THE FIFTH BOWL POURED OUT

- The first four bowls affected the earth in general, the fifth affects only the **beast's throne and kingdom**.
- Beast's kingdom is **darkened**
- The very seat of authority is attacked – the **"throne"**
- In darkness and the pain – things getting pretty rough
- Again they become **impenitent** and **blasphemous** – hearts getting harder

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THE FIFTH BOWL POURED OUT

- Center of the **empire of Rome**
- Rome's **weakening, and diminishing** of Rome's stranglehold on the world
- Difficulties of this magnitude have caused humble men to **recognize** their errors and repent
- Compound their **sinfulness**
- Unfortunately, **sinful pleasures** had led to **internal rottenness**.



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THE SIXTH BOWL POURED OUT

- River Euphrates is no longer an obstacle to invading armies (cf. *capture of ancient Babylon by Cyrus*, Jeremiah 50:38; 51:36-37)
- Rome's **greatest fears** are going to materialize
- Army of God will bring **pagan Rome** to her knees
- Unable **to protect itself** from outside invaders, such as Parthians from the east.