

THE POURING OUT OF THE SEVEN BOWL JUDGMENTS

Rev. 16:1-21

Study #35

Introduction: Judgment is finally coming to this earth, with such horror that it staggers human imagination. Seven angels are going to bring God's determined judgment in seven acts of great horror. Ungodly mankind will be judged fairly and completely during these acts of judgment. Each angel has a bowl and in turn tips the bowl over and its contents spills out upon the earth bringing catastrophic horror.

I. JUDGMENT BOWL NUMBER ONE

1. The first judgment is of ulcerous sores.

- Harmful, malignant, foul, painful, putrifying, ugly, repulsive, embarrassing.
- Cause great agony, torture, giving no rest day or night.
- Incurable and no relief from the pain.

2. Remember the plagues upon Egypt? (boils...Ex. 9:8-11)

II. JUDGMENT BOWL NUMBER TWO

1. The second judgment is poured out upon the seas.

- All salt water will be infected with some kind of RED contamination.
- There is a *red tide* that affects sea life today. It destroys sea life.
- Fishing will be destroyed all over the world in the salt waters.

2. Remember the plagues of Egypt? (water turned into blood...Ex. 7:17-25)

III. JUDGMENT BOWL NUMBER THREE

1. The third judgment is poured out upon the fresh water.

- No water safe to drink anywhere.
- No water fit to wash or bathe in.

2. Some people don't believe that God will do such a thing. Their concept of God is not what the Scriptures reveal. God has already and will again bring horrible judgments upon the wicked and ungodly of this world.

3. Remember the plagues of Egypt? (water turned into blood...Ex 7:17-25)

IV. JUDGMENT BOWL NUMBER FOUR

1. The fourth judgment is poured out upon the sun.

- An unending heat wave, burning, scorching, killing plant life and people.

2. With all this, the ungodly and wicked of the earth still will not repent. They will instead curse and blaspheme the name of God.

V. JUDGMENT BOWL NUMBER FIVE

1. The fifth bowl poured out upon the earth is that of pitch black darkness.
 - No natural light from the sun, moon or stars or heaven itself...covering the entire world.
 - Joel predicted this darkness: Joel 2:1,2
 - Jesus predicted this darkness: Mt. 24:29
2. The suffering will be excruciating, sores, thirst, filth, smell of polluted waters, stench of decaying fish, bird, and animal life, searing heat, and now pitch darkness.
3. Remember the plagues of Egypt? (pitch darkness...Ex 10:21-23)

VI. JUDGMENT BOWL NUMBER SIX

1. The sixth bowl of judgment is poured out upon the Euphrates river which dries up.
 - The purpose is to prepare a "highway" for the armies of the world to travel upon.
 - It is 1780 miles long, 300 - 1200 yds wide, 10 to 30 ft. deep. Runs from the Persian Gulf into the land of Palestine...
2. All armies of the world will gather: Arabia, China, Russia, Africa, Europe, America, Canada and all other nations of the earth in alliances.
3. Evil spirits with great persuasive powers will cause the nations to come together as one to war against God's people in Palestine.
4. All the armies will gather in the area of the valley of Meggido or Armageddon.
5. It is here that Jesus will return to destroy all the wicked, ungodly, unbelieving of the world.

VII. JUDGMENT BOWL NUMBER SEVEN

1. The seventh bowl of judgment is poured out into the air, poisoning it that men die.
2. God's voice declares "It is done!"
3. All nature breaks loose: lightning, rumblings, thunder, earthquakes..mountains leveled, cities destroyed, devastation, destruction, horror, injury, death.
4. Still the wicked, ungodly and evil people of this world will not repent, they will still blame God.

CONCLUSION

1. Jesus will come. He will come quickly. He will come in total judgment.
2. The believer of today must be about the business of warning the unbelieving world.