

Sermon Series: Revelation - Jesus Revealed Sermon Title: Seven Bowls of Righteous Wrath

Scripture: Revelation 16:1-21

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INTRODUCTION

Five themes that "run" throughout this chapter:
1) The Sovereignty of God: God has the right to do all that He pleases, and He is when He does all that He pleases!
(Psalm 115:3)
2) The Stubborn, Foolish, Hardened Human Heart: Left to ourselves, dead in our sin, apart from the grace of God, we will defiantly and suicidally and "shake our fist" at God!
(Romans 1:24-25)
3) The Sowing and Reaping Principle: God is perfectly and righteous in all His decisions!
(Galatians 6:7-8)
4) The Magnitude, Breadth, and Intensity of God's Actions: The words "great" and "loud" appear repeatedly in the context of these judgments.
(John 3:19)
5) The Zeal and Love of God for His People: It is crystal clear that God's people are NOT the target of His wrath and judgment; God fully intends to care for and to them.
(1 Thessalonians 5:9 and Romans 8:1 and Revelation 16:1)

I. THE FINAL SEVEN BOWLS OF GOD'S RIGHTEOUS WRATH

Revelation 16:2 -
Bowl #1 - Painful Sores: Those who took the mark of the beast are now "" by God.
(Job 2:10 and 1 Peter 5:6-7)
Revelation 16:3 -
Bowl #2 - The Sea Destroyed: God vividly and powerfully displays the effects of in creation.
Revelation 16:4-7 -
Bowl #3 - Rivers and Springs Turned to Blood: God's wrath is always and appropriate. (2 Corinthians 5:21)
Revelation 16:8-9 -
Bowl #4 - The Scorching Sun: The sinful, hardened heart would rather than repent.
Revelation 16:10-11 -
Bowl #5 - Intense Darkness: God the kingdom of the beast for what it really is.
Revelation 16:12-16 -
Bowl #6 - The River Dries and The "Frogs" are Released: God is "setting the stage" and preparing the way for the of His enemies.
Revelation 16:17-21 -
Bowl #7 - The Final Outpouring of Wrath: God pronounces the of His judgments as this last expression of wrath is poured out on the earth.
(John 19:30)

Questions for Further Study, Reflection, and Application...

- 1. As you look at chapter 16 as a whole, what recurring themes or truths do you see?
- 2. What kinds of words are used to describe God in this chapter?
- 3. As you consider the Seven Bowls, how are they appropriate to mankind's sin? How do they "fit" the crime?
- 4. What does Jesus say in verse 15? Why do you think Jesus speaks in the midst of the sixth bowl?
- 5. What connection is there between Revelation 16:17 and John 19:30?