

REV 16 THE SEVEN BOWLS OF WRATH



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Rev 16:1 I heard *a loud voice from the temple*, saying to the *seven angels*, "Go & pour out on the earth the *seven bowls* of the wrath of God."

A loud voice: Perhaps God, as none else was able to enter due to the smoke until the plagues were finished. (Rev 15:8)

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Seven angels: They came out from inside the Temple (15:6) before the smoke began (15:8).

Seven bowls: Given by one of the four living creatures (Rev 15:7).

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Rev 16:2 The *first angel* went and poured out his bowl on the earth; and it became a *loathsome and malignant sore on the people* who *had the mark of the beast & who worshiped his image.*



Loathsome & malignant:
what does this represent?

“There is perhaps no part of Revelation for which expositors have offered more different explanations than the 7 bowls of wrath.”

JT Hinds: Revelation

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1st

“Sin’s Cancer”

(Gal 6:8) Shall
of the flesh
reap
corruption.

Mass murder,
Torture, Genocide.



Sexually
transmitted
disease,
Depravity,
Addictions,
Rape, Forced
prostitution,
Insanity.

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Rev 16:3 The *second angel* poured out his bowl into the *sea, and it became BLOOD* like that *of a dead man*; and EVERY LIVING THING in the sea died.

2nd

Sea... became blood

Sea is symbolic of *restless society.*

(Rev 17:15; 13: 1)

Blood like ..a dead man: Coagulated and dark!

Every living thing... died
Spiritual death of society!
(Read— Rom 1:24-32)



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Rev 16:3 *Sea, and it became blood like that of a dead man; & Every Living thing in the sea died.*

the Bible translators don't say "humans" they say "**Everything!**"

2nd

Compare: NIV, KJV, NAS, RSV, ESV, NCV, CJB, NLT, TLB, AMP.

Vines: Psuche #5590 "An animate creature, human or otherwise."

Rev 16:3 Every Living thing in the sea died.

2nd

Ogden: “Which sea? Again we are not told.”

Hmm? Contrast (Rev 17:15 Peoples)

Ogden “The language intends to picture the death of human beings not the fish & other sea life. Only humans are living souls!”

Cf Thayers: Psuche #5590 “Breath as of animals”

Haverstock: “Here are the naval battles both in the Mediterranean and the Sea of Galilee ... and many people died in those naval battles as Rome won every single one.”

But the Bible says “**everything** in the sea died”

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Rev 16:4 Then the *third angel* poured out his bowl into *the rivers & the springs of waters*; and *they became blood*...

3rd



- #1 Problems on Man.
- #2 Death everywhere.
- #3 Life-giving water is polluted. (Ex 7:20-21)

Enemies of God wanted *blood* ... so they'll have their fill of it !

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Rev 16: 6 “For *they poured out the blood of saints and prophets, & You have given them blood to drink. They deserve it.*”

You have given them blood to drink: “They wanted blood. They seemed to enjoy it. They shed enough of it. The sea shore waved with it, the rivers flowed with it, the springs gurgled with it.”



—McGuiggan p. 226.

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Hal Lindsey: *Premillennialist* takes this literally and says:

“It gets pretty grim when there’s no fresh water to drink anywhere on earth. There’s going to be a big run on Coca-Cola. But even this will run out after a while.” *(See McGuiggan Revelation p 226)*



Are we to believe that in these conditions that 200 million Chinese are going to march on Israel to meet the Antichrist in battle and there hasn't been a drop of water in 7 mo?

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Rev 16:8 The fourth angel poured out his bowl upon the sun, & it was given to it to scorch men with fire.

4th

Sun... scorch men:

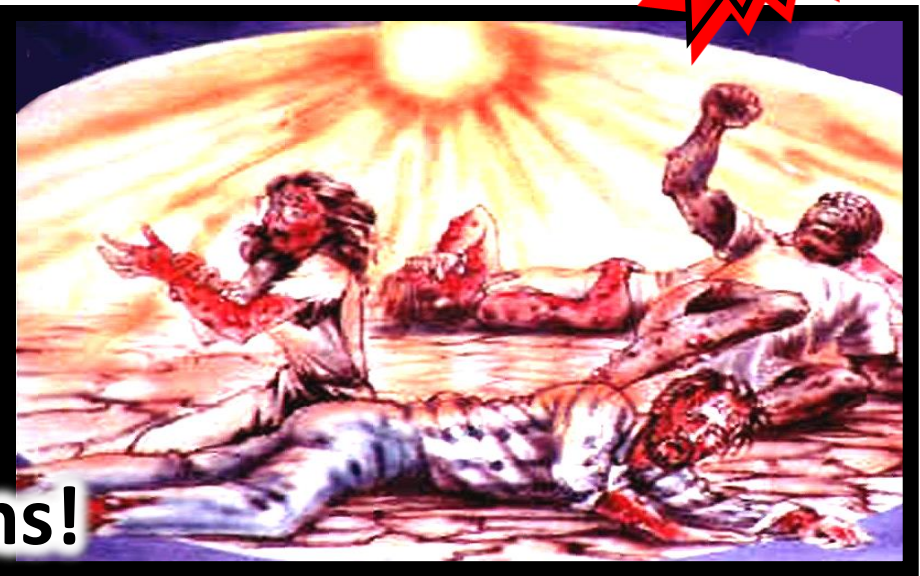
Prominent Leaders!

Jacob = sun (Gen 37:9f)

Jesus = sun (Mal 4:2)

Larry says Vespasian

Their disastrous decisions!



Hitler of Germany, Hirohito of Japan, Hussein of Iraq, Ceaușescu of Romania, Khadafi of Egypt.

v.9 Blasphemed the name & **DID NOT REPENT**

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Rev 16:10 The *fifth angel* poured out his bowl on the *throne of the beast* & his *kingdom became darkened*; and they gnawed their tongues because of pain.



Throne of the Beast: Inept Roman leaders!

(Isa 3:4) Capricious children rule..

(Ecc 10:17-18) Woe to you .. whose king is a lad.

Kingdom became darkened: *Hopeless affairs!*

(Deut 28:29) Grope as a blind man gropes in dark

(Prov 4:18) Way of the wicked is *darkness*...

(Isa 5:30b) The land.. is *darkness* and distress.

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Rev 16:12 The sixth angel poured out his bowl on the great river, the Euphrates; and its water was dried up, so that the way would be prepared for the kings from the east.

Euphrates—

Never Literally dried up !

Obstacles to advance removed!

Red Sea under Moses Ex 14:21^f

Jordan under Joshua Josh 3:15^f

Kings from the east: ✓ Armies against Rome

Jim McGuiggan. Against the church Hailey?

Chinese Army Lindsey? Parthians could come

to intervene but didn't? Art Ogden



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v.13 *Mouth of the dragon = Satan*
Mouth of Beast = Roman empire
False prophet = Man-made religion

(1 Tim 4:1-2) Deceitful spirits & doctrines of demons, by means of the hypocrisy of liars seared in their own conscience.

v.14 *Performing signs : False wonders (2 Thess 2:9)*
“Talking statues” & “Sacred chickens !”
(Eph 4:14) Trickery of men: Delphi Oracle



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Rev 16:14 *Which go out* to the kings of the whole world, to gather them together for the war of the great day of God, the Almighty...

The false, demonic teachers encourage their forces to enter into spiritual War.

This War is again spoken of as against Christ (Rev 19:11-21).

Har-Magedon (Armageddon) is used in (Rev 16:16) and it's never called the "*Battle of Armageddon*" in the Bible.



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Rev 16:16 And they gathered them together to the place which in Hebrew is called "**Har-Magedon.**" (Armageddon)

God's battle field !

Joshua fought Canaanites here. (Josh 12:21)

Barak fought Canaanites here. (Judg 4:12-15)

Philistines killed Saul & his sons here (1 Sam 31:1)

Pharaoh fought Josiah who died here (2 Ki 23:29f)

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Rev 16:17 Then the *seventh angel* poured out his bowl *upon the air*, and a loud voice came out of the temple from the throne, saying, "*It is done.*"

7th

It is done: "Fall of Rome." The judgment for which the martyrs.

Poured upon the air:

Realm of Satan (Eph 2:2)

"Prince of the power of the air."

Satan will no longer use *a single world religion* to persecute saints.



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Rev 16:18 “And there were flashes *of lightning* & sounds and *peals of thunder*; & there was a *great earthquake*, such as there had not been since man came to be upon the earth.”

Barnes:

“All this is intensive, and is designed to represent the severity of the judgment that would follow.”



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Rev 16:19 *The Great City* was split into 3 parts, and the cities of the nations fell. And *Babylon the great* was remembered... to give her the cup of the **WINE OF HIS FIERCE WRATH.**

7th

v.19 Great city... Babylon
This is Rome, not Jerusalem.

17:8 Babylon the great...

17:18 Great city which

➔ REIGNS over the kings
of the earth.



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Rev 16:20 And every island fled away,
and the mountains were not found.

Prophetic Language of National Upheaval

Mic 1:4 Lord is coming... *mountains melt*
under him, and the valleys will be
split like wax before fire..

Nah 1:5 Mountains quake because of Him,
and *the hills dissolve* and the earth
is upheaved by His presence.

Ps 97:4-5 Earth trembled, *mountains melted*
like wax at His presence.

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Rev 16:21 **Huge hailstones, about one hundred pounds** each, came down from heaven upon men; and men blasphemed God because of the plague of the hail, because its plague was extremely severe.

God is going to pound his enemies.

Isa 28:17 “*Hail* shall sweep away the refuge of lies.”

Isa 32:19 “And it will *hail* when the forest comes down, And the city will be utterly laid low.



WRATH

of

GOOD

SIMILARITIES & DIFFERENCES

Rev 8-9, 11 The Trumpets

- #1 Trees / grass burned
- #2 Sea-blood, 1/3 life dies
- #3 Rivers-blood, many die
- #4 Sun, moon.. 1/3 dark
- #5 Locusts torment 5 mo.
- #6 Euphrates- 200 mil. men
- #7 ²⁷ Lightning, thunder, quake,

Rev 16 The Bowls

- #1 Malignant sores on men
- #2 Sea-blood- all in it dies
- #3 Rivers-blood, drink blood
- #4 Sun scorches men
- #5 Beast throne dark, pain
- #6 Euphrates dried up, kings
- #7 Lightning, thunder, quake,