

Sunday, August 25, 2024

1 Timothy 4:13, “Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to exhortation, to teaching.”

Title: The Bowls of God’s Wrath

Series: Revelation ... 22

Text: Revelation 16

Purpose: I want to INFORM my congregation of the ministry of the seven angels and the pouring out of the seven bowls of God’s Wrath!

Introduction:

~ We have concluded the divinely appointed interlude that has covered the last several chapters of Revelation and have briefly considered their contents.

The time is the last half of the seventieth week of Daniel (Daniel 9:24 – 27; Matthew 24:15 – 31); that is the last 3 ½ years of the 7 years of the 70th week.

~ The command opening Revelation 16 is: vs. 1, “Then I heard a loud voice from the temple telling the seven angels, “Go and pour out on the earth the seven bowls of the wrath of God.””

1. First Bowl:

~ vs. 2, “and harmful and painful sores came upon the people who bore the mark of the beast and worshiped its image.”

Notice that this judgment is selective; only on those who...

~ This judgment reminds me of Job 2:7 – 10 and Exodus 9:8 – 12 the sixth plague

2. Second Bowl:

~ vs. 3, “The second angel poured out his bowl into the sea,”

The second and the third bowls are reminiscent of Exodus 7:14 – 25

Notice the effect!

3. Third Bowl:

~ vs. 4, “The third angel poured out his bowl into the rivers and the springs of water, and they became blood.”

(Personal note re Lac Pelletier)

~ vs. 6 – 7 give a divine insight into the Lord God Almighty and His Judgments! God’s perfect character demands justice.

~ Psalm 7:11, “God is a righteous judge, and a God who feels indignation every day.”

4. Fourth Bowl:

~ vs. 8, “The fourth angel poured out his bowl on the sun, and it was allowed to scorch people with fire.”

~ vs. 9 records the response of the peoples – “they cursed the name of God who had power over these plagues. They did not repent and give him glory.”

Contrast with Revelation 8:12 where sun light is dimmed.

~ Malachi 4:1, “For behold, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble, The day that is coming shall set them ablaze, says the LORD of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch.”

~ Pastor William R. Newell (1868 – 1956) said, “If men are not won by grace, they will never be won.”

5. Fifth Bowl:

~ vs. 10, “The fifth angel poured out his bowl on the throne of the beast, and its kingdom was plunged into darkness.”

~ Notice the response of people in verse 11! “Repentance is the only act, an act of surrender that will spare people from God’s ultimate judgment.”

Reminds me of the ninth plague on Egypt in Exodus 10:21 – 23

6. Sixth Bowl:

~ vs. 12, “The sixth angel poured out his bowl on the great river Euphrates,”

~ vs. 13, “three unclean spirits like frogs.”

Frogs were the second plague in Egypt!

~ vs. 14, “For they are demonic spirits, performing signs, who go abroad to the kings of the whole world, to assemble them for battle on the great day of God the Almighty.”

~ vs. 15, Special admonition from the Lord Jesus Christ!

~ vs. 16, “And they assembled them at the place that in Hebrew is called Armageddon.”

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7. Seventh Bowl:

~ vs. 17, “It is done!”

~ The devil is the prince of the power of the air. Ephesians 2:2

~ The devil’s religious system done – Revelation 17

~ The devil’s political and economic system done – Revelation 18

~ The devil’s military system done – Revelation 19

Conclusion:

Closing song – CityAlight – I Will Trust My Savior Jesus