

Revelation 16

14.6-13: Message of the Three Angels

6-7: First Angel with the Eternal Gospel

'fear God and give Him glory' – addressed to the 'earth dwellers' who chose the Dragon (11.10; 13.8-14)

8: **Second Angel Predicting Destruction:** as in Isaiah 21.9 ('Babylon has fallen, fallen')

9-11: Third Angel Pronounces Judgment on those who Follow the Beast

Who is bearing this wrath of YHWH? Those who have killed the saints (6.9-11), worshipped the beast (13.4-15) and rejected God (9.20-21; 14.6-7, 9-10)

12-13: The Call for Endurance: 1 Timothy 5.24-25; Luke 6.43-45

14.14-20: The Reapers: Grain (14-16) and Grape (17-20)

Joel 3.13: 'Swing the sickle, for the harvest is ripe. Come, trample the grapes, for the winepress is full and the vats overflow – so great is their wickedness.' Also Isa. 63.2-3; 17.5; Jere. 25.30; Hosea 6.11

Revelation 15: Introduction of Seven Bowls

2-4: Song of Victorious Saints

'The sea of glass with fire' – 4.6; in the throne room stand those who have 'emerged triumphant' (12.11; 17.14).

Victorious Saints are promised:

- a. Tree of life (2.7)
- b. Deliverance from the second death (2.11) and hidden manna (2.17)
- c. Authority over the nations (2.26)
- d. White garments and the Book of Life (3.5)
- e. Becoming pillars in God's temple (3.12) and
- f. The honor of sitting with Christ as He reigns (3.21)

15.3-4 The Song of Moses – Exodus 15.1-19; Deuteronomy 31.30 – 32.43 – A song of victory

15.5-8: Seven Angels Emerge from the Heavenly Temple

Tabernacle in the wilderness – Ex. 25.16-21; Deut. 10.1-2; 1 Kings 8.9; 2 Chron. 5.10

Plagues from God – 9.18-20; 11.6; 13.3, 12-14; 15.1, 8; 16.9, 21; 18.4, 8; 21.9; 22.18

Priests normally wore garments made of linen (Leviticus 16.4, 23); and angels (Ezek. 9.2-3; Daniel 10.5; 12.6-7)

Four Living Creatures – (4.6-7) have guided worship (5.6-7), sent forth 4 horsemen (6.1-8)

Bowls used at Temple for sprinkling of blood sacrifices (Ex. 27.3; 38.3; 2 Chronicles 4.8)

The Cloud accompanies the presence of God – Ex. 25.15-16; 40.34-35; 1 Kings 8.10-12; Isa. 6.1-4

Revelation 16: Seven Bowls of Judgment

Jeremiah 10.25: the prophet's prayer to God - 'Pour Out wrath upon the nations'

The Bowls take the Trumpet Judgments of Revelation 8 to another level

16.2: First Bowl – Terrible Sores

Sixth Egyptian plague – Exodus 9.9-11

16.3: Second Bowl – Sea Turns to Blood

First Egyptian Plague – Exodus 7.14-21, the waters of the Nile turned to blood

16.4: Third Bowl – Inland Waters Turn to Blood

Exodus 7.14-21; In the Third Trumpet Judgment, a burning star poisoned the waters (8.10-11)

16.5-7: Hymn Hailing the Divine Justice of God

Affirms the Righteousness of God (Ps. 119.137; Jer. 12.1; Daniel 3.27) and commends the Justice of Divine Punishment (Joshua 7.19-21)

Compare the Divine Title here with that in Rev. 1.4, 8 and 4.8

Matthew 23: Seven Woes spoken against Scribes and Pharisees; also Matt. 5.11-12; Acts 7.52; Romans 11.3

In Rev. 6.9-11, the martyrs implored God to bring wrath against those who killed them.

16.8-9: Fourth Bowl – The Sun Scorches People

Not Connected to Egyptian plague or Trumpet judgment; Perhaps a massive solar flare or mini-nova

Fire: Biblical Instrument of Divine Judgment – 1.14; 2.18; 8.5; 8.7-8; 9.17-18; 11.5; 18.8; 20.10, 14-15

Blasphemy in the *Apocalypsis* is to slander God through idolatry and mock Him through rejection.

16.10-11: Fifth Bowl - Beast's Throne in Darkness and Pain

Beast's throne (13.2) overthrown as his reign will be 'plunged into darkness'; Ninth Egyptian Plague (Ex. 10)

16.12-16: Sixth Bowl - Preparation for Final War at Har-Magedon

Euphrates dries up; Kings 'from the rising of the sun'; False trinity gathers kings; unclean spirits like frogs – an unclean creature (Leviticus 11.10-11); and an Egyptian Plague (Ex. 8.1-15)

13.3-4, 14 – the 'entire world' joined in worshipping the beast

Armageddon – end-of-the-world battle predicted in OT (Ezekiel 38-39; Zechariah 12-14) and in 2 Thess. 2.8

'mountain of Megiddo' – plain of Megiddo and Mt. Carmel? Or symbolic?

16.17-21: Seventh Bowl – Cosmic Judgment