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The Tribulation begins after the antichrist signs a covenant with the leaders of the nation Israel (Isaiah 28:15). We then see the Lord Jesus begins the Tribulation after a seven-seal scroll is handed to Him to open each of the seals in sequence bring massive destruction on the unsaved people left on the world after the Rapture and Resurrection of the Church Age believers. The last seal opens to reveal seven trumpet judgments coming on the earth bringing more judgments. The last trumpet sounds revealing seven bowl judgments.

The seventh trumpet sounds and the third of the woe judgment comes upon the earth (Revelation 11:19) as well as initiation of the thirteen events of the middle of the Tribulation and what we will see today, the bowl judgments.

Remember the three reasons for the Tribulations.

To make an end of sin and wicked people.

To bring about the largest and final worldwide evangelization.

To break the will of the Jews, God's holy chosen people

THE SECOND HALF OF THE GREAT TRIBULATION:

Once the seventh trumpet is sounded the seven bowl (aka vial) judgments are unleashed upon the earth (This is also the third woe judgment).

The first bowl causes sores on the flesh, which only affect those who have taken the mark of the beast (Antichrist 666).

The second bowl causes the rest of the salt water to become ruined by turning it to blood.

The third bowl judgment causes the rest of the fresh water to turn to blood.

The fourth bowl judgment causes the heat of the sun to increase.

The fifth bowl judgment causes the fourth total world blackout to occur.

The sixth bowl judgment is associated with the Campaign of Armageddon.

The seventh bowl judgment is also associated with Armageddon (this also ends the Great Tribulation).

The Prelude to the Bowl Judgments Revelation 15:1-16:1

Revelation 15:1

*<sup>1</sup>And I saw another sign in heaven, great and marvellous, seven angels having the seven last plagues; for in them is filled up the wrath of God (KJV).*

Verse one is carrying on where Revelation 11:19 left off and introduces the prelude with the seven angels who have the seven bowls. These are also the last seven judgments, and they contain and bring to completion the wrath of God. Again, the results spelled out under the seventh trumpet come after the seven Bowl Judgments are complete.

Revelation 11:19

*<sup>19</sup>And the temple of God was opened in heaven, and there was seen in his temple the ark of his testament: and there were lightnings, and voices, and thunderings, and an earthquake, and great hail (KJV).*

Now the Temple is opened in Heaven.

We see the introduction of seven angels who are in possession of seven bowls (some call them vials). They contain the wrath of God in his final judgment on the earth.

Revelation 15:2–4

*<sup>2</sup>And I saw as it were a sea of glass mingled with fire: and them that had gotten the victory over the beast, and over his image, and over his mark, and over the number of his name, stand on the sea of glass, having the harps of God.<sup>3</sup>And they sing the song of Moses the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying, Great and marvellous are thy works, Lord God Almighty; just and true are thy ways, thou King of saints.<sup>4</sup>Who shall not fear thee, O Lord, and glorify thy name? for thou only art holy: for all nations shall come and worship before thee; for thy judgments are made manifest (KJV).*

This is a view of the martyred saints of the second half of the Great Tribulation. They are victorious in light of the pressures of the Antichrist to worship him and take his mark. They lost their lives but gained Paradise in eternity characterizing the Lord's admonition from Matthew 10:28.

Matthew 10:28

*<sup>28</sup>And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell (KJV).*

They sing two songs. The first is a song of Moses. This is from either Exodus 15:1-18 or Deuteronomy 32:1-43 for he recorded two. Then they break out into a chorus, which is recorded here in verse 3b-4. Both Moses' song and the martyred saint's song are of deliverance. We should sing this song daily as our Lord has delivered us from this wrath to come. (Romans 8:1; Matthew 3:7; Luke 3:7; I Thessalonians 1:10 etc.) The song they sing is called the Song of the Lamb.

Revelation 15:5

*<sup>5</sup>And after that I looked, and, behold, the temple of the tabernacle of the testimony in heaven was opened,<sup>6</sup>And the seven angels came out of the temple, having the seven*

*plagues, clothed in pure and white linen, and having their breasts girded with golden girdles.<sup>7</sup> And one of the four beasts gave unto the seven angels seven golden vials full of the wrath of God, who liveth for ever and ever.<sup>8</sup> And the temple was filled with smoke from the glory of God, and from his power; and no man was able to enter into the temple, till the seven plagues of the seven angels were fulfilled (KJV).*

The Temple is again opened for just a short while in this stage of the Great Tribulation.

This will initiate the last seven judgments upon mankind and the earth. We are given a stark contrast of the purity of the angels as seen in their attire and the unwholesome plagues they are about to dispense. They are clothed in pure white linen and have a gold girdle around their chests. They are identified as the angels who have the seven plagues. Then one of the cherubim then gives the angels the seven bowls full of God's wrath. As a result of them receiving the bowls the Temple becomes filled with the Shekinah Glory and the Temple closes until the end of the bowl judgments. Notice how the Shekinah Glory is characterized as smoke and power. Both provide us with insight into His workings in heaven. Just like Revelation 11:19 the focus is entirely on God and the Temple in Heaven. The Temple is now closed as God separates Himself from the sin being poured out upon the world.

Revelation 16:1

*<sup>1</sup>And I heard a great voice out of the temple saying to the seven angels, Go your ways, and pour out the vials of the wrath of God upon the earth (KJV).*

A voice comes out of the Temple in Heaven telling the angels to begin pouring out the seven Bowl Judgments of the wrath of God. The origin of the voice is not revealed but it is likely that it is the Lord Jesus since He has been given authority to take the earth back and conduct the Tribulation (Revelation 5:7).

THE FIRST BOWL JUDGMENT

Revelation 16:2

*<sup>2</sup>And the first went, and poured out his vial upon the earth; and there fell a noisome and grievous sore upon the men which had the mark of the beast, and [upon] them which worshipped his image (KJV).*

This first bowl is strategically directed at only the people who have aligned themselves with the Antichrist (beast). This was prophesied in Revelation 14:9-11

Revelation 14:9-11

*<sup>9</sup>And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive [his] mark in his forehead, or in his hand,<sup>10</sup>The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the*

*presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb:<sup>11</sup>And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever: and they have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name (KJV).*

The net result of the first bowl is a skin ulcer or malignancy of the skin. Some see this as a result of the probability that nuclear war that is taking place. This could be caused by the radiation from those armaments. We saw a similar plague when God caused sores to come upon the Egyptian magicians in Exodus 9:9-11. The saddest observation we make here is viewed in verse 16:11. The people who received this burning ulcer blaspheme God all the more because of the sores and they do not repent. This makes the proverb found in Proverbs 8:36 vividly pertinent.

Proverbs 8:36

*<sup>36</sup>But he that sinneth against me wrongeth his own soul: all they that hate me love death (KJV).*

So physical and spiritual death is summarized here for all those who hate Jesus and refused to take the eternal life He willingly offered to them.

THE SECOND BOWL JUDGMENT

Revelation 16:3

*<sup>3</sup>And the second angel poured out his vial upon the sea; and it became as the blood of a dead [man]: and every living soul died in the sea (KJV).*

We remember from the second trumpet judgment that one-third of all the salt water was ruined during this judgment the remainder of the earth's salt water became blood and all the rest of the sea life on the planet died. This too follows the Exodus plagues (Exodus 7:20-25) that came upon Egypt for not listening to God. The stench alone would be terrible and the ruination of algae and plankton would remove much of the food supply for the sea life.

THE THIRD BOWL JUDGMENT

Revelation 16:4-7

*<sup>4</sup>And the third angel poured out his vial upon the rivers and fountains of waters; and they became blood. <sup>5</sup>And I heard the angel of the waters say, Thou art righteous, O Lord, which art, and wast, and shalt be, because thou hast judged thus. <sup>6</sup>For they have shed the blood of saints and prophets, and thou hast given them blood to drink; for they are worthy. <sup>7</sup>And I heard another out of the altar say, Even so, Lord God Almighty, true and righteous are thy judgments (KJV).*

Now the remainder of the earth's fresh water sources are destroyed, as they become blood. This has the same proportions as the third Trumpet Judgment. One-third of the water was destroyed and now the balance is ruined. There is now no fresh water in rivers and springs to drink. There may

be potable water in cisterns and wells as the Tribulation continues for some time yet and the population requires water to sustain life. The guardian angel assigned to water declares the righteousness of God's judgments during this act. Since men have shed the blood of saints and prophets mankind is given blood to drink. Then from God's altar a voice is heard to affirm that God's judgments are righteous

#### THE FOURTH BOWL JUDGMENT

Revelation 16: 8-9

*<sup>8</sup>And the fourth angel poured out his vial upon the sun; and power was given unto him to scorch men with fire. <sup>9</sup>And men were scorched with great heat, and blasphemed the name of God, which hath power over these plagues: and they repented not to give him glory (KJV).*

We remember that the fourth Trumpet judgment destroyed one-third of the light source causing a partial darkening of the earth. This judgment makes the sun hotter so that men on the earth are scorched with increased temperatures. Again, those on the earth that have taken the mark blaspheme God and do not repent of their sins. They will recognize that God is doing all this to them and still they will not repent.

#### THE FIFTH BOWL JUDGMENT

*<sup>10</sup>And the fifth angel poured out his vial upon the seat of the beast; and his kingdom was full of darkness; and they gnawed their tongues for pain, <sup>11</sup>And blasphemed the God of heaven because of their pains and their sores, and repented not of their deeds (KJV).*

The fifth bowl judgment will result in the fourth blackout of the end times. The entire kingdom of the beast (Antichrist) will become dark. Only the refuge areas in the three Trans Jordanian (Moab, Ammon and Edom) nations where light will continue to exist. In addition to the darkness men receive a gnawing pain that causes to blaspheme God all the more. There will be thick darkness, which can be felt too. This again parallels the plagues in Egypt. (Exodus 10:21-23). We will look at the last two bowl judgments as we move into the eight-stage battle of Armageddon. Chronologically they are better placed there.

We have seen that the Jews will receive their worst persecution during the last half of the Tribulation wherein 2/3 rds. of them will die (Zechariah 13:8-9). The fact that even 1/3 of them will survive is due to Michael the Archangel and Chief Prince.

Daniel 12:1

*<sup>1</sup>And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book (KJV).*

During the Tribulation there will be 4 groups of Jews. The first is the apostate Jews referred to as the many in Daniel 9:27 who make a covenant with the Antichrist. They are the 2/3 that will die.

The second group is the 144,000 evangelists who survive and are sealed.

The third group is called “*other Jewish believers*.” They are comprised of some who die and some who do not. They become believers during the Tribulation and do not take the mark.

The fourth group is called the faithful remnant that comprises the majority of the 1/3 who survive. They will not accept the mark and for most of the Tribulation they will be unbelievers. They are the ones Isaiah calls “*not in haste*.” They did not sign the covenant with Antichrist.

Isaiah 28:16

*<sup>16</sup>Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD, Behold, I lay in Zion for a foundation a stone, a tried stone, a precious corner stone, a sure foundation: he that believeth shall not make haste (KJV).*

The fact that they will survive is found in Isaiah 10:20-23.

Isaiah 10:20-23

*<sup>20</sup>And it shall come to pass in that day, that the remnant of Israel, and such as are escaped of the house of Jacob, shall no more again stay upon him that smote them; but shall stay upon the LORD, the Holy One of Israel, in truth.<sup>21</sup>The remnant shall return, even the remnant of Jacob, unto the mighty God.<sup>22</sup>For though thy people Israel be as the sand of the sea, yet a remnant of them shall return: the consumption decreed shall overflow with righteousness.<sup>23</sup>For the Lord GOD of hosts shall make a consumption, even determined, in the midst of all the land (KJV).*

Verse twenty states that unlike the rest of Israel they will no longer lean on the one who smote them. That is the Antichrist but on the Holy One of Israel. They have trusted God from the beginning although not necessarily Jesus. Verse 21 declares that they will return to the God of Israel and that can only do that through faith in the Messiah Jesus. In spite of numerical strength only the remnant will return to God. Verses 22b and 23 discuss a decree of destruction, which has been determined upon the whole earth, which the remnant will survive. The words are the same as those found in Isaiah 28:22 where the decree of destruction is issued with the signing of the seven-year covenant beginning the Tribulation (Isaiah 28:15). When we take these two passages together it is clear that the remnant will survive the persecution of the Jews by Antichrist and the massive destruction of the earth. Therefore, Isaiah refers to them as the escaped of Israel in Isaiah 4:2; 37:31-32; Joel 2:32 and Obadiah 17.

NEXT WEEK: REVELATION MSG. XXXII

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