

The Angels with the Seven Last Plagues

Revelation 15-16

Introduction

- The Seventh Trumpet has sounded and we are reading about various activities that occur during the Seventh Trumpet.
- In Revelation 15-16 we are told about the angels with the seven last plagues.
- These seven last plagues are also called the golden “bowl” judgments.
- These seven plagues occur at the end of the Tribulation Period, during the last 3 ½ years which is known as “the great tribulation.”

Prelude to the Gold Bowl Judgments 15:1-4

Revelation 15:1 Then I saw another sign in heaven, great and marvelous: seven angels having the seven last plagues, for in them the wrath of God is complete.

- “another sign” – refers to the two preceding signs of chapter 12. The first sign was Israel, under the symbol of a woman (12:1), and second sign was the final world empire under the control of Satan and the beast (Antichrist) (12:3).
- The seven angels having the seven last plagues is the third sign.
- These seven last plagues mark the finality of God’s judgment upon a wicked world.

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² And I saw *something* like a sea of glass mingled with fire, and those who have the victory over the beast, over his image and over his mark *and* over the number of his name, standing on the sea of glass, having harps of God.

- These are the Christians who were killed by the Antichrist for refusing to deny Jesus and refusing to accept the mark of Antichrist.

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³ They sing the song of Moses, the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying: "Great and marvelous *are* Your works, Lord God Almighty! Just and true *are* Your ways, O King of the saints!

⁴ Who shall not fear You, O Lord, and glorify Your name? For *You alone are* holy. For all nations shall come and worship before You, For Your judgments have been manifested."

- These Christians praise God for His **works**, His **ways**, His **worthiness** (He is holy), and for the fact that all nations will eventually come and **worship** before Him.

The appearance of the Seven Angels with the seven last plagues (15:5-8)

⁵ After these things I looked, and behold, the temple of the tabernacle of the testimony in heaven was opened.

⁶ And out of the temple came the seven angels having the seven plagues, clothed in pure bright linen, and having their chests girded with golden bands.

⁷ Then one of the four living creatures gave to the seven angels seven golden bowls full of the wrath of God who lives forever and ever.

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⁸ The temple was filled with smoke from the glory of God and from His power, and no one was able to enter the temple till the seven plagues of the seven angels were completed.

The pouring out of the bowls containing the wrath of God (16:1-21)

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

- **Bowl 1 – a plague of sores on those who received the mark of the beast (Antichrist) (16:1-2)**

² So the first went and poured out his bowl upon the earth, and a foul and loathsome sore came upon the men who had the mark of the beast and those who worshiped his image.

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Bowl 2 – the seas turned to blood and every living creature in the seas dies. (16:3)

³ Then the second angel poured out his bowl on the sea, and it became blood as of a dead *man*; and every living creature in the sea died.

- The second trumpet judgment (Rev. 8:8-9) caused 1/3 of the sea to turn to blood and 1/3 of the living creatures in the sea died.
- In the second bowl judgment all the sea turns to blood and all the living creatures in the sea die.

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Bowl 3 – the rivers and springs of water turn to blood (16:4-7)

⁴ Then the third angel poured out his bowl on the rivers and springs of water, and they became blood.

⁵ And I heard the angel of the waters saying: "You are righteous, O Lord, The One who is and who was and who is to be, Because You have judged these things.

⁶ For they have shed the blood of saints and prophets, And You have given them blood to drink. For it is their just due."

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⁷ And I heard another from the altar saying, "Even so, Lord God Almighty, true and righteous *are* Your judgments."

- The third trumpet judgment (Rev. 8:10-11) caused 1/3 of the rivers and springs of water to be poisoned.
- Here in the third bowl judgment all the rivers and springs of water are turned to blood.
- God's judgments are always just and righteous. God never punishes more or less than is justified by the degree of wickedness performed.

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Bowl 4 – the sun scorches people with its heat (16:8-9)

⁸ Then the fourth angel poured out his bowl on the sun, and power was given to him to scorch men with fire.

⁹ And men were scorched with great heat, and they blasphemed the name of God who has power over these plagues; and they did not repent and give Him glory.

- The fourth trumpet judgment (Rev. 8:12) caused 1/3 of the sun, moon, and stars to be darkened and not shine.

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- The fourth bowl judgment causes the sun to scorch people with fire.
- Rather than repenting of their sinful rebellious ways, people choose to curse God.
- To repent would give God glory and acknowledge Him as a just and righteous Judge of sin.

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Bowl 5 – darkness engulfs the kingdom of the Antichrist (16:10-11)

¹⁰ Then the fifth angel poured out his bowl on the throne of the beast, and his kingdom became full of darkness; and they gnawed their tongues because of the pain.

¹¹ They blasphemed the God of heaven because of their pains and their sores, and did not repent of their deeds.

- The cumulative effect of the painful sores, fowled oceans, lack of drinking water, intense heat, and thick darkness brings terrible misery.

The pouring out of the bowls containing the wrath of God (16:1-21)

- Incredibly, the wicked unbelieving people of the world still refuse to repent.
- This is the last reference to the defiance of sinners and their refusal to repent of their sins.
- The first five bowl judgments were God's final call to repentance.
- Sinners who ignore that call will be confirmed in their unbelief.

The pouring out of the bowls containing the wrath of God (16:1-21)

- The final two bowls, containing the severest of all the judgments, will be poured out on hardened, implacable, defiant sinners.

The pouring out of the bowls containing the wrath of God (16:1-21)

- **Bowl 6 – the Euphrates river is dried up and demons incite the unbelieving world to fight against God. (16:12-17)**

¹² Then the sixth angel poured out his bowl on the great river Euphrates, and its water was dried up, so that the way of the kings from the east might be prepared.

¹³ And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs *coming* out of the mouth of the dragon, out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet.

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¹⁴ For they are spirits of demons, performing signs, *which* go out to the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty.

¹⁵ "Behold, I am coming as a thief. Blessed *is* he who watches, and keeps his garments, lest he walk naked and they see his shame."

¹⁶ And they gathered them together to the place called in Hebrew, Armageddon.

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- From the mouths of each member of the unholy trinity (the dragon = Satan; the beast = Antichrist; and the false prophet) come unclean spirits resembling frogs.
- The demons have power to work miracles and to influence the kings of the earth to unite in war against God.
- The Euphrates river is dried up so that the eastern armies can easily cross over into the land of Israel.
- The epicenter of the war will be at a place called “Armageddon” in Israel.

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- **The great battle of Armageddon is described in Revelation 19.**
- Many prophets speak of this epic battle of rebellion against God (Joel 3:2, 9-13; Zechariah chapters 12-14).
- Amid all the horrors of judgment predicted, God gives believers a word of encouragement and warning.
- “Blessed *is* he who watches, and keeps his garments, lest he walk naked and they see his shame.”

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- According to Rev. 19:7-8, the believers will be dressed in “fine linen, clean and bright, for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints.”
- The Christian, who is not maintaining an obedient lifestyle, does not have on the proper clothes.
- To walk about “naked” and others see “your shame” refers to dereliction in duty.
- **1 John 2:28** says to Christians, “Now, little children, abide in Him,” so that when He appears, we may have confidence and not shrink away from Him in shame at His coming”

The pouring out of the bowls containing the wrath of God (16:1-21)

Bowl 7 – a catastrophic earthquake and 100 pound hail stones (16:17-21)

¹⁷ Then the seventh angel poured out his bowl into the air, and a loud voice came out of the temple of heaven, from the throne, saying, "It is done!"

¹⁸ And there were noises and thunderings and lightnings; and there was a great earthquake, such a mighty and great earthquake as had not occurred since men were on the earth.

The pouring out of the bowls containing the wrath of God (16:1-21)

¹⁹ Now the great city was divided into three parts, and the cities of the nations fell. And great Babylon was remembered before God, to give her the cup of the wine of the fierceness of His wrath.

²⁰ Then every island fled away, and the mountains were not found.

²¹ And great hail from heaven fell upon men, *each hailstone* about the weight of a talent. Men blasphemed God because of the plague of the hail, since that plague was exceedingly great.

The pouring out of the bowls containing the wrath of God (16:1-21)

- This is the worst earthquake earth has ever experienced. Cities will collapse. Every island will disappear, and the mountains will be leveled.
- The tragic response of unbelievers is to curse God.

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Waters Turn to Blood
Exodus 7:14-25



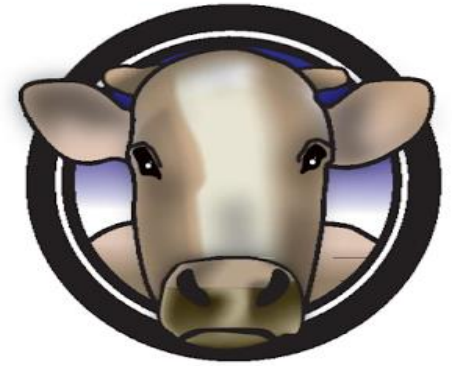
Amphibians (Frogs)
Exodus 7:26-8:11



Gnats (Lice)
Exodus 8:12-15



Flies
Exodus 8:16-28



Disease on Livestock
Exodus 9:1-7

The Ten Plagues of Egypt



Unhealable Boils
Exodus 9:8-12



Hail and Fire
Exodus 9:13-35



Locusts
Exodus 10:1-20



Darkness
Exodus 10:21-29



Death of First-Born
Exodus 11:1-12:36