

THE UNVEILING OF JESUS CHRIST

"This World's Worst Days"

Revelation 16:1-21

INTRODUCTION:

1. The World after the Rapture is headed for catastrophic days.
2. The Book of Revelation can be outlined like this: **Revelation 1:19**
 - a) **"Write therefore..."**
 - 1) **"the things that you have seen"** Chapter 1
 - 2) **"those that are"** Chapters 2-3
 - 3) **"and those that are to take place after this"** Chapters 4-19,
 - a. Chapter 4-5 The Church in Heaven
 - b. Chapter 6-19 The Tribulation
 - c. Chapter 20 The Millenium and The Great White Throne Judgment
 - d. Chapter 21 & 22 The Eternal State
 - b) We can also Organize around the Judgments
 - 1) **The Seal Judgments** Chapters 6-7
 - a. When the world is ruined by man
 - 2) **The Trumpet Judgments** Chapters 8-9, 11
 - a. When the world is ruined by Satan
 - 3) **The Bowl Judgments** Chapter 16
 - a. When the World is reclaimed by God
3. In the Bowl Judgments God works alone. He doesn't work through the agency of Man or Satan.
4. **Chapter 16** is outlined by the 7 Bowl Judgments.
 - a) Vs 1

I. BOWL JUDGMENT #1 - SORES

1. Vs 2
 - a) God begins His Judgment upon those who have denied Him with a scourge of **"harmful and painful sores"**. (NKJ **"foul and loathsome sores"**)
2. These sores afflict all who have taken the **"mark of the Beast"** upon themselves and who have worshiped his image.
3. **WOW!!!** A sore is an outward sign or evidence that something is wrong on the inside.

4. Sometimes spiritual blindness is concealed by a righteous exterior.

a) *Matthew 23:27-28*

5. *Deuteronomy 28:27, 35*

6. The penalty for disobedience was that the plague God visited on Egypt would be visited upon Israel.

a) *Exodus 9:8-10*

II. BOWL JUDGMENT #2 - BLOOD IN THE SEAS

1. Vs 3

2. The **Second Seal** released a "*bright Red Horse*"

a) *Revelation 6:3-4*

3. The **Second Trumpet** announced a "great mountain, burning with fire" which was thrown into the sea, turning 1/3rd of it into blood.

a) *Revelation 8:8*

4. Can you even imagine the conditions on earth when all the Marine life in the ocean is dead?

5. There is literal O.T precedent for such an environmental catastrophe.

a) *Exodus 7:20-21*

III. BOWL JUDGMENT #3 - BLOOD IN FRESH WATER STREAMS

1. Vs 4-7

2. Vs 6

a) "*For they have shed the blood of saints and prophets*"

3. Vs 7

4. That altar has been the shelter of Martyrs coming out of the Tribulation.

a) Cf. *Revelation 6:9-10*

1) They were the ones who cried out for vengeance.

b) Vs 10 of chapter 6

1) "*holy and true.*"

IV. BOWL JUDGMENT #4 - FIRE

1. Vs 8-9 WOW!!!

a) Vs 9

1) *"and they cursed the name of God who had the power over the plagues."*

2. Vs 9

a) *"scorch"* - leaves no doubt as to the result!!

3. *Luke 21:25*

4. *Isaiah 24:6; 42:25*

V. BOWL JUDGMENT #5 - DARKNESS

1. Vs 10-11

2. God now changes His focus from the earth to the Beast himself.

3. The center of Satanic activity on earth is the target of the 5th Bowl Judgment.

4. The darkness God brings upon the center of the Beasts activities causes men to gnaw their tongues because of the pain.

5. Darkness was one of the plagues God brought upon Egypt through Moses.

a) *Exodus 10:21-23*

6. The prophets of the O.T. as well as Jesus spoke of Darkness in the prophetic plan as a form of Judgment.

a) *Isaiah 60:2*

b) *Nahum 1:8*

c) *Mark 13:24-25*

VI. BOWL JUDGMENT # 6 - THE EUPHRATES DRIES UP

1. Vs 12-14

2. The 6th Bowl Judgment is very similar to the 6th Trumpet judgment.

a) *Revelation 9:13-21*

3. This Judgment prepares the way for Armageddon which takes place at the end of the Tribulation.

a) The 200 million man army to cross over it.

4. We have Biblical precedence for this event where we see God accomplishing His purposes.

a) **First** - when he pushed back the waters of the Red Sea.

1) **Exodus 14:21-22**

b) **Second** - Forty years later God stopped the waters of the Jordan.

1) **Joshua 3:14-17**

5. **Revelation 16:13-14**

VII. THE INTERLUDE BEFORE THE LAST BOWL JUDGMENT

1. Vs 15

2. Those who will keep themselves unstained from the Antichrist's world system and remain watchful for the Lord...will be blessed.

3. A final invitation again balances the character of God, judgment tempered by mercy and grace.

VIII. BOWL JUDGMENT # 7 - ARMAGEDDON

1. Vs 17-21

a) The Final Bowl Judgment brings the Tribulation to a conclusion.

2. Vs 17

a) "***It is done***"

b) **John 19:30**

1) This statement of Jesus as He hung on the cross to signify the conclusion of God's Judgment upon Jesus for the sins of the world.

3. It is amazing that men still blaspheme God for his acts rather than submitting to Him.

4. **Very Important:** There will be many who enter the Tribulation, who have heard a clear presentation of the Gospel yet **reject** the Grace of God.

a) **2 Thessalonians 2:7-12**

CONCLUSION: Today is the day of Salvation!! Don't put it off!!