

Christ. Why does Pastor Paul believe they are linear, or sequential (7th seal leads to the trumpets; 7th trumpet leads to the bowls)?

2. How do the bowl judgments reveal both the justice (vv. 5-7) and the mercy of God?
3. What altar is referred to in v. 7? How is the altar speaking? Why does heaven defend God's judgments on earth as true and righteous?
4. How might (should) a deeper understanding of man's sin and God's holiness impact our worship of Him? Be specific as it applies to every area of worship, every day of the week.
5. Why do you think the people refuse to repent even under extreme punishment (vv. 9, 11, 21)? Especially when they know it is God who is judging them.
6. How does repentance give God glory? (Rev. 16:9; cf. 11:13; Joshua 7:19)
7. Share a time when you (or someone you know, but don't give their name) were chastised by God (Heb. 12) but didn't repent right away. How did you justify or rationalize your sin? What ultimately led you to repentance? What did you learn from it?
8. What does it mean in v. 15 to stay awake and keep our clothes? What does this mean and what are some practical ways to apply this? What daily disciplines would help with this?
9. What does it mean in v. 17, "It is done"? How does it relate to the Second Coming of Jesus and setting up His kingdom on earth?
10. How would this chapter encourage believers enduring persecution to persevere until the end? How does it help you persevere in your battles with sin and Satan?
11. What has an understanding of the judgments of God done for your compassion for lost people? One pastor said, "We would be evil men and women to keep the gospel from people." How would you respond to that? Who can you tell about Jesus?

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Revelation 16:1-21

"The Things Which Will Take Place" – Part 27

"The Seven Bowls" – Part 2

- I. The Things Which You Have Seen (chapter 1)
- II. The Things Which Are (chapters 2-3)
- III. The Things Which Will Take Place (chapters 4-22)
 - A. Vision of Heaven (chapters 4-5)
 - B. Seven Seal Judgments (6:1-8:1)
 - C. Seven Trumpet Judgments (8:2-11:19)
 - D. Interlude (12:1-14:20) – Panorama of the Cosmic War of the Ages
 - E. **Seven Bowl Judgments (15:1-18:24)**

1. Preparing for the Bowls: Three Heavenly Visions – (15:1-8)

2. Pouring out the Seven Bowls (16:1-21)

a. Bowl 1 (1-2)

¹ Then I heard a loud voice from the temple, saying to the seven angels, "Go and pour out on the earth the seven bowls of the wrath of God."² So the first *angel* went and poured out his bowl on the earth; and it became a loathsome and malignant sore on the people who had the mark of the beast and who worshiped his image.

b. Bowl 2 (3)

³ The second *angel* poured out his bowl into the sea, and it became blood like *that* of a dead man; and every living thing in the sea died.

c. Bowl 3 (4-7)

⁴ Then the third *angel* poured out his bowl into the rivers and the springs of waters; and they became blood.

⁵ And I heard the angel of the waters saying, "Righteous are You, who are and who were, O Holy One, because You judged these things;⁶ for they poured out the blood of saints and prophets, and You have given them blood to drink. They deserve it."⁷ And I heard the altar saying, "Yes, O Lord God, the Almighty, true and righteous are Your judgments."

d. Bowl 4 (8-9)

⁸ The fourth *angel* poured out his bowl upon the sun, and it was given to it to scorch men with fire. ⁹ Men were scorched with fierce heat;

and they blasphemed the name of God who has the power over these plagues, and they did not repent so as to give Him glory.

e. Bowl 5 (10-11)

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

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

f. Bowl 6 (12-16)

¹² The sixth *angel* poured out his bowl on the great river, the Euphrates; and its water was dried up, so that the way would be prepared for the kings from the east. ¹³ And I saw *coming* out of the mouth of the dragon and out of the mouth of the beast and out of the mouth of the false prophet, three unclean spirits like frogs; ¹⁴ for they are spirits of demons, performing signs, which go out to the kings of the whole world, to gather them together for the war of the great day of God, the Almighty.

¹⁵ (“Behold, I am coming like a thief. Blessed is the one who stays awake and keeps his clothes, so that he will not walk about naked and men will not see his shame.”) ¹⁶ And they gathered them together to the place which in Hebrew is called Har-Magedon.

g. Bowl 7 (17-21)

¹⁷ Then the seventh *angel* poured out his bowl upon the air, and a loud voice came out of the temple from the throne, saying, “It is done.” ¹⁸ And there were flashes of lightning and sounds and peals of thunder; and there was a great earthquake, such as there had not been since man came to be upon the earth, so great an earthquake *was it, and* so mighty.

¹⁹ The great city was split into three parts, and the cities of the nations fell. Babylon the great was remembered before God, to give her the cup of the wine of His fierce wrath. ²⁰ And every island fled away, and the mountains were not found. ²¹ And huge hailstones, about one hundred pounds each, came down from heaven upon men; and men blasphemed God because of the plague of the hail, because its plague was extremely severe.

So What?

Discussion & Application:

1. Some people believe the seal, trumpet, and bowl judgments are the same, or recapitulate (retell) the same events. They say this because they are similar and all end with the second coming of