

## PREPARATION FOR THE BOWL JUDGMENTS

*Review:*

**The 7th Seal** (Seven Trumpets)

**The 7th Trumpet** (Seven Vials)

**Rev. 1 ,2, 3**

The 7 Churches

**Rev. 4, 5, 6, 7, 8**

The Seven Seals

**Rev. 11, 12,13**

The 3 1/2 Years of Tribulation

**Rev. 14, 15, 16**

The 7 vials of the Wrath of God poured out in this time period

☑ **7** is the number of completion, completeness, fullness

### REVELATION 15:1-8

1. Another **SIGN**- wonder like the **Woman and the Manchild and the Red Dragon** (vs.1)

- The 7 angels are the same as the “presence” angels of Rev. 8:1-5 given the 7 trumpets
- These are the worst of all the plagues because they are accumulated full fury of God’s wrath.

2. The Sea of **GLASS** (vs. 2)

**Rev. 4:6**

The Sea of Glass

Clear as Crystal

Before the Throne of God

Unoccupied here

**Rev. 15:2**

The Sea of Glass

Mingled with Fire

In the Heavenly Temple of God

Unoccupied by the Tribulation Saints

3. The Song of **VICTORY** (vs. 3-4)

- **Harps** are symbolic of prophetic spirit and song of the redeemed
- **Twofold Song:**
  - Song of Moses= LAW (first recorded song in the Bible) OT song of redemption.
  - Song of the Lamb= GRACE NT song of redemption

4. The **OPEN** Temple in heaven (vs. 5)

- O.T. Tabernacle Most Holy opened: signified the closing out of the old to usher in the new year.
- The veil torn open from top to bottom: signified the passing of the OT era to usher in the New Covenant era.

5. The Seven **VIALS** of wrath (vs. 6-7)

- The seven “presence” angels cease the priestly temple duty to come out and pour out the bowls.
- There is no more mercy, wrath and judgment are to be poured out in full

6. The **SMOKE** of God's glory (vs. 8)

- Significant of the completion of the atonement and the intercessory ministry of Christ and the saints.
- No one can enter the Temple to intercede, the worship, to minister reconciliation or atonement.
- The cup of iniquity is full, the bowls of wrath are full and ready to be upturned.
- The plagues are worldwide and literal (as were the plagues on Egypt)
- The time: either early on or near the end of the Great Tribulation Period.

**THE SEVEN BOWLS OF WRATH  
REVELATION 16**

1. The **First Bowl**: poured out on earth a foul and painful **BOILS** (vs. 1-2)

- Ulcerous sores usually a result of a *bad blood*.
- Same **sixth plague** on Egypt
- **First Trumpet** affected only a **third of the earth**.
- Only upon those who **received the mark of the beast**, not on the remnant of the saints or the Bride in the desert (or whomever is in the desert)

2. The **Second Bowl**: **SEAS** turned to *blood* (vs. 3)

- Everything in the ocean is corrupted & polluted, with floating carcasses halting all ships & sea commerce.
- The Second Trumpet affected only a third of the ocean with blood, this bowl completes it.

3. The **Third Bowl**: **RIVERS** turned to blood (vs. 4-7)

- In effect, God is justly avenging the blood of his martyrs by giving their executioners only blood to drink.
- Same as the **first plague** on Egypt
- The **Third Trumpet** affected only a third of the fresh waters, this completes it.

4. The **Fourth Bowl**: Heat from the **SUN** (vs. 8-9)

- The sun no more a source of blessing and life, but now a source of intense scorching and judgment.
- Death by sunstroke and suffocation
- the Fourth Trumpet affected only a third of the sun.

5. The **Fifth Bowl**: Great **DARKNESS** (vs. 10-11)

- Affects the religious throne (Jerusalem) or political throne (Babylon) of the Antichrist.
- Same as the ninth plague on Egypt.
- A foretaste of eternal darkness without God
- No repentance here because they've received the mark and are beyond the grace and gift of repentance

6. The **Sixth Bowl**: The River **EUPHRATES** (vs. 12-16)

- The kings from the East may be referring to the earthly kings who join the antichrist for Armageddon.
- Or the kings of the east (sunrising) may be referring to the resurrected kings who return with Jesus.
- Compare Sixth Trumpet where four angels bound at the Euphrates are loosed to kill a third of mankind.

**Parenthetical Events before the Seventh Bowl:**

- Three unclean spirits like frogs (**second plague** in Egypt was frogs)
- Out of the mouth of the **satanic trinity** (Dragon, Beast, and False Prophet)
- Work counterfeit signs and wonders against the genuine miracles to gather the kings of the earth.
- Location where they are gathered: the battlefield of **Megiddo**.

7. The Seventh Bowl: Ultimate EARTHQUAKE and great HAIL (vs. 17-21)

- “It is done!” Similar to the seventh statement Jesus made on the cross: “It is finished!”
- The Seventh Seal, Seventh Trumpet, and Seventh Bowl all end simultaneously at the second coming
  - with noises, thunderings, and lightnings (Rev. 8:5, 11:19, 16:18)
  - with an earthquake (Rev. 8:5; 11:19; 16:18)
  - with hailstones (Rev. 11:19, 16:18)

**NOTE:** The seventh seal continues to remain open until the Second Coming.  
 The seventh trumpet continues to sound until the Second Coming.  
 The seventh bowl is poured out to affect the world at the Second Coming.

- Jerusalem will be divided into three parts by the earthquake
- All the cities of the earth are leveled by the global earthquake
- Commercial and political Babylon is destroyed at this time.
- Mountains are leveled and island disappear to return to one continent as it was in the days before the great continental divide (Genesis 10:25; 1 Chronicles 1:19)

**Isaiah 24:19-20**

The earth is broken up, the earth is split asunder, the earth is thoroughly shaken. The earth reels like a drunkard, it sways like a gut in the wind...

- ☑ Revelation Chapters 6-10 is said to be the unfolding events of the last 3 1/2 years of the Tribulation by most who hold to a Future interpretation