

“God’s Full Bowls”

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The Pouring Out of Gods Judgments

The Setting: John heard a great voice crying out of the Temple of God

- * Judgment is coming to this earth, terrifying judgment, judgment of such horror that it staggers human imagination
- * When?
- * The period of history that the Bible calls the great tribulation

In the Book of Revelation there are three terrifying judgments during the last days of human history

1. There will be the *seven seal judgments*
2. There will be the *seven trumpet judgments*
3. There will be the bowl judgments of this passage. As stated, the bowl judgments take place right at the very end of the great tribulation

There is to be one terrifying difference between the horrors of the bowl judgments and the other judgments

* The *seal judgments* and the *trumpet judgments* will be **limited judgments**, but *not the bowl judgments*

* The *bowl judgments are total*

- * Complete and final devastation will fall upon the ungodly and evil of this world under the bowl judgments
- * The bowl judgments will stop and end man's ungodly and evil ways upon earth

As the judgments progress, the intensity and severity of the judgments increase

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* We have arrived at the *final set of judgments*

* In Revelation 15:7 shows one of the four beasts giving to *seven angels seven bowls* “full” of the wrath of God

The word “full” means “to swell”

* It is the image of a dam, under pressure, nearing its bursting point

* This is a good description of the wrath of God.

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* The Voice of God – John heard God speak forth out of the Temple

* *Voice of God*: there is a great voice shouting out, "Go, pour out the wrath of God upon the earth"

Think about it – God spoke in the Beginning for *He is Alpha – He is the Beginning*

* God now speaks at the end – *For He is Omega – He is the ending*

* For in Him and only in Him is beginning and end!

* Only God has the authority and power because He is just and righteous

* He will right all the wrongs and injustices upon this earth

* Evil and Darkness will not and can not prevail over the Light of the Word.

God issues the command for the angels to begin pouring out the bowls filled with His wrath upon the earth.

“Simply we are about to see Gods Seven Full Bowls”

Revelation 16:2 (KJV)

“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”

* All those who have worshiped the beast and who have received his mark are afflicted with sores in the bodies

The word “sore” literally means “an ulcer”

- * It has the idea of an open, running, ulcerated place on the skin
- * It probably refers to an oozing boil
- * The sores will be harmful and malignant, open and foul; painful and putrid [rotting], ugly and repulsive, humiliating and embarrassing
- * The sores will cause agony and torture, giving no rest during the day or night
- * That *the sores will be incurable* and that there will be no relief from the pain.

Note that the ulcerous sores are something like the judgment of boils that fell upon the Egyptians

Exodus 9:8-11 (KJV)

“And the Lord said unto Moses and unto Aaron, Take to you handfuls of ashes of the furnace, and let Moses sprinkle it toward the heaven in the sight of Pharaoh.

9 And it shall become small dust in all the land of Egypt, *and shall be a boil breaking forth* with blains upon man, and upon beast, throughout all the land of Egypt.

10 And they *took ashes of the furnace*, and stood before Pharaoh; and Moses sprinkled it up toward heaven; and it became *a boil breaking forth with blains upon man, and upon beast.*

11 And the *magicians could not stand* before Moses *because of the boils*; for the boil was upon the magicians, and upon all the Egyptians”

Note

God alone has control over body and health, not the gods created by the imaginations of men.

We can do a lot to increase the strength of our health, but in the final analysis...

- positive thinking does not control body and health.
- the gods of religion and man do not control body and health.
- the science and technology of man do not control body and health.
- the hands of physicians and nurses do not control body and health.

What God says will happen

* There is no stopping His Word: once He has spoken, the event will take place

Here in Exodus we are reminded:

* God's purpose was to prove that the LORD and the LORD alone held power over the body and health (Exodus 9:11- “And the *magicians could not stand* before Moses *because of the boils*; for the boil was upon the magicians, and upon all the Egyptians”)

It is so important for the technological and scientific minds of men to understand that Body and health can be helped and sometimes strengthened (only sometimes) by man, but...

- positive thinking does not control body and health.
- religion and the priests of religion do not control body and health.
- sorcery and the occult do not control body and health.
- physicians and nurses do not control body and health.

The LORD Himself (Jehovah, Yahweh) is sovereign over body and health. He and He alone hold's the power and controls the destiny of body and health for both man and animal

God's second purpose for plaguing the Egyptians with festering boils was this:

- * To prove that the LORD can stop men from standing against Him, stop them anytime He wills.
- * Note how [Exodus 9:11](#) begins: "the magicians [false messengers] could not stand before Moses."

They had been standing against him, standing against God

- * But not now, and note why. Because the plague of God's judgment, the festering boils, had stricken them.

The purpose of God is clear: God was clearly demonstrating that He had the power to stop the false messengers from standing against Him.

- * They claimed to be the priests of the gods who ruled over body and health.
- * But they were deceived, blinded by their own human reasoning and the scientific technology and advancements of their day – and by a satanic stronghold – the anti-Christ spirit

Health is in Gods Hands and God can in a moment stop man from standing against Him

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These sores are called “noisome”

This word means **“of a bad nature, troublesome, injurious”**

They are also described as “grievous”

This word refers to something that is **“annoying, painful, or bad”**

These two words reveal that these sores will be extremely painful, festering and incurable

A sore on the outside is a sign of rotteness on the inside

- * God is clearly revealing the condition of these lost sinners
- * He is putting on display the corruption of their hearts through the corruption in the bodies.

These people have rejected God and His Christ

They must face Him in judgment – they are the enemies of God

Revelation 16:3 (KJV)

“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”

- * When the second bowl is poured out, the waters of earth’s oceans are corrupted and become like the putrid, fetid blood of a corpse
- * Back in Revelation 8:8-9 - when the second trumpet judgment was administered, one-third of the ocean was affected
- * Here, the cataclysm is worldwide.

When this plague is poured out, every creature in the sea will die

- * The seas will become vast cemeteries
- * The beaches will reek with the stench of death
- * This kind of plague has been seen in miniature in our world

There is an example of this in the red tide that sometimes strikes the coastlines of the world

- * When the red tide strikes, it pollutes the water, sometimes for mile after mile
- * The pollution is sometimes so bad that millions of fish and other sea life are destroyed
- * Fishing and harvesting of sea life for food are affected for months and sometimes years when the red tide strikes a body of water

The point is:

The red tide shows us that the sea can be contaminated. In the end time God is going to contaminate the sea, the whole sea

When this occurs, the entire world will be affected

* When you consider the fact that 70% of the surface of this planet is covered in ocean, you can see how great of a plague this will be

One by one, God is tearing down all the things men take for granted

* **First**, their health is destroyed

* **Then**, the oceans are destroyed - The coastal regions of every nation in the world will become abandoned wastelands as the oceans are transformed into vast seas of death.

Revelation 16:4-7 (KJV)

“And the third angel poured out his vial upon the rivers and fountains of waters; and they became blood.

5 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.

6 For they have shed the blood of saints and prophets, and thou hast given them blood to drink; for they are worthy.

7 And I heard another out of the altar say, Even so, Lord God Almighty, true and righteous are thy judgments”

When the third bowl is poured out, the fresh water sources of this world are stricken

* We saw this in miniature back in **Revelation 8:10-11** - when one-third of the world’s fresh water supplies were poisoned when a comet, a meteor, or some other heavenly body fell in to them.

Here, they are turned to blood

* By the time this plague is poured out on the earth, the world has become absolutely blood thirsty

* Millions of martyrs have been slain by the Antichrist and his forces

* Millions of saints have had their blood shed by the enemies of God

* God honors their desire for blood by giving them blood to drink

When Jesus was here, His first miracle was to turn water into wine

- * That miracle was designed to draw men to Him
- * Here He turns the water into blood to remind men of Him

One by one, the Lord is removing every prop, every comfort, everything mankind leans on for support and takes for granted

This reminds us of the first of the ten plagues in Egypt

Exodus 7:20-22 (KJV)

“20 And Moses and Aaron did so, as the Lord commanded; and he lifted up the rod, and smote the waters that were in the river, in the sight of Pharaoh, and in the sight of his servants; and all the waters that were in the river were turned to blood.

21 And the fish that was in the river died; and the river stank, and the Egyptians could not drink of the water of the river; and there was blood throughout all the land of Egypt.

22 And the magicians of Egypt did so with their enchantments: and Pharaoh's heart was hardened, neither did he hearken unto them; as the Lord had said.

The fresh water in the land of Egypt [symbolic of the world] was turned to blood and men searched in vain for water to quench their thirst

- * **“And the magicians of Egypt did so with their enchantments”**
- * **The false teachers and enemies of Gods people could not turn or stop what God had done**

We so far have seen:

Plagues In The Sinner [boils and sores – incurable – Health is in Gods hands]

Plagues In The Sea [sea polluted turn red – sea life dies – effects food supplies – and brings more death and disease – God in control of the seas]

Plagues In The Streams [God is in control of drinking water – Life can not exist without living fresh water of God]

Revelation 16: 8-9 [KJ]

“8 And the fourth *angel poured out his vial upon the sun*; and power was given unto him to scorch men with fire.

9 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*”

The fourth plague touches the sun

* Its heat is allowed to burn the bodies of men

The word “scorch” means “to be burned with heat; to be tortured with intense heat”

* By some means, God will allow the heat of the sun to be intensified and the bodies of men will be burned

Another of mankind’s crutches is kicked out from under him

* Since the dawn of time the sun has risen every morning and sat every evening.

* It has yielded life-giving, dependable heat and light for thousands of years.

* One day, mankind will awaken to a sun that will blaze down in flaming heat

* **Global Warming will become a reality**

* It will scorch their bodies

But, it will be nothing compared to the pain they will feel when they are cast into Hell’s fire

* Instead of repenting in the face of His wrath, they stand in continued defiance to Him and His will

* The Bible tells us in **verse 9** that they “*blaspheme*” the name of God

That word means “to revile; to speak evil of”

But the problem is not with God. The problem is clearly stated in **verse 9**, “*and they repented not to give him glory*”

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They refused to repent of their sins to the glory of God and they are paying a heavy price for their choice. They have no one to blame but themselves!

*** If you fool around and die and go to Hell, you will have no one to blame but yourself**

The time for repentance is now

*** If you are not saved, you need to come to Jesus today**

“If you are here” – of course you are here – but let me finish – “If you are here and you are not saved” – well what in the world does being saved mean? – I am glad the statement “If you are here” – and you are not saved” – caused you to stop for a moment to seek the answer to the question = WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?

*** I really think that’s Biblical**

*** I really think if I am not mistaken – a response to the preaching of the Word and the tangible presence of the Lord!**

NOW IS THE TIME OF REPETANCE!