

The Seven Bowls of Wrath God, Unquestionably Supreme

Introduction:

- A. A common mistake recorded in the Bible is to j_____ God by circumstances.
 - 1. The people of Israel often g_____ against God whenever they ran out of food or water.
 - 2. Job judged God by His s_____ (Job 38-41) but when God finally answered, Job repented of this (Job 42).
- B. Many sceptics judge the God of the Bible who allows suffering of the innocent.
 - 1. Sceptics conclude that God is either not l_____ or He lacks the p_____ to end suffering.
 - 2. Believers must t_____ what God says about Himself and not judge God by our circumstances (we lack information to do this).
 - 3. There will be a day when the whole world will no longer question the power of God
 - a. This day is recorded in Rev 15
 - b. This power of God will be seen in the seven last plagues which are also called the b_____ of wrath.
 - c. This prophecy should encourage to live by f_____ today in the face challenges to God's love or power.

The comforting message (15:1-8)

- A. John describes this vision of these seven angels with the seven last plagues as g_____ and marvelous (v. 1).
 - 1. This is not because of God's wrath being un_____
 - 2. This is because of God's wrath coming to an e_____ (*finished, completed, filled up*).
- B. John sees believers who were living in the time of the beast (vv. 2-5)
 - 1. They sing a song of M_____ and of the L_____
 - 2. The song is a song of d_____
 - a. It celebrates God showing Himself to a_____ people as supreme.
 - b. It celebrates the time where evil no longer r_____ and all nations submit to the Lord.
- C. This is a comforting message for believers
 - 1. All p_____ will end.
 - 2. Refrain from looking at God from your circumstances and t_____ what God says about Himself

- a. He is all p_____
 - b. He is l_____
 - c. Nothing escapes His n_____
- D. God empties the s_____ in heaven as He pours out His wrath on the earth.

The catastrophic method (16:1-21)

- A. Unlike the first four trumpets that affected 1/3 of the earth, these plagues affect the e_____ globe.
1. 1st bowl of wrath – a terrible s_____ on all those with the mark of the beast (v. 2)
 2. 2nd bowl of wrath – turns the oceans into b_____ killing all sea life (v. 3)
 3. 3rd bowl of wrath - turns all d_____ water into blood (v. 4)
 4. 4th bowl of wrath - extreme h_____ scorches mankind but they do not repent but speak evil of God (vv. 8,9)
 5. 5th bowl of wrath – d_____ the whole beastly empire and inflicts pain but no one repents but only speak evil of God (vv., 10,11)
 6. 6th bowl of wrath – d_____ up the Euphrates River to enable the world's military to gather for war against the Almighty God (vv. 12-14,16)
 - a. Har-magedon means M_____ Megiddo and there is no such place.
 - b. Megiddo, however, did exist and was located ____ miles north of Jerusalem.
 7. 7th bowl of wrath – is the l_____ act of God's wrath upon the earth (vv. 17-21)
 - a. It is very similar to the events of the sixth seal
 - 1) The entire earth q_____ (sixth seal the who universe shakes)
 - 2) Every i_____ and mountain disappeared (sixth seal – the islands and mountains are moved)
 - 3) The earth is pounded by 100 pound hailstones (sixth seal – all people try to hide from God's wrath)
 - b. The people respond by blaspheming God

The constant mood

- A. The mood of unbelievers
1. Unr_____
 2. B_____ God.

- B. The mood of believers – r_____
- C. Rev 16:15 is a parenthesis encouraging believers to watch for Jesus’s coming and a promise that believers will be c_____.
 - 1. Christ’s coming will be v_____ to all (Rev 1:7)
 - 2. All believers will be clothed with immortality in spirit, soul, and b_____ (1Thess 5:23,24)
 - 3. All believers of all time will be with Jesus in the a_____ at His coming (1Thess 4:16,17)
 - 4. The coming of Christ is the Day of w_____ on the unbelieving world and will overtake them like a t_____ and believers will witness the bowls of wrath from the air.

Conclusion:

- A. The bowls of wrath remind us that one day God will show up in a way that all unbelievers will know that He is without question supreme.
- B. The stories of the failures of Israel were preserved for believers so as not to r_____ their mistakes (1Cor 10:6)
 - 1. We can expect the w_____ to question and judge God
 - 2. But we believers should never repeat Israel’s mistake of j_____ God.
 - 3. We must trust what God has said about Himself
 - a. God is a l_____ God (He became a man and suffered in the most extreme way to pay for our sins)
 - b. God is the all p_____ God (no one can defeat Him).
 - c. God is the all k_____ God – nothing escapes His notice (He knows your pain, frustrations, your heart, your mind).
- C. As you look for Jesus’s return, live by f_____, trusting His word (all that He has said).