

Revelation Shorts_ The 7 Bowls of God's Wrath

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Moses spoke of the wrath of God, all the prophets, they too spoke of the wrath of God. When we get into the new covenant in the gospels, we see that you're sure that is our Lord and Savior, the very Son of God, he too spoke of God's wrath, as did Paul the Apostle. And many of the other writers of the New Testament, they spoke of God's wrath. But it's not until we get to the book of Revelation, John being the author, that he spoke in some very clear manner concerning the wrath of God, and what the wrath of God would bring about. So it's with this in mind that I'd like to bring to you this latest edition of revelation shorts. Take out your Bible, and look with me if you would, to the book of Revelation, and chapter 15, the book of Revelation, and chapter 15, we're going to look briefly at two chapters, chapters 15, and 16. And let me begin by saying this as a way of introduction, I mentioned, all these authors in the Bible spoke frequently. And clearly, there's the wrath of God. But today, many people who are called Bible teachers that lead congregations, they fail to mention the wrath of God, they avoid anything related to God's judgment. And that's simply not what we are allowed to do. We are called if you're called by God, to share scriptural truth, you have to share all the Bible, not conceal certain things. The second thing that I want to say as a way of introduction is this. And we're gonna see examples of this in a moment, and that is, God's breath, has no human explanation, meaning this, we cannot attribute it to human activity. It is supernatural, there is no scientific explanation. And it is, is very incorrect and unfortunate that people look at the book of Revelation, and they try to explain these things as well, this will be a nuclear war. This is some modern type of tank or helicopter or fighter jet that 2000 years ago that people couldn't comprehend. And therefore it's written this way. This is false teaching. When we look at the wrath of God, the purpose for it is to show God is great, that he is sovereign, that He is in control that he is the authority, and therefore he's not going to use human activity. There is no scientific explanation, don't look at things that we can, can think about to try to explain what's happening here. It's never happened before. It is supernatural. It's God's hand that is bringing it about not man and not science. Now, there's another important aspect of God's wrath. And that is, when we look at the book of Revelation, what we're going to be focusing in on in a moment, we can look at three what we might say, three distinct series. Within the book of Revelation. When I say series, I'm talking about a group of events. We have the seal judgments, the trumpet judgments, and the bowl judgment, sometimes called the vile judgments, meaning a container. But we have to be very careful, even though they all are called by man, not by God, but by man judgment. Not all of them represent or related to God's judgment. Let's

deal with the first one very briefly, what's known as the seal judgments, first of all, even though it is Messiah who is breaking those seals, meaning being the one who is worthy, the only one worthy

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to open up the book, the scroll is a better way of thinking of it, in order to read these things for those things to be brought about. Even though he's in control. He's sovereign. He is not the cause. These are not God events, he's not the source of them. And that shouldn't surprise us because when we look at the first four, they are interrelated, they work together. And the fourth one who is related to the first three, is called death. When we look at the Scripture, the Scripture says concerning Messiah, that he's come that we might have a life. He's not there for death. So the first four seals represent death. And we're told that hell follows after this one called death. This is not where messiah comes from, he descends from heaven. So the first four are not related to God. Now, the fifth one, just think for a moment what happens here, people are persecuted, what people, believers, those who have a god pleasing testimony, who are related to the word of God, and to you're sure himself. So you're sure God's son is not going to, to punish and persecute these individuals. In fact, we need to know something, you need to make a note of this, we are promised in the Scripture, that we who have accepted the gospel, we are not going to receive experience or see being in this world, the wrath of God, why God is going to remove us now. unbelieving Israel is going to be sealed, those tribes are going to be sealed. They're going to have to shelter in place. But believers, the congregation of the redeemed those who have received the gospel, we are going to be taken away and placed in heaven. When the wrath of God, false. In fact, prior to the wrath of God falling, we will be removed. Now we have the first four seals, obviously related to the enemy, Death, and Hell falls follows after him. The fifth one is persecution of the believers. It's the sixth one. That's interesting. The sixth one is a proclamation of the wrath of the Lamb. But it doesn't happen in the sixth seal. And you say, Well, what about the seventh, the seventh seal is the rest of the book of Revelation, meaning this, after the conclusion of the sixth seal, the seventh seal is open. And it's the entire rest of the book of Revelation, all things that are left to happen in the book of Revelation are, are contained in the seventh seal. Now, in that seven seal, we find the next two series, the trumpet judgments, and the bowl judgments. The Trumpet Judgments do indeed relate to the wrath of God. He's the cause of this. But be very careful. The trumpet judgments they represent here, this 1/3 of God's wrath, a partial outpouring of God's wrath, not in its entirety. It's not until we get to, and now we're ready. Look with me to the 15th chapter of the Book of Revelation, we find some very interesting things there. It says, in these seven bowls, the wrath of God is made complete. Now, some people and I've been upset this myself and I want to explain, we often talk about the bold judgments being God's full outpouring of His wrath. It is, but we need to remember with God, there are no limitations. There are no boundaries, God can do more and more and more so when it says, The wrath of God is completed means the full measure that he desired to pour out, according to His purposes. And these seven bold judgments are going to be an end to God's wrath upon the world.

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Now, what else are we told in Revelation 15? There are seven angels. Why seven? Well, seven relates to holiness. And holiness represents the purpose of God meaning this, these seven bowl judgments that are going to be poured out by seven angels. They represent what's necessary what has to happen for the purpose of God to be established the wrath of God puts God's order into place. And ultimately, we understand this as God's King. That being established God's Kingdom won't come until after God's

wrath is complete. We are told that there are four living creatures and heaven. We are told that they are near always the throne of God. And one of these four living creatures, what do they do? One of them. He's the one that distributes the seven golden bowls, the seven golden containers to the seven angels. We should ask Why gold? Well, the basic meaning of gold in the Bible, gold has significance. There's a significance to this wrath, and we've already discussed, it puts the order of God into place, it will bring about the Kingdom of God, the promises of God, the blessings of God, to be experienced by the people of God. So there's the seven golden bowls. Now, as they are being distributed to the seven angels, we are told that smoke fills the temple. This is not the temple in Jerusalem, the one that will be in Jerusalem, but we're speaking about the true temple in heaven, the one that was not made with human hands. So it's there where this is taking place. So as the seven angels receive the seven golden Biles or bowls of God's wrath, smoke fills the temple. And we're told that this smoke represents the glory of God, understand the relationship between the pouring out of God's wrath and the glory of God being manifested. This is why we see heaven rejoice and praise God for His righteous judgment. And then the last thing I want to say about Revelation 15 is this. As this begins, we are told that no one no one no thing can enter into the temple until after the wrath of God is completed. Why is this there? To tell us, nothing's going to change this, nothing is going to interrupt this. God's wrath is necessary it has to be and it will be. So no one can enter into the temple until after the seven angels complete their assignment. Now let's go to Revelation chapter 16. We want to talk briefly about these seven bowls that contain the full measure of God's wrath what God has designated to fall upon this world. The first one,

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the first angel pours out his his bowl. And what happens there are are loathsome and grievous and sores that's placed upon the people, both men and women, both young and old. Now, what people what we're told specifically, those who have taken the mark of the beast, and those who worship the image of the beast, those who have received this this empire, a connection and allegiance to the Empire and the ruler, the Antichrist, these are going to be the ones that initially when that first bowl is poured out, they are going to begin suffering intensely through these sores, these blisters or boils that that plague their body. Now, the second bowl is poured out, and it says it's poured out upon the sea. Now most scholars believe that we're not speaking about one particular sea like the Mediterranean Sea, but we're talking about the ocean, all oceans, in other words, salt water, and when this bowl is poured out upon the sea, it says all the water, meaning all salt water, is going to be turned in an instant, great example. Man can't do this. There's no scientific explanation for this. It's God. God manifesting Himself that he's all powerful that He's sovereign, that he controls everything and what he says will be. We're told that the seawater is turned to blood but the blood of a old dead man, now a dead man, that blood is stacked. It will Have a stench. It doesn't serve any purpose. It doesn't clean the body, it doesn't give life to the body, as the Torah says, The life is in the blood, not of a dead man's blood. It represents death. And what happens, we're told that all the creatures in the sea, I believe all the seas, all the oceans, in a moment, they will die. Let's move to the the third, the third bowl, the third bowl, is also poured out, but here, not as the second one was upon the oceans. But it's poured out specifically it says, upon the rivers, and the springs, most scholars believe we're also talking about lakes, in other words, freshwater, and what happens. All freshwater is turned to blood, not the blood of a dead man, but simply blood. And this has a message, this bile vial that's poured out, is for the purpose of vengeance to avenge the death, the blood according to the language of the texts, but it means the death of the saints and the prophets very significant, that there's an emphasis upon prophets always in

the book of Revelation. And this should inform the reader that means you and me the importance of prophecy, not ignoring it, but learning it, studying it. And if you're a teacher, how important it is for you to teach prophecy. So the third one is poured out upon the rivers and the springs, including the legs for the purpose of announcing God's vengeance upon the world in order to avenge his saints and his prophets. Now

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we're ready for the fourth bowl, it's poured out. And what happens? Well, this one's poured out upon the sun, and it causes fire and heat to come and to scorch men, again, human beings, both male and female, young and old. So they're going to be suffering intensely because of this heat. And it's interesting, you would think, after seeing the death that takes place and all the seas. Similarly, we're not told this but presumably death, and all the rivers and the lakes, witnessing this, experiencing this pain of sores in the first ball first bowl, you would think now, with this intense heat, and fire that is scorching people, that people would say, I'm sorry, God, but they don't. What did they do? They blaspheme God, the character of God, the name of God, and they will not repent. Now we're ready for the fifth bowl. The fifth bowl is poured out upon the throne of the beast, remember, the Beast represents this empire. That's the significance of that term, the Beast represents a government and authority, an empire. So it's poured out upon the throne of the beast. And what happens? Well, we're told that darkness comes and once again, darkness, no human explanation, no scientific explanation, how darkness will cover the the world, but there's something also unique. Now if we would just turn off all the lights, we couldn't see. But it doesn't hurt. We may be afraid of the dark but doesn't hurt. This darkness is unique. It says because of the darkness, that people will know their tongues meaning they'll bite their tongues in pain, because of the suffering that this darkness from God brought about upon them, no scientific explanation. And now we're ready for the six bowl. We are told that it is poured out upon the Euphrates River and it dries up. Now it's dried up and it makes a way a way for traveling for the kings of the east and just doesn't mean the Kings but presumably the context beans, their armies And notice that there's something going to be supernaturally evil. Why? Because as it speaks of this river, the Euphrates been dried up, the kings of the east, presumably their armies coming, it says also there's going to be three unclean spirits, kind of like an unholy trinity. And we see here that these unclean spirits are going to resemble frogs. And it says, One, unclean spirit comes out of the mouth of the dragon. That is, it has a silent, satanic, satanic contexts. The other one comes out of the mouth of the beast, meaning out of this empire niche uniting these together. And the third one comes from the mouth of the false prophet. Now, whether the False Prophet is a reference to the Antichrist, or we're speaking about two, there's the Antichrist and the False Prophet, that's for another study. But we know that these these unclean spirits, they are related to Satan, the Antichrist Empire, and the false prophet. And once more, all of this sets the stage for something. And what's that? Well, this six mold being poured out, is also where the battle of Armageddon is mentioned. God's going to bring these armies, these kings from the EES to Arma. Get that is the valley of Jehoshaphat, the valley of where the Lord judges, and this is going to be a very big climax, with God's wrath being poured out upon those at Armageddon. Now we're left with just one more bold judgment. And that's the seventh and final one. Now, what

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are we told there? Well, the language is very significant. Now, in order to understand the book of Revelation, you need to know the Old Testament, both the law and the prophets at Mount Sinai, the

children of Israel arise right there. And when and we read this in Exodus, chapter 20, immediately after the speaking fourth of the 10 commandments, in Revelation chapter, excuse me, in the book of Exodus, chapter 20. There's an event. It says here that the earth shook, we are told that there was noise that there was sounds, there was the lightning, and thundering, and fire, and earthquakes. This took place at Mount Sinai, signifying a change that God wanted to bring about. But the children of Israel, they rejected this, they stood at a distance, they would not heed the instructions of Moses. And that moment that could have been glorious, was lost. Now in the book of Revelation several times, we see this same imagery, the same things being being spoken of. John wrote them down, and every time that they're mentioned, it's to foreshadow a change that is coming. And that's what we see, at the end of God's wrath. Again, the seventh bowl, what happens? There is noise, there is thundering, and there is lightning, and there is an earthquake, an earthquake that shakes the earth. In fact, the Scripture says, It is so powerful, there's never been one like it previously. And this earthquake will bring judgment on a city that great city great and evil, not in good, called Babylon. Babylon, as we've spoken of is used symbolically for the capital of the Antichrist Empire doesn't necessarily speak to ancient Babylon or modern Babylon. We're speaking about simply the headquarters of the Antichrist empire. It's going to have judgment. And we see that the cities of the nation's most scholars believe we're talking about large cities, they are going to be destroyed. Also the the the islands are going to be Castaway, meaning this there's going to be a total judgment. Also, we're told in this seventh bold judgment that hail falls, this hail the size of a talent. Now a talent is a weight a measurement. Now if you look you'll find different weights given some will say in the neighborhood Have 25 kilos that is around 5860 pounds, some put it's at up to 100 pounds, meaning 132 58 kilos. So anyway, we're talking about a large hail. And once again, this is what we find. What did the people do in the midst of this? Instead of humbling themselves? asking for forgiveness, seeking God's mercy, repenting, what did they do? They blaspheme God. And this is why God's wrath has to come. Because there are those who are continuously blasphemers blasphemers of God, they will not repent no matter what. They are tied to Satan, that dragon, they love that empire. They love that city of wealth, Babylon, they are committed to all of this evil. And that's why it's necessary for God's wrath to fall. Well, a short overview of the seven bowl judgments that contain the complete measure of God's wrath, what it's going to look at look like, and what will be the results of these bowl judgments being poured out. Ultimately, the kingdom of God is going to be a stablish. Praise God. If you're a believer, you won't experience this wrath. If you're not yet a believer, this is the time to say God,

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I confess my sense, I am sorry for my disobedience. I am trusting in your son, the son of God, who went to that tree who died upon that cross, to pay the penalty for my sins, to make sure that all my sins had been judged. And now I can experience forgiveness. I believe He died upon that cross, I believe he rose on the third day, third day, I invite him into my life, to be my Lord and Savior. Send me your Holy Spirit that I might serve you under his leadership because I know he's a spirit of truth. And I want to walk in your truth. When we make a prayer like that we can be assured that we won't see God's wrath, but will experience the outcome of his wrath, his glory, forever and ever. Law close with that until next time, and our next edition of revelation shorts. Shalom from Israel.