



THE THREAD

weaving Sunday's message through the week

Date: July 10, 2022

Passage: Revelation 16

Theme: The Bowl Judgments

Revelation 16 details God's wrath being poured out upon the earth and the responses it elicits.

1. 7 Bowl Judgments: God's wrath poured out
Bowl 1: Horrific sores (2)
Bowl 2: Sea turned to blood (3)
Bowl 3: Fresh water turned to blood (4)

Rationale: God will justly retribute people for their treatment of His witnesses (5–7).

Bowl 4: Sun scorches people (8–9)
Bowl 5: Darkness engulfs the beast's kingdom (10–11)
Bowl 6: Euphrates dried in preparation for Harmagedon (12–16)
Bowl 7: God completes His judgment with Christ's return (17–21)

2. Response of the people experiencing judgment:
 - a. Blaspheme God
 - b. Refuse to repent
 - c. Follow the deception to go to war against God

Main Idea: Eventually, those who reject and oppose the Lamb will deservedly experience the destruction of God's wrath.

How are the Lamb's followers to respond to this vision?

- Acknowledge God's justice: worship and witness
- Stay prepared for Christ's return: dressed and engaged in this spiritual war

Application Questions:

1. What about this vision makes you uneasy? What rationale does the text provide for such displays of God's wrath?
2. Do you believe that this display of God's wrath is justified? Why or why not?
3. Why do people refuse to repent and choose rather to blaspheme God and oppose Him and His followers? How is this seen today?
4. How do we stay alert and dressed for Christ's return? What should this mean in our treatment of others, both believers and unbelievers?

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