

UNDERSTANDING REVELATION



SEEING JESUS
AS HE REALLY IS

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REVELATION
CHAPTER 16

The 7 Bowls of God's Just Wrath

The answer to Glen's question is, "7 letters, 7 seals, 7 trumpets, and 7 bowls."

(psst...Don't tell the people who are not using their notes!)

Then I saw another sign in heaven, great and amazing, **seven angels with seven plagues**, which are the last, for with them the wrath of God is finished.

Revelation 15:1

The Wrath Poured Out on "The Land"

Revelation 16:1-9

¹ Then I heard a loud voice from the temple telling the **seven angels**, "Go and pour out on the earth the seven bowls of the wrath of God."

² So the **first angel** went and poured out his bowl on the earth, and harmful and painful **sores** came upon the people who bore the mark of the beast and worshiped its image.

³ The **second angel** poured out his bowl into the sea, and it became like the blood of a corpse, and **every living thing died** that was in the sea.

⁴ The **third angel** poured out his bowl into the rivers and the springs of water, and they **became blood**. ⁵ And I heard the angel in charge of the waters say,

"**Just** are you, O Holy One, who is and who was, for you brought these judgments.

⁶ For they have shed the blood of saints and prophets, and you have given them **blood to drink**. It is what they deserve!" ⁷ And I heard the altar saying, "Yes, Lord God the Almighty, true and just are your judgments!"

⁸ The **fourth angel** poured out his bowl on the sun, and it was allowed to scorch people with fire. ⁹ They were **scorched** by the fierce heat, and they cursed the name of God who had power over these plagues. They did not repent and give him glory.

"Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come, and worship him who made heaven and earth, the sea and the springs of water."

~ Revelation 14:7

Neco king of Egypt went up to fight at Carchemish on the **Euphrates**, and **Josiah** went out to meet him. But he sent envoys to him, saying, "What have we to do with each other, king of Judah? I am not coming against you this day, but against the house with which I am at war. And God has commanded me to hurry. Cease opposing God, who is with me, lest he destroy you." Nevertheless, Josiah did not turn away from him, but disguised himself in order to fight with him. He did not listen to the words of Neco **from the mouth of God**, but came to fight in the plain of Megiddo. And the archers shot King Josiah... he died and was buried in the tombs of his fathers. All Judah and Jerusalem mourned for Josiah. **2 Chronicles 35:20-24**

"Josiah's death occurred in the course of confronting Pharaoh Neco II at Megiddo in 609 B.C., when the Egyptian king was bringing his army north to help the Assyrians against Babylon. Apparently Josiah decided to seek favor with Babylon by opposing the Egyptians."
~ESV Study Bible

The Unholy Alliance

Revelation 16:10-16

¹⁰ The **fifth angel** poured out his bowl on the throne of the beast, and its kingdom was plunged into darkness. People gnawed their tongues in anguish ¹¹ and cursed the God of heaven for their pain and sores. They did not repent of their deeds.

¹² The **sixth angel** poured out his bowl on the great river Euphrates, and its water was dried up, to prepare the way for the kings from the east. ¹³ And I saw, coming out of the mouth of the dragon and out of the mouth of the beast and out of the mouth of the false prophet, three unclean spirits like **frogs**. ¹⁴ For they are demonic spirits, performing signs, who go abroad to the kings of the whole world, to assemble them for battle on the great day of God the Almighty. ¹⁵ ("Behold, I am coming like a thief! Blessed is the one who stays awake, keeping his garments on, that he may not go about naked and be seen exposed!") ¹⁶ And they assembled them at the place that in Hebrew is called **Armageddon**.

"Therefore, stay awake, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But know this, that if the master of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect."

Matthew 24:42-44

"Remember, then, what you received and heard. Keep it, and repent. If you will not wake up, I will come like a thief, and you will not know at what hour I will come against you."

~Letter to first century church at Sardis (Revelation 3:3)

The Final Judgement on Jerusalem

Revelation 16:17-21

¹⁷ The **seventh angel** poured out his bowl into the air, and a loud voice came out of the temple, from the throne, saying, "**It is done!**" ¹⁸ And there were flashes of **lightning**, rumblings, peals of **thunder**, and a great **earthquake** such as there had never been since man was on the earth, so great was that earthquake. ¹⁹ The **great city was split into three parts**, and the cities of the nations fell, and God remembered **Babylon the great**, to make her drain the cup of the wine of the fury of his wrath. ²⁰ And every island fled away, and no mountains were to be found. ²¹ And great **hailstones**, about one hundred pounds each, fell from heaven on people; and they cursed God for the plague of the hail, because the plague was so severe.