

REVELATION

Sermon Points

Title: Righteous Wrath & Blessed Hope

Date: 7.17.22 • Scripture: Revelation 15-16

- **Main Point:** As God's justice is revealed in his righteous wrath towards evil and sin, Jesus promises a blessing for those who stay awake in the expectant hope of his glorious return.

Quotes:

Symbols are open-ended and capable of applying to many manifestations of something — cataclysmic destruction of the forces of nature, for example. There is a progressive element at work in Revelation in which cycles of events recur at an ever-escalating scale. - **Leland Ryken**

God's glory, his holy character, is demonstrated through (not obscured by) his righteous judgments on his sinful enemies. - **Stephen Witmer**

Because John's original readers would have been familiar with the imagery of Megiddo as Israel's consummate battlefield where her enemies had been defeated, it makes complete sense that John would choose Megiddo to symbolize the location of the final battle of the Lord against the forces of darkness. - **Nancy Guthrie**

It's a beautiful reminder that, even amid the chaos of demonic activity and the rain of the nations, God can bless his people. Jesus wants this blessing for his followers. That's why he cuts right into the vision to urge them to stay away, dressed for action. - **Stephen Witmer**

The Seven Bowls of Wrath (16:2-21)

The complete, unrestrained expression of God's wrath

Bowl	Area Affected	Reference	Result
Bowl 1	earth	16:2	sores on the beast's worshipers
Bowl 2	sea	16:3	blood and death
Bowl 3	rivers and springs	16:4-7	blood to drink
Bowl 4	sun	16:8-9	burning heat
Bowl 5	beast's throne	16:10-11	palpable darkness
Bowl 6	Euphrates River	16:12-16	gathering for the battle
Bowl 7	air	16:17-21	earthquake shattering the great city

3 Hopes for The Well:

1. Rather than recoil at the just judgements of God, we would rejoice in his just and holy character.
2. Rather than resist his righteous wrath, we would rest in the removal of all wickedness and sin.
3. Rather than grow weary and fall asleep, we would receive the blessing of remaining ready and awake for His return, for He is our great reward.