

THE SEVEN
VIALS
OF
GOD'S WRATH

REVELATION 16:1-21

I. The Reality of God's Wrath (16:1)

Revelation 16:1

And I heard a great voice out of the temple saying to the seven angels, Go your ways, and pour out the vials of the wrath of God upon the earth.

I. The Reality of God's Wrath (16:1)

A. God's wrath is not arbitrary

2 Peter 3:7

But the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men.

I. The Reality of God's Wrath (16:1)

B. God's wrath is attained

Romans 1:32

Who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them.

Romans 2:5

But after thy hardness and impenitent heart treasurest up unto thyself wrath against the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God;

I. The Reality of God's Wrath (16:1)

C. God's wrath is authority in action

John 5:27

And hath given him authority to execute judgment also, because he is the Son of man.

1 Corinthians 15:24-25

24 Then cometh the end, when he shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father; when he shall have put down all rule and all authority and power.

25 For he must reign, till he hath put all enemies under his feet.

II. The First Six Vials (16:2-16)

A. First Vial - Painful sores (16:2).

Revelation 16:2

And the first went, and poured out his vial upon the earth; and there fell a noisome and grievous sore upon the men which had the mark of the beast, and upon them which worshipped his image.

II. The First Six Vials (16:2-16)

B. Second Vial - Seas turn to blood (16:3)

Revelation 16:3

And the second angel poured out his vial upon the sea; and it became as the blood of a dead man: and every living soul died in the sea.

II. The First Six Vials (16:2-16)

C. Third Vial - Rivers and springs turn to blood (16:4-7)

Revelation 16:4-7

4 And the third angel poured out his vial upon the rivers and fountains of waters; and they became blood.

5 And I heard the angel of the waters say, Thou art righteous, O Lord, which art, and wast, and shalt be, because thou hast judged thus.

6 For they have shed the blood of saints and prophets, and thou hast given them blood to drink; for they are worthy.

7 And I heard another out of the altar say, Even so, Lord God Almighty, true and righteous are thy judgments.

II. The First Six Vials (16:2-16)

C. Third Vial - Rivers and springs turn to blood (16:4-7)

1. A righteous judgment (v 5)

Psalm 19:9

The fear of the LORD is clean, enduring for ever: the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.

2. A requested judgment (v 6)

Matthew 27:25

Then answered all the people, and said, His blood be on us, and on our children.

II. The First Six Vials (16:2-16)

D. Fourth Vial - Scorching heat (16:8-9)

Revelation 16:8-9

8 And the fourth angel poured out his vial upon the sun; and power was given unto him to scorch men with fire.

9 And men were scorched with great heat, and blasphemed the name of God, which hath power over these plagues: and they repented not to give him glory.

II. The First Six Vials (16:2-16)

E. Fifth Vial - Darkness over the beast's kingdom (16:10-11)

Revelation 16:10-11

10 And the fifth angel poured out his vial upon the seat of the beast; and his kingdom was full of darkness; and they gnawed their tongues for pain,

11 And blasphemed the God of heaven because of their pains and their sores, and repented not of their deeds.

II. The First Six Vials (16:2-16)

F. Sixth Vial (16:12-16)

1. Euphrates dries up (v 12)

Revelation 16:12

And the sixth angel poured out his vial upon the great river Euphrates; and the water thereof was dried up, that the way of the kings of the east might be prepared.

II. The First Six Vials (16:2-16)

F. Sixth Vial (16:12-16)

2. Wicked gathered up (vv 13-14)

Revelation 16:13-14

13 And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs come out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet.

14 For they are the spirits of devils, working miracles, which go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty.

II. The First Six Vials (16:2-16)

F. Sixth Vial (16:12-16)

3. Battle drawn up (vv 15-16)

Revelation 16:15-16

15 Behold, I come as a thief. Blessed is he that watcheth, and keepeth his garments, lest he walk naked, and they see his shame.

16 And he gathered them together into a place called in the Hebrew tongue Armageddon.

II. The First Six Vials (16:2-16)



Revelation 19:19

And I saw the beast, and the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against him that sat on the horse, and against his army.

III. The Seventh (And Final) Vial (16:17-21)

Revelation 16:17-21

17 And the seventh angel poured out his vial into the air; and there came a great voice out of the temple of heaven, from the throne, saying, It is done.

18 And there were voices, and thunders, and lightnings; and there was a great earthquake, such as was not since men were upon the earth, so mighty an earthquake, and so great.

19 And the great city was divided into three parts, and the cities of the nations fell: and great Babylon came in remembrance before God, to give unto her the cup of the wine of the fierceness of his wrath.

III. The Seventh (And Final) Vial (16:17-21)

Revelation 16:17-21 - continued

20 And every island fled away, and the mountains were not found.

21 And there fell upon men a great hail out of heaven, every stone about the weight of a talent: and men blasphemed God because of the plague of the hail; for the plague thereof was exceeding great.

III. The Seventh (And Final) Vial (16:17-21)

A. A Great Voice (16:17)

Psalm 105:7

He is the LORD our God: his judgments are in all the earth.

III. The Seventh (And Final) Vial (16:17-21)

B. A Great Statement (16:17)

“It is done” = “It has been and will remain done”

John 19:30

When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, he said, It is finished: and he bowed his head, and gave up the ghost.

Romans 8:23-24

22 For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now.

23 And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body.

III. The Seventh (And Final) Vial (16:17-21)

C. A Great earthquake (16:18-20)

Hebrews 12:26-29

26 Whose voice then shook the earth: but now he hath promised, saying, Yet once more I shake not the earth only, but also heaven.

27 And this word, Yet once more, signifieth the removing of those things that are shaken, as of things that are made, that those things which cannot be shaken may remain.

28 Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear:

29 For our God is a consuming fire.

III. The Seventh (And Final) Vial (16:17-21)

C. A Great earthquake (16:18-20)

- 1. Jerusalem split into three parts**
- 2. Babylon set apart (Revelation 17)**
- 3. Islands and mountains disappear**

Zechariah 14:3-4

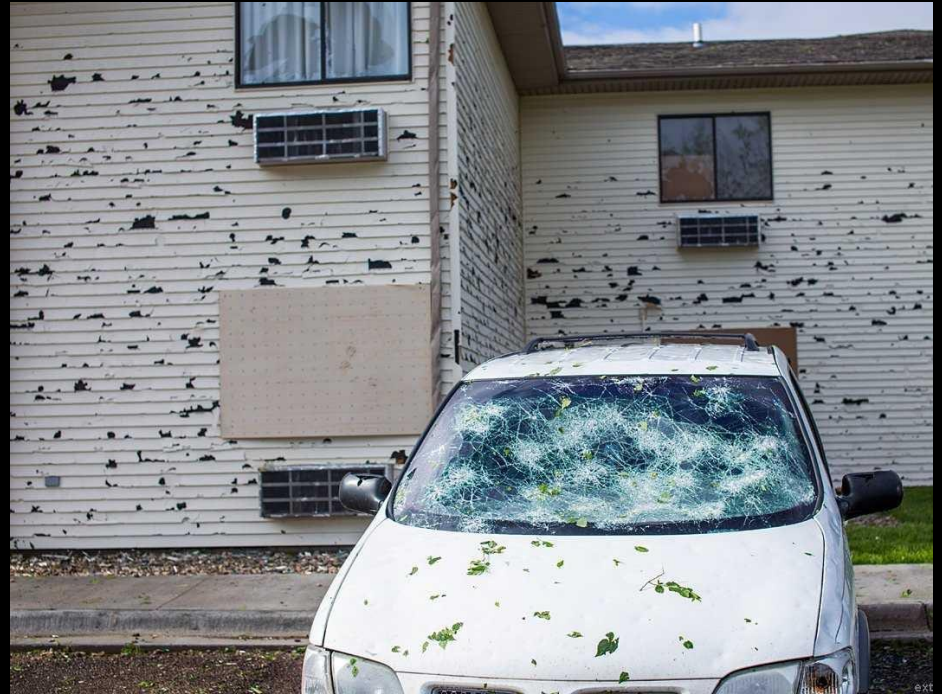
3 Then shall the LORD go forth, and fight against those nations, as when he fought in the day of battle.

4 And his feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives, which is before Jerusalem on the east, and the mount of Olives shall cleave in the midst thereof toward the east and toward the west, and there shall be a very great valley; and half of the mountain shall remove toward the north, and half of it toward the south.

III. The Seventh (And Final) Vial (16:17-21)

D. A great hail (16:21)

Talent = 100 pounds



III. The Seventh (And Final) Vial (16:17-21)

E. A great blasphemy (16:21)

John 8:24

I said therefore unto you, that ye shall die in your sins: for if ye believe not that I am he, ye shall die in your sins.

Justification Now or Judgment Latter

2 Peter 3:11

**Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved,
what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy
conversation and godliness,**