

## PREPARE TO POUR - Rv 16:1

### INTRODUCTION

1. Rv 16 - the 5th cycle: bowls of wrath. Remember Rv 5 - enthroned Lamb is sovereign - even over evil - [Mt 23:32]. Rv 15:1,8 *last, finished*.
2. Rv 6:10-11 *completed* = filled up. As evil fills up its measure, the number of martyred witnesses is completed. We arrive at the point when it is time for judgment: Flood; Sodom; *last days* [Lk 17:30] - same as Sodom.

### 1st: The Exodus Plagues and the Bowls

1. In echoes Exodus - Rv 15:3a note: *plagues*. Read Rv 16
2. **1<sup>st</sup> bowl** [sores]: Exo 9:10 - #6; **2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> bowl** [sea & rivers - blood]: Exo 7:19 - #1; **4<sup>th</sup> bowl** - sun to scorch men: no repentance - no correlation w/ Egyptian; **5<sup>th</sup> bowl** [darkness]: Exo 10:21-23 - #9; **6<sup>th</sup> bowl** [dry Euphrates & 3 evil spirits like frogs]: Ex 8:6 - #2; **7<sup>th</sup> bowl** [hailstones]: Exo 9:23-26 - #7
3. OT types & prophecies are fulfilled in NT. Augustine: "In the OT the New is concealed; in the New the Old is revealed."

### 2nd: The Trumpets and the Bowls

1. Sequence repeats trmpts - intensified judgment -> totality.
  - i. earth - 8:7//16:2; sea - 8:8-9//16:3; rivers, springs - 8:10-11//16:4-5; sun, moon, stars - 8:12//16:8; pit of Abyss - 9:11//16:10 throne of Bst; Euphrates - 9:13-14//16:12; lightning, hail - 11:15,19//16:17,21 + lightning
2. The dif tw/ trmpts & bowls, generally, is that of intensity. Comparison.
3. No interlude tw/ the 6th & 7th bowls
4. There is sequence & overlapping of bowls: *sores* - 1st & 5th bowls [v2, 10-11]
5. Sinners hardened: 6<sup>th</sup> trmpt - Rv 9:20-21. Rxn to 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> bowls - Rv 16:9-11.
  - i. Not saying we cannot expect revival[s] or that there are no churches that are not seeing encouraging increase. Wheat grows alongside tares & church does obey Great Commission.
  - ii. We need discernment - Mt 7:6; 2T 3:13; Rv 11:7 - Rv 16:7

### 3rd: The Command to Pour Out the Bowls - Rv 16:1

1. v1a. *Loud voice* - visual symbols w/ audible sound: 15:8; 16:7. We pray for revival; saints in heaven pray for conclusion of wrath [Isa 66:6].
2. v1b. *pour out the bowls of wrath*. Ps 79:6,12; Jer 10:25.

### Applic #1: Overcome Knowing that God Uses Evil for Good

1. Gn 50:20 Only the Holy One can use evil for good purposes. [Rm 9:20].
2. Lord uses evil to make martyrs, witnesses. The fallen, evil world is the context in wh/ we prove our faith in God's provisions & promises.
3. Resolve to persevere: 12:11; 14:12-13.