

Revelation Study
Vision 4
The Seven Bowls of Wrath
Revelation 16:1-21

- I. The First Five Bowls (1-11)
 - A. Each of these are happening during the time of the first and second advent
 - 1. Bowl 1 – Sickness or illness that reflects the sorrow of life
 - 2. Bowl 2 – Livelihood
 - 3. Bowl 3 – Livelihood
 - 4. Bowl 4 – General sorrow from nature (lack of repentance)
 - 5. Bowl 5 – An initial downfall of the city of man (blasphemy)
 - B. These things are ongoing (progressively, because of continued rebellion and unrepentance) against the city of Man
- II. The Sixth Bowl and Armageddon (12-16)
 - A. The preparation for the final battle
 - 1. The drying up of the Euphrates
 - 2. A symbolic picture of the people of God being “vulnerable”
 - B. The “armies of the east” (also in the OT, the armies of the North”
 - C. Armageddon – spiritual in nature, though potentially physical in impact
 - 1. “Coming out of the mouth of the dragon and beast and false prophet”
 - 2. This is a picture of an unholy Trinity, spewing out dangerous, false, and

- destructive ideologies against God, the gospel, and the people of God
- D. God’s people are still present
 - 1. Jesus is coming, like a thief in the night
 - 2. Spiritual clothing instead of nakedness (perseverance)
- III. The Seventh Bowl: God’s Great Wrath (17-21)
 - A. A full and final expression of God’s wrath against the city of Man (fleshed out even more in the next vision)
 - B. The just destruction of rebellion against God
 - C. It is done – different from it is finished.
 - D. What does it cause to the recipients? Worship? Repentance? NO – more blasphemy