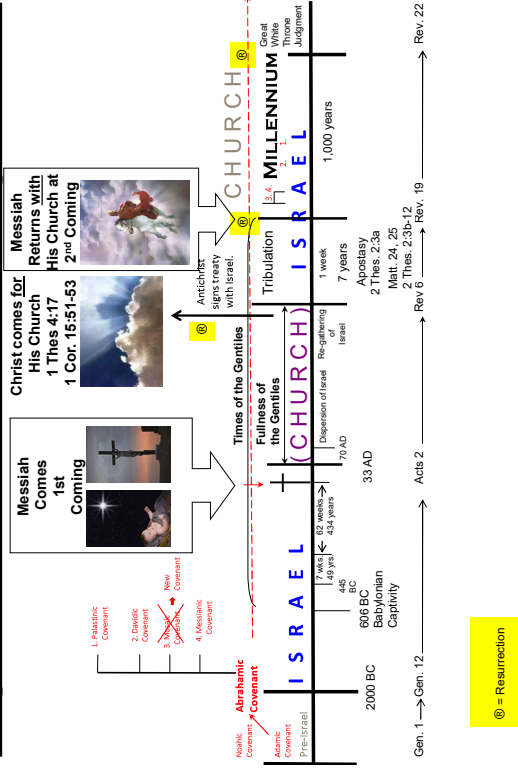


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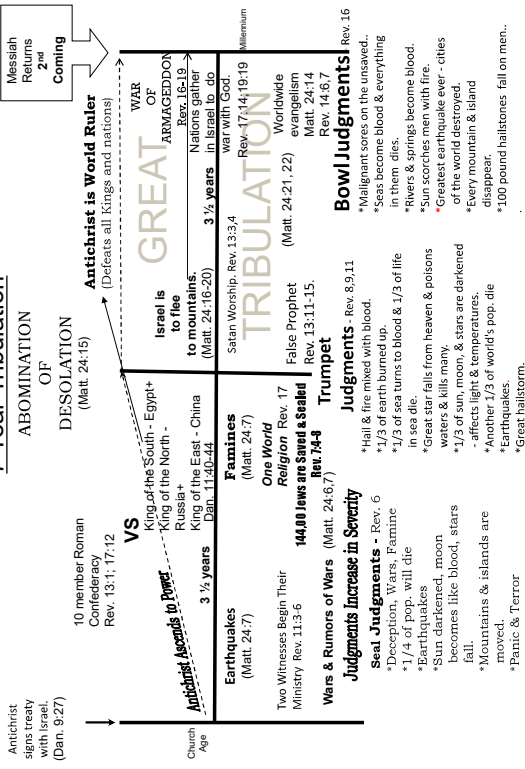
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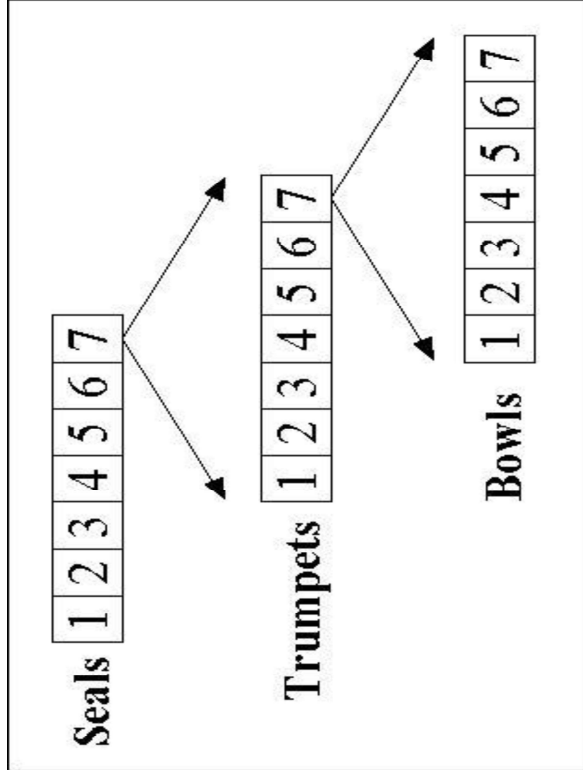


7 Year Tribulation



Quiz

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2. How many judgments are in each group?
3. What does the last in the series of the first 2 groups open to?



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"a loud voice"

"loud"

μεγας – megas – great, huge, large, mighty.

Used 11 times in this chapter:

"great voice" (twice - 1,17)

"great heat" (9)

"great river Euphrates" (12)

"great day of God" (14)

"great earthquake" (twice in 18)

"great city" (19)

"great city Babylon" (19)

"great hailstones" (21)

"great plague" (21)

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"from the temple,"

- The only voice that comes from the temple is that of God.
- Rev. 15:8 said that no one could enter the temple until the seven plagues were finished.
- So in the Temple is God and smoke. So God is the one speaking.

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“The mills of God grind slowly, but they grind exceeding fine, and the last of the grist is now to go through. The machinery of judgment has been set in motion, and the Creator Himself has said that it shall not be arrested until the last plagues of His wrath are finished.”

- Donald Grey Barnhouse

3 differences between the Bowl and the Trumpet Judgments;

1. The first four trumpets deal with only one-third of the earth while the bowl judgments are universal in scope.
2. The bowls are much greater in intensity as well as in degree of coverage and effect.
3. They bowls fall quickly as a liquid poured out of a bowl and in rapid succession.

Ps 79:1-7

O God, the nations have invaded Your inheritance;
They have defiled Your holy temple;
They have laid Jerusalem in ruins.

- 2 They have given the dead bodies of Your servants for food to the birds of the heavens,
The flesh of Your godly ones to the beasts of the earth.
- 3 They have poured out their blood like water round about Jerusalem;
And there was no one to bury them.
- 4 We have become a reproach to our neighbors,
A scoffing and derision to those around us.
- 5 How long, O Lord? Will You be angry forever?
Will Your jealousy burn like fire?
- 6 Pour out Your wrath upon the nations which do not know You,
And upon the kingdoms which do not call upon Your name.
- 7 For they have devoured Jacob
And laid waste his habitation.

The command from God to the angels to pour out the Bowls is in response to a long cry over thousands of years of God's people asking God to take revenge on those who have tortured and killed His people.

Jer 10:25

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Zeph 3:8

8 "Therefore wait for Me," declares the Lord,
"For the day when I rise up as a witness.
Indeed, My decision is to gather nations,
To assemble kingdoms,
To pour out on them My indignation,
All My burning anger;
For all the earth will be devoured
By the fire of My zeal.

Rev 6:9-10

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10 and they cried out with a loud voice, saying, "How long, O Lord, holy and true, will You refrain from judging and avenging our blood on those who dwell on the earth?"

- Now in the Tribulation revenge has come. God answers their prayers.
- Here is a “mega” lesson on prayer -
- Don’t give up on your prayers.
- You may pray for years about someone or about something that God has not yet answered. But keep praying! Don’t give up. It may be answered in your lifetime and it may not.

The Lord Jesus taught this in -

Luke 18:1

18 Now He was telling them a parable to show that at all times they ought to pray and not to lose heart,

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- The pouring of these shallow bowls is more like dumping. Comes out very fast, almost all at once. That is by design.
- The only pauses during the pouring are brief ones for the angels to affirm that what God is doing is right.



Seven Bowls (Rev. 16)

1. sores
2. blood—the sea
3. blood—rivers and springs
4. scorching heat
5. darkness
6. river dries up/frogs
7. earthquake/hailstones

Egyptian Plagues (Exod. 7-12)

- sixth plague
- first plague
- first plague
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- ninth plague
- second plague
- seventh plague

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Deut 28:27,35

- 27 "The Lord will smite you with the boils of Egypt and with tumors and with the scab and with the itch, from which you cannot be healed.
- 35 "The Lord will strike you on the knees and legs with sore boils, from which you cannot be healed, from the sole of your foot to the crown of your head.

Zech 14:12-14

- 12 Now this will be the plague with which the Lord will strike all the peoples who have gone to war against Jerusalem; their flesh will rot while they stand on their feet, and their eyes will rot in their sockets, and their tongue will rot in their mouth.
- 13 It will come about in that day that a great panic from the Lord will fall on them; and they will seize one another's hand, and the hand of one will be lifted against the hand of another.

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"loathsome and malignant sore"

εἶκος κακον και πονηρον

εἶκος – ulcerated sore, abscess, boil, cancer, oozing with pus.
κακον – foul, bad, evil, injurious, crippling.

πονηροσ – active, malignant, painful, destructive.

- Oozing, cancerous, malignant, painful, incurable ulcers all over the bodies of those who have rejected the gospel and instead choose to follow the Antichrist.
- The whole world is going to experience unbelievable, intense pain.
- The sores will not only be painful, but they will be extremely irritating because of their itch and refusal to heal.

"It is an awesome thought to consider almost the entire population of the world suffering from a painful malady that nothing can cure. Constant pain affects a person's disposition so that he finds it difficult to get along with other people. Human relations during that period will certainly be at their worst."

- Warren Wiersbe

Rev 14:9-10

- 9 Then another angel, a third one, followed them, saying with a loud voice, "If anyone worships the beast and his image, and receives a mark on his forehead or on his hand, 10 he also will drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is mixed in full strength in the cup of His anger;

This Bowl Judgment is very specific who it is for:

1. Those who have the mark of the Beast.
2. Those who worship his image.
- This is not for believers who may be hiding out somewhere trying to survive.
- It's like God is saying, "You want a mark on your body? I'll give you one, in fact several." "You want the mark of the Antichrist, I'll give you the make of divine judgment."

"After almost a century of insipid preaching from America's pulpits, the average man believes that God is all sweetness and light and would not discipline or punish anyone. Well, this Book of Revelation tells a different story!"

- J. Vernon McGee

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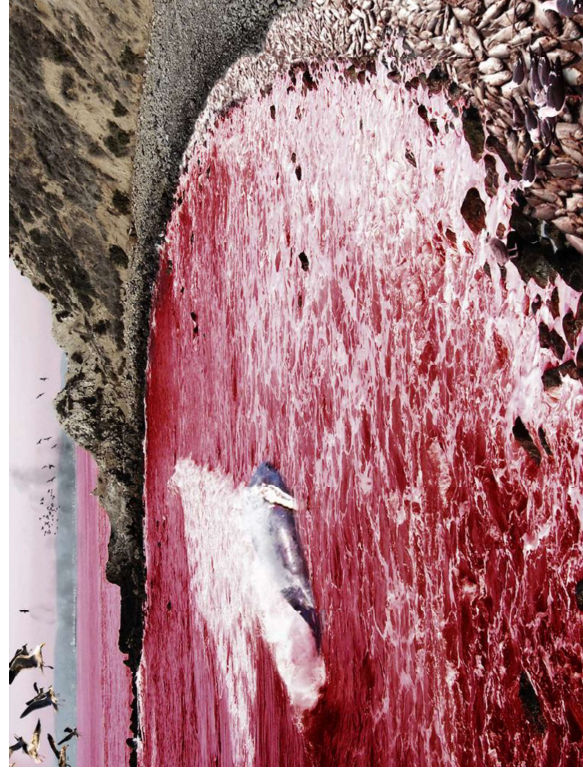
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Rev 8:8-9

- 8 The second angel sounded, and something like a great mountain burning with fire was thrown into the sea; and a third of the sea became blood,
- 9 and a third of the creatures which were in the sea and had life, died; and a third of the ships were destroyed.

"became blood like that of a dead man; and every living thing in the sea died."

- The water in the world's oceans will become "**like the blood of a dead man**" - thick, dark, and coagulated, like the blood of a corpse.
- So the seas will look like a Jell-O type of substance,
- There will be no evaporation whatsoever, which will have a devastating effect.
- Every living thing in the sea is going to die, millions, probably billions of creatures.
- The sea becomes a pool of death. Think of the stench.
- This will further reduce the scarcity of food and add to the plague of drought and famine upon the world.
- It will also make it next to impossible for transporting anything by way of the sea, as traveling by boat will be impossible under such condition.
- The shipping and fishing industries will be non-existent from this point on.



"Imagine the chaos: all the dead marine life lying feet deep on the shores of the world and rotting there. The loss of marine life as a food source will be devastating after the destruction of vegetation that will occur as a result of Rev. 8:7."

Monty S. Mills,

An Exegetical Study of the Revelation

Remember, fresh water up to this time has been scarce and in short supply. Why?

No wind.

Rev 7:1

1 After this I saw four angels standing at the four corners of the earth, holding back the four winds of the earth, so that no wind would blow on the earth or on the sea or on any tree.

* It's wind that blows clouds into which water has evaporated that moves it across the land so that it drops rain.

Wormwood.

Rev 8:10-11

10 The third angel sounded, and a great star fell from heaven, burning like a torch, and it fell on a third of the rivers and on the springs of waters.

11 The name of the star is called Wormwood; and a third of the waters became wormwood, and many men died from the waters, because they were made bitter.

The 2 witnesses.

Rev 11:6

6 These have the power to shut up the sky, so that rain will not fall during the days of their prophesying; and they have power over the waters to turn them into blood, and to strike the earth with every plague, as often as they desire.

Consequences:

- All rivers, lakes and springs will be affected. All the water supply that is used for drinking will be turned to blood.
- It will be fatal to animals.
- Lack of water to drink, cook, wash clothes, wash yourself and your sores, etc.
- This will result in panic desperation, agony, murder – people will do anything to quench their thirst.
- Many took the mark of the Beast so they could buy and sell, however now that mark will not help you get water.

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“And I heard the angel of the waters saying,”

- In these last 2 verses we have 2 witnesses who testify to the righteousness of God:
 1. Angel of the water.
 2. The Tribulation martyrs.
- Here there is a pause to vindicate what God is doing.
- Notice this refers to an angel who has jurisdiction over the waters of the earth, what has just been polluted by the wrath of God.
- What must be said by this angel is that the holiness of God is the reason for these terrifying and deadly judgments.

“because You judged these things;”

- In inflicting these cancerous, painful sores, in polluting the seas, in polluting the fresh water, God is doing the right thing.
- He is doing what His nature demands.

“Righteous are You, who are and who were, O Holy One,”

- God is righteous because He alone possesses the perfect balance between grace and judgment.
- Ps 145:17**
17 The Lord is righteous in all His ways
And kind in all His deeds.
- Ps 119:137**
137 Righteous are You, O Lord,
And upright are Your judgments.
“who are and who were”- This is not a God who has just come on the scene and exploded in anger.

Ps 7:11
11 God is a just judge,
And God is angry with the wicked every day.- This is the eternal God. Eternality sets God apart from every thing and every one. He has existed before the judgments started, and He is here now to execute the judgments. He is has right to do so.

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- **Revelation 6:10** and they cried out with a loud voice, saying, “How long, O Lord, holy and true, will You refrain from judging and avenging our blood on those who dwell on the earth?”
- **Revelation 17:6** And I saw the woman drunk with the blood of the saints, and with the blood of the witnesses of Jesus.
- **Revelation 18:24** “And in her was found the blood of prophets and of saints and of all who have been slain on the earth.”
- **Isaiah 49:26** “I will feed your oppressors with their own flesh, And they will become drunk with their own blood as with sweet wine; And all flesh will know that I, the LORD, am your Savior And your Redeemer, the Mighty One of Jacob.”

Heb 10:26-31

- 26 For if we go on sinning willfully after receiving the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins,
- 27 but a terrifying expectation of judgment and THE FURY OF A FIRE WHICH WILL CONSUME THE ADVERSARIES.
- 28 Anyone who has set aside the Law of Moses dies without mercy on the testimony of two or three witnesses.
- 29 How much severer punishment do you think he will deserve who has trampled under foot the Son of God, and has regarded as unclean the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified, and has insulted the Spirit of grace?
- 30 For we know Him who said, “VENGEANCE IS MINE, I WILL REPAY.” And again, “THE LORD WILL JUDGE HIS PEOPLE.”
- 31 It is a terrifying thing to fall into the hands of the living God.

"Pharaoh tried to drown the Jewish boy babies, but it was his own army that eventually drowned in the Red Sea. Haman planned to hang Mordecai on the gallows and to exterminate the Jews; but he himself was hanged on the gallows, and his family was exterminated. King Saul refused to obey God and slay the Amalekites, so he was slain by an Amalekite."

- Warren Wiersbe

Rom 1:18,21,24

- 18 For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men who suppress the truth in unrighteousness,
- 21 For even though they knew God, they did not honor Him as God or give thanks,
- 24 Therefore God gave them over . . .

"and You have given them blood to drink."

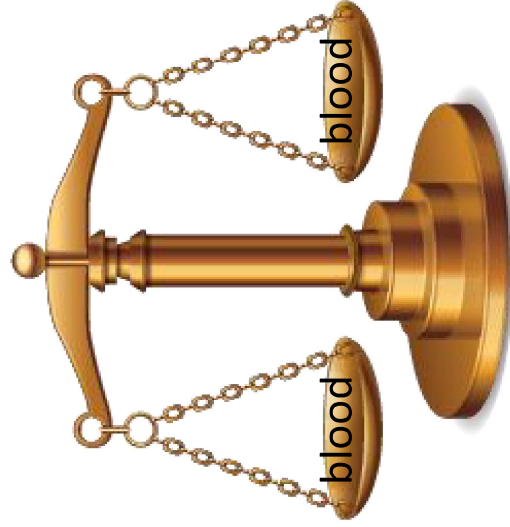
- They have been blood thirsty—now they get their fill.
- This is why the book of Revelation has always been precious to the persecuted Church, for its pages are sprinkled with the blood of martyrs.
- "What goes around, comes around!" What you dish out yourself will come back to you some day.
- Whatsoever a man sows that will he also reap (Gal 6:7).
- "You want to spill the blood of My saints and prophets, fine, I'll give you blood to drink." God has given them fresh water for thousands of years but they were not grateful (Rom 1).

"they deserve it"

- αἵματιος - axios – having the weight of another thing of like value, worth as much on both sides.
- It's the picture of a merchant with a pair of balance scales. You ask for one pound of wheat. He puts a one pound weight on one side of the scales and then pours out wheat until the scales are balanced, and the wheat is equal to the weight of the one pound weight.
 - So here in this verse what the evil unbelievers have done to the believers in the Tribulation is placed on one side of the scale and God says we need to balance this off with an equal amount of wrath on the other side.
 - People are getting what they deserve.

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"And I heard the altar saying,"

- an altar cannot speak.
- no one is in the temple in heaven except God (15:8).
- Therefore the altar represents the prayers of the saints who reside under the altar.

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Eph 5:19

19 speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody with your heart to the Lord;

Col 3:16-17

with all wisdom teaching and admonishing one another with psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with thankfulness in your hearts to God.

Psalms

Hymns

Spiritual Songs



Henry Barraclough
(1891–1983)

Ps 45:8

8 All Your garments are fragrant with myrrh and aloes and cassia; Out of ivory palaces stringed instruments have made You glad.

"Yes, O Lord God, the Almighty, true and righteous are Your judgments."

- וַיֹּאמֶר נַי – strong affirmation – "Yes".
- There is no questioning here.
 - There is no hesitation here.
 - The martyrs in heaven understand precisely why God is doing this and they in the strongest terms affirm it.
 - Someday, even if we question it now, in heaven we will affirm strongly all of the will of God – not only His desired will (the Word) but also His determined will (which is everything that happened).

Gen 18:22-25

- 22 Then the men turned away from there and went toward Sodom, while Abraham was still standing before the Lord.
23 Abraham came near and said, "Will You indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked?
24 "Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city: will You indeed sweep it away and not spare the place for the sake of the fifty righteous who are in it?
25 "Far be it from You to do such a thing, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous and the wicked are treated alike. Far be it from You! Shall not the Judge of all the earth deal justly?"



Henry Barraclough
(1891–1983)

Henry Barraclough was born December 14, 1891, in Yorkshire, England. He began his piano and organ studies at the age of five. As a young man, he worked as a claims adjuster for an auto insurance firm. From 1911-1913, he served as secretary to George Scott Robertson, a Member of Parliament. Following that, Barraclough became the pianist for the evangelistic team of Wilbur J. Chapman, his song leader Charles Alexander, and soloist Albert Brown. While pianist for the team, Barraclough traveled to the United States, and fought in World War I. From 1919-1961, he served first as secretary and later as administrator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church. He is credited as the author of twenty hymns and the composer of 120 tunes. He died in August 1983 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

IVORY PALACES

1. My Lord has garments so wondrous fine,
And myrrh their texture fills;
Its fragrance reached to this heart of mine
With joy my being thrills.
3. His garments too were in cassia dipped,
With healing in a touch;
Each time my feet in some sin have slipped,
He took me from its clutch.

Refrain

- Refrain**
Out of the ivory palaces,
Into a world of woe,
Only His great eternal love
Made my Savior go.
2. His life had also its sorrows sore,
For aloes had a part;
And when I think of the cross He bore,
My eyes with teardrops start.
4. In garments glorious He will come,
To open wide the door;
And I shall enter my heav'nly home,
To dwell forevermore.

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