

THE SEVEN VIALS OF GOD'S WRATH
REV. 16:1-12

Introduction:

- A. We have seen an overview of the events that occur in the tribulation period.
 - 1. v14:1-20.
 - 2. Israel sealed, the satanic empire, God's wrath poured out on the earth.

- B. At this time we begin the study of the specific events of the tribulation.
 - 1. The seven last (eschata) plagues. v15:1.
 - 2. The judgment of false religion. v17:1.

- C. "And I heard a great voice out of the temple saying to the seven angels."
 - 1. "go your ways."
 - 2. "and pour out the vials of the wrath of God upon the earth."

I. "AND THE FIRST WENT, AND Poured OUT HIS VIAL UPON THE EARTH

- A. "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."
 - 1. noisome = kakos - bad, every form of evil.
 - 2. grievous = poneros - pain, labor, malignant.
 - 3. sore = eikos - a wound, an ulcer, a sore.

- B. God's use of incurable sores.
 - 1. Ex. 9:8-12, "boils, blains, upon Egyptians."
 - 2. Deut. 28:15,27,35, "a sore that cannot be healed."
 - 3. Consider the occurrence of AIDS.

II. "AND THE SECOND ANGEL Poured OUT HIS VIAL UPON THE SEA"

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- A. "and it became as the blood of a dead man."
 - 1. The embalmers pumped blood from each body.
 - 2. A sea of pollutants, powerful to multiply every form of disease.

- B. "And every living soul died in the sea."
 - 1. Not a third as in Rev. 8:9.
 - 2. Nothing can live in this putrid mass.

III. "AND THE THIRD ANGEL Poured OUT HIS VIAL UPON THE RIVERS AND FOUNTAINS OF WATERS AND THEY BECAME BLOOD.

- A. The earth's fresh water supply is polluted.
 - 1. rivers =
 - 2. fountains =

- B. God's use of blood as judgment.
 - 1. Against Egypt. Ex. 7:17-25.
 - 2. People can never hide from blood! Blood of cleansing or cursing.

IV. THE REASON FOR THE BLOOD JUDGMENTS. V5-7

- A. "And I heard the angel of the waters say."
 - 1. "Thou art righteous, O Lord, which art, and wast, and shalt be, because thou hast judged thus."
 - 2. "for they have shed the blood of saints and prophets, and thou hast given them blood to drink, for they are worthy."
 - 3. "true and righteous are thy judgments."

V. AND THE FOURTH ANGEL Poured HIS VIAL UPON THE SUN. V8

- A. "and power was given unto him to scorch men with fire."
 - 1. scorch = kaumatizo - to burn.
 - 2. fire = pur - fire.

- B. "And men were scorched with great heat."
 - 1. "and blasphemed the name of God, which had power over these plagues."
 - 2. "and they repented not to give him glory."

VI. "AND THE FIFTH ANGEL Poured OUT HIS VIAL UPON THE SEAT OF THE BEAST. V10 [thronos = throne]

- A. "and his kingdom was full of darkness."
 - 1. full = cover with darkness.
 - 2. darkness = skotoo - full of darkness.
- B. "and they gnawed their tongues for pain."
 - 1. gnawed = massaomai - to chew, gnaw.
 - 2. pain = ponos - labor, travail, anguish.
- C. "and blasphemed the God of heaven because of their pains and their sores."
 - 1. pains = ponos.
 - 2. sores = elkos - a wound, ulcer.
- D. "and repented not of their deeds."
 - 1. repented = metaneo - to change one's purpose & mind
 - 2. deeds = ergon = something done.

VII. "AND THE SIXTH ANGEL Poured OUT HIS VIAL UPON THE GREAT RIVER EUPHRATES. V12

- A. "and the water thereof was dried up that the way of the Kings of the east might be prepared."
 - 1. dried up = kseraino - to dry, to dry up.
 - 2. way = hodos - a highway, road.
 - 3. east = anatole - a rising up of the sun.

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- B. God will prepare a highway for the Eastern masses of people to gather in the valley of Armageddon.
 - 1. Isa. 11:15, "With His mighty wind shall he shake his hand over the river and shall smite it the seven streams and make men go over dryshod."
 - 2. Zech. 10:11, "He shall go through the sea with affliction, and shall smite the waves in the sea, and all the deeps in the river shall dry up, and the pride of Assynia shall be brought down."
 - 3. Joel 3:9-13. [824 B.C.]

VIII. GOD'S REACTION TO THIS SCENE. PSALM 2

- A. "he that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh.."
- B. "The Lord shall have them in derision."