

“How few men are strong enough to stand against the prevailing currents of opinion!”
Winston Churchill

Revelation 6 - 16

7 Seal Judgments (6:1-17; 8:1-5)

Interlude #1 (7:1-17)

7 Trumpet Judgments (8:6 - 9:21; 11:15-19)

Interlude #2 (10:1 - 11:14)

7 Bowl Judgments (15:1 - 16:21)

Interlude #3 (12:1 - 14:20)

What is the purpose of these judgments?

1. God reveals the _____ of _____ as He judges the earth and its occupants in an increasing intensity (1/4, 1/3, all), sometimes simply allowing evil to run its course (6:4,8; 9:3,5; 13:5,7,14,15).
2. God reminds his people that they are never _____; they are safe in his protection, yet some will witness to the Lamb as martyrs (3:10; 6:11; 7:1-8; 9:4, 11:7; 16:3).
3. God provides a final _____, yet many will refuse to worship the Lamb and prefer the very demonic forces that bring about their demise. God shows his wrath is just (9:20; 14:6-7; 15:3-4; 16:5-7,9,11).
4. God calls his people to follow the Lamb as missionary witnesses despite being _____ and, at times, _____ (11:1-13; 14:4-12).
5. God, in the end, will dismantle his creation in order to introduce his perfect _____ (6:12-14; 16:17-21; 20:11; 21:1-5).

The 7 Bowls of God's Wrath

“Then I heard a loud voice from the temple telling the seven angels, ‘Go and pour out on the earth the seven bowls of the wrath of God.’” (1)

v. 2 - Angel 1 - on earth → _____

v. 3 - Angel 2 - into the sea → _____

v. 4 - Angel 3 - into the rivers/springs → _____

Punishment fits the crime (5-7) -

v. 8 - Angel 4 - on the sun → _____

v. 10 - Angel 5 - on the beast's throne → _____

Proverbs 19:3 -

v. 12 - Angel 6 - on the Euphrates → _____

v. 17 - Angel 7 - into the air → _____

How should Christians respond to these judgments?

“Behold, I am coming like a thief! Blessed is the one who stays awake, keeping his garments on, that he may not go about naked and be seen exposed!” (15)

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 -

8 Signs Your Christianity Is Too Comfortable by Brett McCracken

- There's no friction between your Christianity and your _____.
- There are no paradoxes, tensions, or _____.
- Your friends and coworkers are _____ to learn you're a _____.
- You never think about or even remember the _____ on Monday.
- No one at your church ever _____.
- You never feel challenged, _____.
- You never had to have a _____ conversation.
- No one in your church could comment _____ they've seen in you.

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