

**THE BOOK OF REVELATION**  
**CHAPTER SIXTEEN**  
**"THE BOWLS AND THE BATTLE"**

**I. THE POURING OUT OF THE FIRST SIX BOWLS (1-12)**

A. Is in obedience to a heavenly command (1).

1. This great voice which John heard commanding these angels is no doubt the voice of God.
2. Note while there is a parallel between the trumpet judgments (ch. 8) and these bowl judgments, they are not the same. These bowl judgments are poured out in rapid succession and will prepare the way for the battle of \_\_\_\_\_ and the Second Coming of \_\_\_\_\_.

B. Will result in a variety of final and severe judgments (2-12)

1. The first bowl will be poured out upon the \_\_\_\_\_ (2).
  - a. This will cause sores upon the beast worshippers. Note the parallel between the sixth plague of Egypt (Ex. 9:8-12).
  - b. Notice how this plague will still trouble men when the fifth bowl is poured out (11) but it won't result in any repentance.
2. The second bowl will be poured out upon the \_\_\_\_\_ (3).
  - a. This will cause the sea to become as the blood of a dead man or coagulate it. As a result everything in the sea died.
  - b. Note the parallel with the first plague of Egypt (Ex. 7:20-25).
3. The third bowl will be poured out upon the \_\_\_\_\_ and fountains of \_\_\_\_\_(4-7).
  - a. This will cause the drinking waters to become blood (4) cp. Ex. 7:19.
  - b. Notice with this judgment the third angel praised God for it. Here we see it will be righteous judgment for those who shed the blood of the martyred saints to drink blood themselves (5-6).

c. Notice also "another out of the altar" confirmed this judgment to be true and righteous (7). This may refer to the souls under the altar (6:9) now being vindicated by the Lord.

4. The fourth bowl will be poured out upon the \_\_\_\_\_ (8-9).
  - a. This will cause the sun to increase in intensity and as a result men will be scorched.
  - b. Note even with this judgment instead of men repenting of their sins they will continue to blaspheme God's name.
5. The fifth bowl will be poured out upon the throne of the \_\_\_\_\_ (10-11).
  - a. This will cause darkness to fill Antichrist's kingdom. Like the ninth plague of Egypt (Ex. 10:21-23) this darkness will fill the whole earth.
  - b. Once again note in the midst of their darkness and agonizing pain men will still blaspheme the name of God.
6. The sixth bowl is poured out upon the Euphrates \_\_\_\_\_ (12).
  - a. This caused the water to dry up which prepared the way for the Kings of the east.
  - b. This preparation is a reference to the invasion from the east by the armies of China which will clash with Antichrist's armies of the west.

## **II. THE PARENTHESES CONCERNING THE BATTLE OF ARMAGEDDON (13-16)**

A. Shows what will prompt it to occur (13-14)

1. First of all three unclean \_\_\_\_\_ will come out of the mouths of the devil, the beast (Antichrist) and the false prophet (religious leader).
2. These spirits will then work miracles as they go to all the leaders and challenge them to \_\_\_\_\_ (14). This might well be done through the means of propaganda. But by whatever means it will be a gathering of the largest army in history and it will ultimately unite to fight against the Lord (Rev. 19:19).

B. Gives a word concerning being prepared for the Lord's coming (15)

1. This word is probably for those saints who have remained faithful to the Lord and have escaped martyrdom thus far.

2. This word is apparently meant to be an encouragement to these saints in the light of the Lord's \_\_\_\_\_.

C. Identifies where the armies will gather (16). They will gather at the mount of \_\_\_\_\_. This has been the place of many battles (Jud. 4 &7).

### **III. THE POURING OUT OF THE SEVENTH BOWL (17-21)**

A. Will be into the \_\_\_\_\_ (17).

1. This will bring about God's pronouncement of completion.

2. Note that Christ's coming (Rev. 19:11-16) will follow this seventh bowl judgment.

B. Will cause the greatest earthquake and hailstorm that the earth has ever known (18-21).

1. It will divide \_\_\_\_\_ into three parts (19).

2. It will cause the \_\_\_\_\_ of the nations to fall (19).

3. It will be God's judgment upon great Babylon (19). This probably refers to the city of \_\_\_\_\_ out of which spiritual Babylon originates with its false prophet.

4. This earthquake will change the whole topography of the \_\_\_\_\_ - islands will be moved and mountains will disappear (20).

5. Hail will fall out of heaven on men. Its weight will be about a talent or 125 lbs. (21).