

“The Bowl Judgments” – Part 3
The Seventh Bowl
Revelation 16:17-21

Revelation #37

Review:

1. Final judgment is described in the effects of the bowl visions

- The patience of God has come to an end: Sin is “filled up!” Wrath is poured out!
- The bowls come in rapid succession – or are virtually simultaneous.

2. The Bowl Judgments are universal in their effects

3. The removal of “Common grace” very much in view in the first six Bowl judgments

4. Where are the Redeemed during the bowls?

- The last martyr’s blood has been shed; the testimony of the saints is finished. cf. 11:7ff
- The seventh and last trumpet has sounded; the saints have been raptured away.

1. The End of the Present Cosmos

vv. 17-18, 20-21a

(1) The Seventh Bowl Poured out and the Divine Pronouncement

-1- The Bowl poured out affects cosmic cataclysm *“Then the seventh angel poured out his bowl into the air...”*

-2- The Divine Pronouncement *“...and a loud voice came out of the temple of heaven, from the throne, saying, ‘It is done!’”*

(2) The Removal of the First Heaven and Earth

-1- Noises, Thunderings, Lightnings! *“And there were noises and thunderings and lightnings,*
- cf. The Lord at Sinai Ex. 19:16-18
- Rev. 4:5; 8:5; 11:19

-2- The Whole Earth Shaken - Hag. 2:6 → Heb. 12:26-27
- A Worldwide Earthquake! *“and there was a great earthquake”*

- The Islands flee away, the Mountains disappear *“Then every island fled away, and the mountains were not found.”*
// 6:14; 20:11

-3- A Lethal Worldwide Hailstorm! **21a** *“And great hail from heaven fell upon men, each hailstone about the weight of a talent.”*

2. The “Great City” Judged

“Now the great city was divided into three parts, v. 19 and the cities of the nations fell.”

(1) “Babylon the Great” – The Evil World System

- The City divided into three parts

- The Cities of the Nations fall!

(2) “Babylon Remembered!” *“And great Babylon was remembered before God, to give her the cup of the wine of the fierceness of His wrath.”*

- In judgment, God remembers!

- The figure of Judgment – The drinking of the cup of wine

3. Sinners’ Ultimate Impenitence Displayed

v. 21b

- Hardened in sin! *“Men blasphemed God because of the plague of the hail, since that plague was exceedingly great.”*

- They blaspheme the name of God cf. 16:9, 11
- They will not repent; they cannot repent!