

Seals and Trumpets and Bowls, O My! – Part 3

Revelation 14-16 ~ August 13, 2006

Revelation 14

- ✎ John is trying to show us the difference between following the way of
 - **Jesus** (vv. 1-5)
 - The 144,000 describe **us** when we reach heaven
 - **darkness** (vv. 6-11)
 - If you choose to follow the beast then you will **feel the full brunt of God's wrath**
- ✎ Last event before the seven bowls:
 - Reaping of the earth – **rapture**
 - Reaping of the grapes – pouring out of **God's wrath**

The Rapture (1st Thessalonians 4:17)

- The word 'rapture' **does not appear** in the Bible
- Three views of the rapture
 - **Pre**-tribulation (Rev. 4:1)
 - **Mid**-tribulation (Rev. 11:11-12)
 - **Post**-tribulation (Rev. 14:14-16)
- *What do we do with the 3 views?*
 - 4th view: **Pan**-tribulation
 - Prepare for **Pre**; Pray for **Post**
 - **Be prepared**

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Revelation 15

- ✎ Begins with John seeing 7 angels coming out of the temple in heaven
 - The party in heaven **has already begun**
 - The bowl judgments are only for those who **followed & worshipped the beast**
- ✎ With the pouring out of the bowls, God's wrath will be **complete**
 - With the pouring out of each bowl, there is no **second chance**
 - They will prepare the world for the day of **Jesus' return**

Revelation 16 – The Bowl Judgments

- 1st bowl – **sores**
- 2nd & 3rd bowls – **blood**
- 4th bowl – **sun**
- 5th bowl – **darkness**
- 6th bowl – **Euphrates**
- 7th bowl – **'It is done'**

The bad news: God's wrath and judgment are **coming**

The good news: The God of wrath and judgment in Revelation is the God of **grace** and **mercy** today