

GOD'S VISIONS AND DREAMS CANNOT BE DEFEATED!

REVELATION 16: A Thematic Approach

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The Seven Bowls of Wrath: Judgment by Nature and the Environment

Not by military power, nor by terrorism or chemical warfare but by the environment

Creation will not be destroyed by human sin or the devil but by the judgment of God

Human sin creates the condition for judgment but only God can release judgment by nature and the environment

No nation, no ethnic chosen people, or tribe is righteous enough to the judgment of God

The natural and environmental vessels of God's wrath

Terror One: The boils and ulcerous sores (Exodus 9: 8-11)

Terror Two: Rivers and springs become blood (Exodus 7: 17-21)

Terrors Four & Five: Scorching of earth by sun and thick darkness (Ex.10: 21-23)

To understand the move of God we must:

Have knowledge of the word of God (frame of reference for all we do and say)

Correct teaching

Consistent with whole counsel (not a portion) of God

Lifestyle consistency

The Discernment of the Holy Spirit

The False Prophets and Demonic Spirits

Do Not Underestimate their Influence

Speak convincingly

Perform signs and wonders

Fixed and focused

Have power and know how to broker and magnify it

Have order and organization

The Word From God in the Midst of Distress (vss. 5-7, 15)

Sometimes the word comes from imperfect messengers of God

While sinners curse saints give glory to God

God always has a word to encourage saints and warn sinners

The Intransigence of Evil (vss. 8-10, 21-22)

What trouble cannot do

What love cannot do

What judgment cannot do

Importance of warfare and persevering prayer

The Meaning of Megiddo or Armageddon

History in Scriptures

Deborah, Barak and Sisera (Judges 5: 19-21)

Azariah and Jehu (II Kings 9: 27)

Death of Josiah (II Kings 23: 29-30)

The Necessity of Battle

At some point evil takes a last stand and goodness fights a final battle

The battleground is familiar territory

The human mind

The human heart

The promises of God or the lies of Satan

Flesh and spirit

Short-term pleasure or long-term gain

The Outcome is in OUR Hands