

Song & Sickle and the Bowl Judgments
Revelation 14-16
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Introduction

Chapter 14 brings before us the next to last interlude. The included activities take place at the end of the second half of the seven-year period. Chapters 15-16 unveil the last series of seven judgments, the Bowl Judgments.

- 1A. The Song & Sickle Interlude (14:1-20)
 - 1B. The Lamb and the 144,000 (14:1-7)
 - 2B. The proclamations of three angels (14:8-13)
 - 3B. Reaping the earth's harvest (14)14-20
The main focus is the judgment of the living unbelieving Jews (see Matt. 13:24-30, 36-43; 24:37-42). The living Gentile unbelievers will be judged during the 75-day break between the Tribulation Period and the Millennial Kingdom (see Daniel 12:11-12; Matt. 25:31-46).
- 2A. The Bowl Judgments (15:1-16:21)
 - 1B. Prelude to the judgments (15:1-16:1)
 - 2B. First bowl: malignant sores (16:2)
(see Exodus 9:8-12)
 - 3B. Second bowl: the sea turns to blood (16:3)
(see Exodus 7:14-21)
 - 4B. Third bowl: the waters turned to blood (16:4-7)
(see the law of retribution: Exodus 21:23-24; Lev. 26; 2 Cor. 5:9-10; Gal. 6:7-8)
 - 5B. Fourth bowl: men are scorched (16:8-9)
 - 6B. Fifth bowl: darkness and pain (16:10-11)
 - 7B. Sixth bowl: Euphrates dried up (16:12-16)
Evil spirits woo the kings to the valley of Megiddo, but note:
 - God is directing it
 - Demons accomplish it
 - Satan, Antichrist and the False Prophet are involved
 - Yet, the kings of the earth come together without any sense of compulsion!
 - 7B. Seventh bowl: the earth completely shaken (16:17-21)