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| **Grant Street Baptist Church** | **Sermon Notes** |
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Title: *“The Grand Finale”*

Scripture: Revelation 16:1-21

Message: **1. The First Bowl** (vs’ 1-2)

1 Then I heard a loud voice from the temple (God himself) saying to the seven angels, “Go, pour out the seven bowls of God’s wrath on the earth.” 2The first angel went and poured out his bowl on the land, and ugly, festering sores (like a malignant painful cancerous sore) broke out on the people who had the mark of the beast and worshiped its image.

**2. The Second Bowl** (vs 3)

3The second angel poured out his bowl on the sea, and it turned into blood like that of a dead person, and every living thing in the sea died. (nothing survives)

**3. The Third Bowl** (vs’ 4-7)

4The third angel poured out his bowl on the rivers and springs of water, and they became blood. (no longer any fresh water fit to drink) 5Then I heard the angel in charge of the waters say (Jewish belief is that an angel is over every natural element of God’s creation as a caretaker to watch over it): “You are just in these judgments, O Holy One, you who are and who were; 6for they have shed the blood of your holy people and your prophets, and you have given them blood to drink as they deserve.” 7And I heard the altar respond: “Yes, Lord God Almighty, true and just are your judgments.” (God is a loving and forgiving God, but will also be fair in His judgments against those who reject Him)

**4. The Fourth Bowl** (vs’ 8-9)

8The fourth angel poured out his bowl on the sun, and the sun was allowed to scorch people with fire. 9They were seared by the intense heat (no one can escape the sun’s burning) and they cursed the name of God, who had control over these plagues, but they refused to repent and glorify him. (the peoples hearts have become hardened and even while suffering they still refuse to repent)

**5. The Fifth Bowl** (vs’ 10-11)

10The fifth angel poured out his bowl on the throne of the beast, and its kingdom was plunged into darkness (no longer light on earth, complete darkness). People gnawed their tongues in agony (the pain will be so severe they will literally chew their tongues due to the intense pain) 11and cursed the God of heaven because of their pains and their sores, but they refused to repent of what they had done. (again even while suffering they still refuse to repent)

**6. The Sixth Bowl** (vs’ 12-16)

12The sixth angel poured out his bowl on the great river Euphrates, and its water was dried up to prepare the way for the kings from the East. (God dries up the river Euphrates so all the nations of the east can cross over to Israel in preparation for the great Battle of Armageddon) 13Then I saw three impure spirits that looked like frogs; they came out of the mouth of the dragon, out of the mouth of the beast and out of the mouth of the false prophet. 14They are demonic spirits that perform signs, and they go out to the kings of the whole world, to gather them for the battle on the great day of God Almighty. (Satan will orchestrate these demonic spirits to help deceive the world to unite so that they can fight against God in the Battle of Armageddon) 15“Look, I come like a thief! Blessed is the one who stays awake and remains clothed, so as not to go naked and be shamefully exposed.” (Jesus speaking preparing for battle against the earth’s inhabitants) 16Then they gathered the kings together to the place that in Hebrew is called Armageddon. (Napoleon, after visiting Armageddon, described it as the most perfect place on earth for a war)

**7. The Seventh Bowl** (vs’ 17-21)

17The seventh angel poured out his bowl into the air, and out of the temple came a loud voice from the throne (voice of God), saying, “It is done!” (the only other time God spoke these words was when Jesus hung on the cross just before His last breath) 18Then there came flashes of lightning, rumblings, peals of thunder and a severe earthquake. No earthquake like it has ever occurred since mankind has been on earth, so tremendous was the quake. 19The great city split into three parts, and the cities of the nations collapsed (the earthquake will destroy every city in the world). God remembered Babylon the Great and gave her the cup filled with the wine of the fury of his wrath. 20Every island fled away and the mountains could not be found. (islands will sink into the sea, mountains will disappear) 21From the sky huge hailstones, each weighing about a hundred pounds,fell on people. (God’s way of stoning those left on earth) And they cursed God on account of the plague of hail, because the plague was so terrible. (even at the greatest of suffering they still refuse to repent)

Application:

* The Grand Finale
* God has given humanity chance after chance to repent.
* God is giving those of you tonight that don’t have a heart for God, chance after chance to repent
* Each time you refuse God your heart becomes more hardened until one day your heart will become so hardened you will never repent and will face God’s ultimate wrath
* Is God calling out to you tonight? Will you surrender to Him or assume that after tonight you will have another chance to make it right?

1. [Matthew 7:15](http://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Matthew+7:15#en-NIV-23332) : [Eze 22:27; Ac 20:29](http://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Ezek%2022:27,%20Acts%2020:29&version=NIV)