

The Cup Metaphors: The Cup of Anti-Semitism, Zech 12:2-3; the Cup of Ecumenical Religion: the Beast-Dictator & Religion in the Tribulation: Wine of Divine *Thumos* Mixed Undiluted in the Cup of *Orge*, Rev 14:9-11; the Mark of the Beast; the Baptism of Fire; The Baptism of the Holy Spirit: Unique to the Church Age, Col 1:25-27; Believers' Bodies Are Temples for Indwelling of Trinity

- (7) The Cup of Anti-Semitism. This is a cup that many a nation has drunk to its dregs and each suffered the wrath of God as payment for their efforts. The ultimate outcome of such imbibing is described by Zechariah in:

Zechariah 12:2 - "Behold, I [**the Lord**] am going to make Jerusalem a cup that causes reeling to all the peoples around; and when the siege is against Jerusalem, it will also be against Judah.

v. 3 - "It will come about in that day that I will make Jerusalem a heavy stone for all the peoples; all who lift it will be severely injured. And all the nations of the earth will be gathered against it.

- (8) The Cup of Ecumenical Religion. In the Tribulation, those who have followed the Beast-Dictator will fall under divine judgment:

Revelation 14:9 - Then another angel, a third one, followed them [**the two angels of verses 6 and 8**], saying with a loud voice, "If anyone worships the Beast-Dictator and his image and receives his mark on his forehead or on his hand,

v. 10 - he also shall drink from the wine of the wrath [θυμός (*thumos*)] of God which has been poured out undiluted ["mixed in full strength" (NASB)] in the cup of His anger [ὀργή (*orgē*)]. And he will be tormented in fire and burning sulfur before His holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb.

v. 11 - "And the smoke of their torment rises forever and ever; furthermore, there is no rest day or night, for those who worship the Beast-Dictator and his image, and whoever receives the mark of his name.

To worship a man is an indication of self-centeredness based on the lust to be recognized and to receive acceptance from the one in power by which you hope to be benefitted.

In the Tribulation the Beast-Dictator will set up a universal religion by which he hopes to rule the world. Religion will be the source of power by which he will attempt to govern. Obeisance to him is indicated by worshipping the idol that is set up in his image.

In order to benefit from one's allegiance to the Dictator, people must have a permanent means of identification. The method chosen is a mark that is permanently affixed to the person: (1) on the forehead of those considered among the Illuminati, and (2) on the hand of those who are among the hoi polloi.

Hitler used tattoos, which are perversely popular today, therefore a device that supplicants might willingly accept if the Rapture were to occur soon.

Some type of computer chip or bar code is also a possible means of identifying the faithful. Regardless, those who are so aligned will “drink the wine of the wrath of God.”

This wine is divine judgment which they drink as a result of drinking at the devil’s communion table. They worship the idol when they drink of the devil’s cup. They therefore are forced to drink from the cup of divine judgment.

God does not get angry. This word is used as an anthropopathism to indicate in human terminology God’s divine policy toward idolatry which He disciplines through judgment.

This judgment is said to be “mixed in full strength” in the NASB. A cocktail is a mixed drink that includes, in addition to a liquor, ingredients such as fruit juice, lemonade, cream, or spices. This dilutes the impact of the alcohol on the circulatory system by comparison to an unmixed drink.

Here we see that the Lord’s anger will be served neat. “Mixed in full strength” is a way of saying that judgment will contain punishment for the multiplicity of times these people had the opportunity to believe in Christ but on each occasion opted to continue their worship of the Beast.

In verse 10 we have two phrases: (1) the “wrath of God” which uses the Greek word *thumos*: divine opposition to their idolatrous practices, and (2) the “cup of His anger” which uses the Greek word *orgē*: divine judgment on them for their idolatry. *Thumos* may be described as a mental attitude while *orgē* indicates action.

Over the course of the seven-year Tribulation, divine righteousness has consistently rejected the repeated expressions of negative volition to the gospel and continued worship of the Beast’s image. This is described by the word *thumos*.

Throughout the seven years this *thumos* has been poured into a cup. When it comes time for the baptism of fire, a real baptism we have yet to note, the content of the cup is full.

The cup contains a cocktail mixed full strength, that is, all the occasions that divine righteousness rejected the poor decisions of tribulation unbeliefers are now concentrated in full strength. When they are “poured out undiluted” is when the Lord goes into action at the baptism of fire.

(3) The Baptism of the Holy Spirit

1. The baptism of the Holy Spirit is one of seven ministries of the Holy Spirit. The omnipotence of the Spirit literally enters the believer into union with Christ by creating a temple in the believer’s body for the indwelling of both the Spirit and Christ as the Shekinah Glory:

Colossians 1:25 - Because of the church, I have become a minister with reference to the dispensation from God, which was given to me for your benefit, that I might fully carry out the preaching of this doctrine from God,

2. Paul indicates that he is assigned the duty to instruct the believers at Colossae with regard to the mystery doctrines of the Church Age:

Colossians 1:26 - the mystery which has been concealed from past dispensations, but now has been made known for the benefit of His saints,

3. The mystery Paul emphasizes in this passage is the indwelling of Christ in the body of every believer at the moment of salvation:

Colossians 1:27 - to whom God willed to reveal among the Gentiles the glorious riches of this mystery, which is Christ in you [Χριστὸς ἐν ὑμῖν (*Christos en humin*)], the confidence of glory.

4. We are baptized into Christ; He indwells us. In the Old Testament, Jesus Christ indwelt the Holy of Holies of the Tabernacle and the Temple as the Shekinah Glory.
5. There is no building that is specified as the residence of the Shekinah Glory in the Church Age. Believers are made into a temple for the indwelling of Christ by the baptism of the Holy Spirit.