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Colors

Gold - The King's Golden Vials

In the scriptures there is a strong correlation between the color or metal, gold and the subject of kings or kingdoms.

In the book of Revelations the word, vial(s), appears twelve times. One time it is used to indicate the pouring out of the prayers of the children of God unto the Lord. The other eleven times it is used in connection of the wrath of God.

The word, vial, comes from the Greek, phiale. The word means a broad shallow cup. First, the children of God are said to have golden vials full of odours: Rev. 5:8 "And when he had taken the book, the four beasts and four and twenty elders fell down before the Lamb, having every one of them harps, and golden vials full of odours, which are the prayers of saints." This fits the description of many who have felt that in time of trouble or need that they have poured out their heart unto their God for his help and direction. These prayers come up to God as a sweet smelling savour. They pray as those who have been made kings and priests unto God as making petition unto the one who is King of kings and Lord of lords.

The other eleven times the golden vials are indicative of God's wrath poured out in judgment upon sin and those who wickedly promote sin:

1. Rev. 15:7 "And one of the four beasts gave unto the seven angels seven golden vials full of the wrath of God, who liveth for ever and ever."
2. Rev. 16:1 "And I heard a great voice out of the temple saying to the seven angels, Go your ways, and pour out the vials of the wrath of God upon the earth."
3. Rev. 16:2 "And the first went, and poured out his vial upon the earth; and there fell a noisome and grievous sore upon the men which had the mark of the beast, and upon them which worshipped his image."
4. Rev. 16:3 "And the second angel poured out his vial upon the sea; and it became as the blood of a dead man; and every living soul died in the sea."
5. Rev. 16:4 "And the third angel poured out his vial upon the rivers and fountains of waters; and they became blood."
6. Rev. 16:8 "And the fourth angel poured out his vial upon the sun; and power was given unto him to scorch men with fire."
7. Rev. 16:10 "And the fifth angel poured out his vial upon the seat of the beast; and his kingdom was full of darkness; and they gnawed their tongues for pain,"
8. Rev. 16:12 "And the sixth angel poured out his vial upon the great river Euphrates; and the water thereof was dried up, that the way of the kings of the east might be prepared."

9. Rev. 16:17 "And the seventh angel poured out his vial into the air; and there came a great voice out of the temple of heaven, from the throne, saying, It is done."

10. Rev. 17:1 "And there came one of the seven angels which had the seven vials, and talked with me, saying unto me, Come hither; I will show unto thee the judgment of the great whore that sitteth upon many waters:"

11. Rev. 21:9 "And there came unto me one of the seven angels which had the seven vials full of the seven last plagues, and talked with me, saying, Come hither, I will show thee the bride, the Lamb's wife."

The above shows forth King Jesus judgmental wrath against sin.