

Revelation 16

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

³ The 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.⁴ The third angel poured out his bowl on the rivers and springs of water, and they became blood. ⁵ Then I heard the angel in charge of the waters say:

“You are just in these judgments, O Holy One, you who are and who were; ⁶ for they have shed the blood of your holy people and your prophets, and you have given them blood to drink as they deserve.”⁷ And I heard the altar respond: “Yes, Lord God Almighty true and just are your judgments.”

⁸ The fourth angel poured out his bowl on the sun, and the sun was allowed to scorch people with fire. ⁹ They were seared by the intense heat and they cursed the name of God, who had control over these plagues, but they refused to repent and glorify him.

¹⁰ The fifth angel poured out his bowl on the throne of the beast, and its kingdom was plunged into darkness. People gnawed their tongues in agony ¹¹ and cursed the God of heaven because of their pains and their sores, but they refused to repent of what they had done.

¹² The 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. ¹³ Then 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.

¹⁴ They 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.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.”¹⁶ Then they gathered the kings together to the place that in Hebrew is called Armageddon.

¹⁷ The seventh angel poured out his bowl into the air, and out of the temple came a loud voice from the throne, saying, “It is done!” ¹⁸ Then 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.

¹⁹ The great city split into three parts, and the cities of the nations collapsed. God remembered Babylon the Great and gave her the cup filled with the wine of the fury of his wrath. ²⁰ Every island fled away and the mountains could not be found. ²¹ From the sky huge hailstones, each weighing about a hundred pounds,^[a] fell on people. And they cursed God on account of the plague of hail, because the plague was so terrible.

We will use five tools on our expedition that are built around five questions

What questions were provoked within you?

Did anything confuse you?

Did anything move you emotionally?

Did God instruct you to do something?

Did you gain any insight into God’s character?

- John hears a loud voice coming from the temple. A loud voice of authority
- Whose voice is this?
- Where is the temple that the voice is coming from?
- The voice gives instructions to the 7 angels to pour out the 7 bowls of wrath on the earth
- The first angel pours out his bowl and releases a plague of ugly painful sores.
- Only those with the mark of the beast are affected
- Who are the people with the mark of the beast? Why do they worship its image?
- The second bowl is poured out on the sea turning it to blood and killing everything that lived in it
- Previous judgement on the sea killed a third of all things living in it
- The third bowl is poured out on rivers and springs, which also turn to blood. Would this also kill everything thing living in or around them?
- How do you respond to what the angel says in verses 5 and 6?
- What might the alter that responds in verse 7 represent?
- The fourth angel pours his bowl on the Sun and the people were scorched. Yet they cursed His name and refused to repent. Why?
- The fifth bowl judgment is poured out on the throne of the beast and its kingdom
- Is it a direct judgment from God against the world order that has set itself up in opposition to God with the Antichrist at its head?
- Even with all the agony this poured out on the people they still refused to repent!!!
- It is interesting to note that this plague is like the opposite of the fourth bowl. The fourth bowl judgment will be too much sun. And this one will be darkness caused by too little sun.
- The sixth bowl is poured out on the river Euphrates. The river dries up and prepares a way for the kings of the East.
- Who are the kings of the East?
- John sees three impure spirits. He says they look like frogs. What could this mean?
- He says they come from the mouths of the dragon, the beast and the false prophet. Who do these represent?
- What might be the signs they perform as they gather the Kings of the world for battle on the great day of God Almighty
- The seventh bowl is poured out on the air. This is the last of the 21 judgements.
- It is followed by a loud voice out of the temple of heaven, from the throne, declaring, "It is done!" Who is speaking here?
- It is a terrifying end.
- There was thundering, lightning, and a mighty earthquake unlike any seen before
- The great city was divided into three parts, and the cities of the nation's fell. Which is the great city?

- Huge hail stones rained from the sky and fell on the people.
- Once again, the people cursed God because it was so terrible.