

THE SECOND COMING Part 5
The Bowls of the Wrath of God
Revelation 16:1=11

Introduction To The Seven Bowls of Wrath (16:1)

A loud voice from the temple = the voice of God – see Rev. 15:8

- Same voice of God in 16:17

Pour out the seven bowls = “pour out” is an aorist imperative, which expresses urgency to which the angels respond by emptying their bowls in rapid succession pilling one plague upon another until the end.

The First Bowl of Wrath (16:2)

Loathsome (kakos) = this word often used for morally reprehensible, evil people. Here it describes the sickening nature of these sores.

Malignant (poneeros) = that which causes great pain and is incurable.

Sore (helkos) = ulcer or an open sore – example Luke 16:20-21

- Similar to the Egyptian plague of boils – Ex. 9:8-9

Upon the men who had the mark of the beast and who worshiped his image = all these plagues are only targeted at those who reject the gospel. – Rev. 14:9-11.

The Second Bowl of Wrath (16:4-7)

Blood like that of a dead man = coagulated blood in the decaying process, having a foul odor and turning the oceans toxic.

Everything in the sea died = fish, marine mammals and reptiles, marine vegetation, marine invertebrates, etc. If it has life it is now dead.

- Compare with Rev. 8:8-9

The Third Bowl of Wrath (16:4-7)

Rivers and the springs of water became blood (4) = all fresh water sources are now toxic.

- Compare with Rev. 8:10-11

Note: This is such a harsh judgment that we are reminded they are sent from a righteous and holy God (16:5-7).

Righteous (doxazo) = refers to God as One worthy of all praise and honor and glory.

You who are and who was (5) = refers to Christ Himself – Rev. 11:15-17

O Holy One = The judgment is based on His holiness therefore His judgment is a righteous act. – Rev. 5:9-13

Rev. 16:6 gives the reason for such a severe judgment:

- They poured out the blood of the saints and prophets – Rev. 6:9-11, 11:7, 17:6
- They deserve it. = Compare with Obadiah 15-16

I heard the alter saying = the under which were the souls of the slain saints calling out for justice – Rev. 6:9-11

- The alter itself repeats the message of the “angel of the water.” The souls saints are no longer there. – Rev. 15:8
 - Inanimate objects speaking is not impossibility. – Luke 19:40

The Fourth Bowl of Wrath (16:8-9)

Scorch men with fire (8) = men (anthropos) refers to all members of the human race

They blasphemed the name of God who has the power over these plagues. = They know from whom these plagues are coming. They’ve always known. – Rev. 6:12-17

They did not repent, so as to give Him glory. = See Rev. 14:6-7

The Fifth Bowl of Wrath (16:10-11)

His kingdom will be darkened (10) = a worldwide kingdom – Rev. 13:7-8

- This plague much like the plague of darkness over Egypt – Ex. 10:21

Darkness is prophesied as part of the “Day of the Lord” – Isaiah 13:9-11, Joel 2:31-32, Zeph. 1:14-18, Mark 13:24-25

They gnawed their tongues because of pain = somehow this darkness will cause them pain. The Greek word for pain is the same one translated malignant in 16:2.

And they blasphemed the God of heaven (11) = “God of heaven” makes it perfectly clear they will know from whom these plagues are coming. Comp. with 16:9

Because of their pains and their sores = the accumulative affect is piling up, yet they refuse to repent.

NOTE: Unbelief is a powerful blinding force. – Mat. 23:37-39, Luke 16:27-31