

Revelation Chapter 16

The Final Judgments

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

→ This plague is perhaps something the medical profession has never seen before.

A direct result of the WICKEDNESS of all who follow the beast.

→ This is the third of three judgments directly specifically at people as individuals.

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→ This plague is directed only at those who have the MARK of the BEAST.

Those who have the mark of the beast are condemned to an eternity of suffering and torment.

Jhn 3:18 He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

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→ Believers will be spared from this plague.

→ Apparently the UNDECIDED who have not taken the mark of the beast will also be spared.

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.

→ God's restraint on the oceans is now removed.

During the second trumpet judgment, only **ONE-THIRD** of the oceans were affected.

→ *“became as the blood of a dead man.”*

Not literally turned to blood, but became absolutely **LIFELESS**.

The nature of the cause of this plague is unclear.

And the third angel poured out his vial upon the rivers and fountains of waters; and they became blood.

→ Note the totality of this judgment compared to the third trumpet.

→ *“they had shed the blood of the saints and prophets”*

“they” represents the WORLD SYSTEM, not just the Jews.

God rewards the shedding of blood with turning the world's freshwater to blood.

Jer 25:14; Heb 10:31

And the fourth angel poured out his vial upon the sun; and power was given unto him to scorch men with fire.

- Note the totality of this judgment compared to the fourth trumpet.
- There will be no available FRESHWATER to alleviate people's suffering.

And the fifth angel poured out his vial upon the seat of the beast; and his kingdom was full of darkness...

→ Question: What kind of darkness can result in physical pain?

Answer: The complete absence of the presence of God.

Exo 10:21 And the LORD said unto Moses, Stretch out thine hand toward heaven, that there may be darkness over the land of Egypt, even darkness which may be felt.

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.

- The creation of a dry passageway in the river bed prepares the way for a GREAT ARMY to participate in the final battle at a place called Megiddo.
- The frog-like creatures are DEMONIC but also physical manifestations in that they will perform miracles in order to seduce the kings of the east.

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→ The kings from the east are being prepared to rebel against the beast.

Zec 14:1-3

→ However, Satan knows the end is near and is amassing a great army to **OPPOSE** Christ when He returns.

And the seventh angel poured out his vial into the air...and there was a great earthquake...And there fell upon men a great hail out of heaven

→ This will be the greatest earthquake the world has ever seen.

- ✓ A world-wide earthquake

- ✓ Changes to the world's TOPOGRAPHY

→ These will be the largest hailstones the world has ever seen.

- ✓ 45kg/100 pounds

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→ This will be God's final attempt to reach people.

2Co 6:2 ...behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.

The general response from people will be **BLASPHEMY**.

“The question is sometimes raised why eternal punishment is eternal. The answer is that people in the hardness of their hearts will not change; they deserve eternal punishment because they are eternally unrepentant.”