

Revelation 16 – The Seven Bowls  
The Final Outpouring of God’s Wrath

Bowl #1 (on the LAND) – Painful sores on those who received the mark (Revelation 14:11)

**Trumpet #1 (the earth) – 1/3 burned up**

***The bowl judgments are greater in intensity and scope***

***Perhaps those who refused the mark were exempt from the sores***

Bowl #1 (on the SEA) – Pool of blood – everything in the sea dies (Genesis 1:20-21)

**Trumpet #2 (the sea) – 1/3 becomes blood**

***An incredible stench and serious food shortage***

Bowl #3 (on the RIVERS) – Parched because there is only blood to drink (Exodus 7:21)

**Trumpet #3 (the rivers) – 1/3 become poisoned**

The judgments of God are just (II Thessalonians 1:8-9) ***reject God & be without Him***

Those who shed the blood of the saints are given blood to drink

***Evil is always seeking to destroy the righteous (I Peter 5:8)***

Bowl #4 (on the SUN) – Power to scorch people with fire ***atmospheric protection removed?***

**Trumpet #4 (sun) 1/3 becomes dark**

Reaction? To curse God ***they know that these judgments are from God***

Refusing to repent (I Timothy 4:2) ***hearts become hardened***

Bowl #5 (on the THRONE) – Plunged into darkness (II Peter 2:17 / John 8:12)

**Trumpet #5 (king of the Abyss) – skies are darkened from the smoke**

Gnawing tongues in agony ***culmination of prior judgments – no relief***

God is still being cursed ***receiving what their own sin had brought***

***Ignoring the loving offer from God***

Bowl #6 (on the GREAT RIVER) – Preparing the way ***no barriers for the coming army***

**Trumpet #6 (4 angels released from the Euphrates River) – a 200,000,000 troop army**

Going forth of demonic spirits ***unholy trinity deceiving & preparing the kings***

Gathering for the Great Battle (Joel 3:2, 14) ***all the nations join the antichrist***

Guard yourself – “HE IS COMING!” ***Whose side will you be on?***

Bowl #7 (on the AIR) – Proclamation: “It is done!” ***the final judgment***

**Trumpet #7 – Proclaiming the new kingdom with lightning, rumblings and earthquake + hail**

Rumblings in the sky & on the ground (Hebrews 12:26-29) ***everything shaken***

Repaying the cities (Genesis 4:17) ***where evil flourishes***

Remembering Babylon – with the Cup of God’s Fury (Jeremiah 51:24) ***pay back time***

Raining hailstones – and they are still cursing God ***choices have already been made***

## Discussion questions for Revelation 16

Why is it important to pay attention to God's wake-up calls? (Jeremiah 7:23-26 / II Chronicles 36:16) ***We will naturally follow our own stubborn hearts. If we do not listen, then our hearts can become callous. Eventually we cannot and will not hear His voice and are given over to judgment.***

What does justice require? Where does that place the unbeliever? How and why is it different for those who trust in Jesus? (Galatians 6:7-8 / Hebrews 10:26-31 / Romans 3:23-26) ***Justice requires that the penalty for sin is paid. Those who refuse God's offer are treaty the blood of Jesus with contempt, suggesting that they are good enough in themselves and have no need of God. God, who is just, was willing for our judgment to be paid by His own Son so that we could be justified before Him and He could remain a Holy and just God.***

What steps lead to a heart that refuses to repent? (Jeremiah 6:13-16; 7:23-26 / II Chronicles 36:16 / I Timothy 4:1-2 / II Timothy 4:3-4) ***Pursuing selfish gain and practicing deceit. Not taking sin seriously, resulting in having no shame for evil behavior. Refusing to heed the counsel of God's word and choosing our own way. Refusing to listen to God's rebuke and ignoring His plea to follow Him. Being led astray by the teaching of demon's, wanting to hear only what we want to hear because it aligns with our wicked desires.***

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***What do we want to be found doing when He returns? Why would we want to waste our lives on things that do not matter? God is looking for those whose hearts are fully devoted to Him. (I Chronicles 28:9)***

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