

STUDYING THE BOOK OF REVELATION
IN SMALL GROUP DISCUSSIONS

Lesson 29 – The Seven Bowls of God's Wrath - Revelation 16:1-21

Read the following verses in the New International Version or a translation of your choice. Then discuss the questions that follow. Questions should be studied by each individual before your discussion group meets.

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REV 16:1 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."

REV 16:2 The first angel went and poured out his bowl on the land, and ugly and painful sores broke out on the people who had the mark of the beast and worshiped his image.

REV 16:3 The second angel poured out his bowl on the sea, and it turned into blood like that of a dead man, and every living thing in the sea died.

REV 16:4 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,
you who are and who were, the Holy One,
because you have so judged;

REV 16:6 for they have shed the blood of your saints and prophets,
and you have given them blood to drink as they deserve."

REV 16:7 And I heard the altar respond:

"Yes, Lord God Almighty,
true and just are your judgments."

REV 16:8 The fourth angel poured out his bowl on the sun, and the sun was given power 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.

REV 16:10 The fifth angel poured out his bowl on the throne of the beast, and his kingdom was plunged into darkness. Men 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.

REV 16:12 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 evil* 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 spirits of demons performing miraculous 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.

REV 16:15 "Behold, I come like a thief! Blessed is he who stays awake and keeps his clothes with him, so that he may not go naked and be shamefully exposed."

REV 16:16 Then they gathered the kings together to the place that in Hebrew is called Armageddon.

REV 16:17 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 man 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 of about a hundred pounds each fell upon men. And they cursed God on account of the plague of hail, because the plague was so terrible.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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386. What did John hear from the heavenly temple? (16:1)
387. What instructions did the loud voice give to the seven angels? (16:1)
388. What happened when the first angel poured out his bowl? (16:2)
389. What happened when the second angel emptied his bowl? (16:3)
390. What happened in the wake of the third angel pouring out his bowl? (16:4)
391. What did the angel in charge of the waters say about the judgments being poured out? (16:5-7)
392. Why were the judgments that John witnessed called just? (16:5-7)
393. What kinds of judgment did the fourth bowl contain? (16:8-9)
394. What effect did the judgment of the fourth bowl have? (16:9)
395. What effect did the "raising of the thermostat" have on the earth's inhabitants? (16:9)

396. What happened when the fifth angel poured out his bowl? (16:10-11)
397. Where was the judgment of the sixth angel directed? Why? (16:12)
398. What was the appearance of the three evil spirits after the judgment of bowl number six? (16:13-14)
399. What did the three evil spirits do? (16:13-14)
400. What blessing was pronounced in the middle of this outpouring of judgment? (16:15)
401. What happened to the kings of the East? (16:16)
402. What were the results when the seventh angel poured out his bowl of judgment? (16:17-21)
403. Why would people undergoing judgment still not turn to God in repentance?