

## Revelation 16

### I. First bowl poured out on men.

1. Voice must be God.
2. These bowls of judgment are the *third woe* described in 11:14.
3. Foul and loathsome sore:
  - A. Foul: bad or evil
  - B. Loathsome: Repulsive or disgusting.
    1. When we take our life into our own hands and do what we think is best for our lives this is what we end up with.
    2. God's ways are best.
      - a. Jeremiah 29:11 For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the Lord, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope.

### II. Second Bowl poured out on the sea.

1. This shows us the extent of the judgment of God in these last plagues.

### III. Third Bowl poured out on the fresh water.

1. When these judgments come, the time must be very short until the return of Jesus, because with ecological disaster such as this, the race cannot survive long
2. You have judged these things.
  - A. How long O Lord until you intervene?
    1. God's answer is rest and wait.
    2. Psalm 37:7 Rest in the Lord, and wait patiently for Him; Do not fret because of him who prospers in his way, Because of the man who brings wicked schemes to pass.
    3. James 5:7-8 Therefore be patient, brethren, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, waiting patiently for it until it receives the early and latter rain. You also be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand.
    4. Here we see the day of God's vengeance.

#### **IV. Fourth bowl poured out on the sun.**

1. Scorch: eng. To burn the surface of
2. People suffering for their sins only blaspheme and do not repent.
  - A. Scorched by sin.
    1. They've been burned by life.
    2. Some say "I have too many problems without adding religion to my life."
  - B. God has power over these things.

#### **V. Fifth bowl poured out on the throne of the beast.**

1. Throne of the beast
  - A. His place of ruler ship.
2. Kingdome became full of darkness.
3. Exodus imagery in these plagues ...God also visited plagues of boils (Exodus 9:8-12), waters turning to blood (Exodus 7:14-25), and darkness (Exodus 10:21-29) upon Egypt in Moses' time.
  - A. 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.
  - B. The darkness of this fifth bowl is a preview of Hell itself, which is described by Jesus as *the outer darkness* (Matthew 25:30); those under the judgment of this fifth bowl are, as it were, standing at the edge of hell
  - C. Gnawed their tongues because of the pain.
    1. Pain in general is a result of sin.
      - a. In pain you shall bring fourth children.
      - b. Jeremiah 12:13 They have sown wheat but reaped thorns; They have put themselves to pain but do not profit. But be ashamed of your harvest Because of the fierce anger of the Lord."
    2. Rev. 21:4 And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away."

## **VI. Sixth bowl poured out on the Euphrates.**

1. This is the gathering for the battle. Psalm 2
  - A. These demons are like the "lying spirit" who led Ahab into battle 1Kings 22:19:23.
  - B. Way of the kings of the east.
    1. China Military manpower - fit for military service *males age 15-49*: 203,003,036 (2002 est.)
  - C. Jesus is coming like a thief upon the wicked.
2. The city and valley of Megiddo.
  - A. Situated in a strategic position, controlling the rout that connected Egypt with Mesopotamia, it has been the scene of many military battles throughout history.
    1. Military battles as recent as WWI
  - B. The city of Megiddo is guarding the main passageway through the Carmel hills.

## **VII. Seventh bowl poured out in the air.**

1. During this seventh bowl Jesus returns.
  - A. Rev. 1:7 Behold, He is coming with clouds, and every eye will see Him, even they who pierced Him. And all the tribes of the earth will mourn because of Him. Even so, Amen.