

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

Topics: Angels, Anger, Blasphemy, Consequences, Darkness, Death, Demons, Earth, Heaven, Holiness, Judgment, Justice, Last Days, Pain, Repentance, Sickness

Open It

- * 1. What is the most pain you have ever experienced?
- 2. Which do you think is worse—physical or emotional pain?
- 3. What kinds of natural disasters would you least like to be in the middle of?
- 4. What injustices in the world sometimes cause you to wonder if God is just?

Explore It

- 5. What did John hear from the heavenly temple? (16:1)
- * 6. What instructions did the loud voice give to the seven angels? (16:1)
- 7. What happened when the first angel poured out his bowl? (16:2)
- 8. What happened when the second angel emptied his bowl? (16:3)
- 9. What happened in the wake of the third angel pouring out his bowl? (16:4)
- * 10. What did the angel in charge of the waters say about the judgments being poured out? (16:5-7)
- 11. Why were the judgments that John witnessed called just? (16:5-7)
- 12. What kinds of judgment did the fourth bowl contain? (16:8-9)
- 13. What effect did the judgment of the fourth bowl have? (16:9)
- 14. What effect did the “raising of the thermostat” have on the earth’s inhabitants? (16:9)
- 15. What happened when the fifth angel poured out his bowl? (16:10-11)
- 16. Where was the judgment of the sixth angel directed? Why? (16:12)
- 17. What was the appearance of the three evil spirits after the judgment of bowl number six? (16:13-14)
- 18. What did the three evil spirits do? (16:13-14)
- * 19. What blessing was pronounced in the middle of this outpouring of judgment? (16:15)
- 20. What happened to the kings of the East? (16:16)
- 21. What were the results when the seventh angel poured out his bowl of judgment? (16:17-21)

Get It

- 22. How (if at all) do you think current events fit in with the judgments described in this passage?
- 23. How is the first plague appropriate for those who have allowed the mark of the beast on their bodies?
- 24. How do plagues two and three fit mankind’s crimes?
- * 25. What makes the judgments described here—horrible as they are—perfectly just?
- * 26. How can we “keep our clothes white”?
- 27. What makes a person blessed for “keeping his clothes white”?
- 28. Why would people undergoing judgment still not turn to God in repentance and for salvation?

Apply It

- 29. In what situations this week can you be fair and just?
- * 30. What is one step you can take this week to fight spiritual laziness?
- 31. How could you use the message of this passage to engage a non-Christian friend in a discussion about Christ?