

The 7 Bowl Judgments

(Revelation 16:1-21)

Intro: As noted in our study of the Prelude to the Bowl Judgments last Sunday morning, chapters 15 and 16 of Revelation form one connected vision. These seven plagues or bowl judgments represent the final expression of God's wrath to be poured out upon all those who worship and serve the Beast, Antichrist. As we shall see, these seven bowl judgments are catastrophic in extent and occur in rapid succession. This final series of judgments will culminate with the return of the Lord Jesus Christ in power and great glory (Rev. 19:11-21).

The First Bowl: *Painful Sores* (16:1-2)

The Second Bowl: *Seas Turned To Blood* (16:3)

The Third Bowl: *Fresh Waters Turned To Blood* (16:4-7)

The Fourth Bowl: *Scorching Heat* (16:8-9)

The Fifth Bowl: *Darkness* (16:10-11)

The Sixth Bowl: *The Euphrates Dried Up* (16:12-16)

The Seventh Bowl: *Catastrophic Destruction* (16:17-21)

A. The earth-rending earthquake (vv. 18-20)

B. The great hailstones (v. 21)

Conclusion: *The message is clear: God is a holy God that cannot tolerate sin.* He has graciously kept His fearful wrath in check, but the day is fast approaching when He will harvest the earth and throw all the wicked Beast worshipers into the great wine press of His fierce wrath. The Book of Revelation makes it clear that God wrathful judgment is coming.