

# Revelation Ch 16



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- Now we see the seven angels pour out their bowls
  - Remember these bowls are the wrath of God
  - 7 also shows completion
- We have a short introduction then the seven angels and bowls

# Introduction

- **Context:** Revelation 15 introduces the seven angels with the seven last plagues. Chapter 16 describes the actual pouring out of these plagues.
- **Theme:** God's final judgment upon a rebellious world; the completeness and intensity of divine wrath.
  - This is something we need to understand and take seriously.
  - God will judge.
  - Remember the two gospels.
  - God says what He means and means what He says.

# First Bowl – Painful Sores (v. 2)

- Poured out on people with the mark of the beast.
- God's judgment targets those who openly rebel and align with evil.
  - Thought, sores can be an indication of an underlying health condition.
- Note this is a common theme from Day 1.
  - Don't worship false god's
  - Foretold????
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**1. Water Turned to Blood:**

The Nile River and all other bodies of water turned to blood, causing widespread suffering and death.

**•2. Frogs:**

An immense number of frogs emerged from the Nile and infested the land, entering homes and even Pharaoh's palace.

**•3. Gnats/Lice:**

A swarm of gnats (or lice) covered the land, causing discomfort and annoyance.

**•4. Swarm of Flies:**

A plague of flies descended upon Egypt, tormenting the Egyptians and their livestock.

**•5. Pestilence/Livestock Disease:**

A deadly disease struck the livestock of Egypt, causing widespread death.

**•6. Boils:**

Horrendous boils appeared on the Egyptians and their livestock, causing immense pain and suffering.

**•7. Hail:**

A severe hailstorm struck Egypt, destroying crops and causing further devastation.

**•8. Locusts:**

A massive swarm of locusts descended upon Egypt, devouring the remaining crops and vegetation.

**•9. Darkness:**

A period of complete darkness enveloped the land of Egypt for three days, making it impossible to see or function.

**•10. Death of the Firstborn:**

The final plague, the death of every firstborn son in Egypt, including Pharaoh's, finally convinced him to release the Israelites.

# 10 plagues vs. 7 bowls

Bowl of Wrath	Description (Rev 16)	Similar Plague in Egypt	Description (Exod 7-12)	Connection
1st Bowl	Painful sores on those with the mark of the beast (v.2)	6th Plague	Boils breaking out on people and animals (Ex. 9:8-12)	Direct physical affliction
2nd Bowl	Sea turns to blood, all sea life dies (v.3)	1st Plague	Nile turned to blood, fish died (Ex. 7:14-24)	Water becomes blood; ecological devastation
3rd Bowl	Rivers and springs become blood (v.4)	1st Plague	Again, Nile turned to blood (Ex. 7:14-24)	Blood judgment repeated and intensified
4th Bowl	Scorching heat from the sun (v.8-9)	(No direct match)	—	A unique judgment showing God's control over creation
5th Bowl	Darkness over the beast's kingdom (v.10-11)	9th Plague	Thick darkness over Egypt for 3 days (Ex. 10:21-29)	Spiritual and physical darkness
6th Bowl	Euphrates dries up, path for kings of the east; demonic deception (v.12-16)	8th Plague	Locusts come from the east wind (Ex. 10:13)	East wind connection; gathering forces for final judgment
7th Bowl	Earthquake, thunder, hailstones, Babylon judged	7th Plague ↓	Hail, thunder, and fire (Ex. 9:13-35)	Cosmic upheaval and hail destruction

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**In contrast!**

# What about Job?

Revelation Bowl / Egypt Plague	Description	Related Suffering in Job	Connection
1st Bowl (Rev 16:2) / 6th Plague (Ex. 9:8)	Painful sores and boils	Job 2:7 – “loathsome sores from the sole of his foot to the crown of his head”	Direct match – physical affliction through boils
2nd–3rd Bowls / 1st Plague (Ex. 7)	Water turns to blood, destruction of nature	Job 1:19 – Natural disaster kills Job’s children	Nature plays a role in divine testing/judgment
4th Bowl	Scorching heat	Job 30:30 – “My skin turns black and peels; my body burns with fever”	Implied physical suffering and heat imagery
5th Bowl / 9th Plague	Darkness over the kingdom	Job 10:21–22 – “...land of deep shadow... utter darkness”	Darkness = spiritual confusion, despair
6th–7th Bowls	Final judgment, chaos, hail, war	Job’s entire story culminates in <b>restoration</b> , not destruction	Contrast – Job’s suffering leads to redemption; Revelation’s judgment leads to final justice

### **Loss of Possessions:**

Job initially had a great deal of wealth, including livestock and servants, but these were all taken from him in a series of events.

- Sabeans Raid:** Job's oxen and donkeys were stolen, and his servants were killed.
- Fire from Heaven:** God's fire consumed his sheep and servants.
- Chaldeans Raid:** Job's camels were taken, and his servants were killed.
- Collapse of the House:** A strong wind caused the house where his children were gathered to collapse killing them.

### **Death of His Children:**

All of Job's children died in the house collapse, leaving him with nothing but his wife.

### **Affliction with Skin Sores:**

After losing everything else, Job was afflicted with painful, boils all over his body.

•**Satan's Role:** Satan, seeking to prove that Job's faith was based on his blessings, asked God for permission to test Job by afflicting him. (This is key!)

•**Job's Suffering:** Job suffered greatly from the sores and the loss of his family and possessions, but he remained faithful to God.

- I find it interesting with what God allowed Satan to do to Job to test Job's faithfulness
- God uses back at Satan and his followers in the end to test their faithfulness.

## Job's Suffering

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Personal, individual test of faith

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Satan is the immediate cause (Job 1–2)

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Ends in **restoration and blessing**

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Teaches **faith in suffering**

## Revelation's Bowls

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Global, corporate judgment on a rebellious world

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God's angels carry out divine wrath directly

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Ends in **destruction and judgment**

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Declares **God's justice and finality**

## Second Bowl – Sea Becomes Blood (v. 3)

- Every living thing in the sea dies.
- **Parallels:** Echoes the Egyptian plagues and trumpet judgments.
- Sin corrupts creation, and judgment affects the natural world.
- Note EVERYTHING DIES (the trumpet 1/3<sup>rd</sup>)
  - God is judging, this is NOT a result of anything.

# Third Bowl – Rivers and Springs Become Blood (v. 4–7)

- Water sources turned to blood.
  - Now there is NO water to drink, they have to drink blood.
  - They take the blood of the saints and that is all they get to drink.
  - They are worthy to drink the blood
- Angel's declaration: God's judgment is just and deserved.
  - Justice while strict and severe, it is just and deserved.
- Divine justice is always righteous, even when severe.

# Fourth Bowl – Scorching Sun (v. 8–9)

- Intense heat burns people.
  - Sun worship began with Nimrod ( the name itself says we will rebel)
  - Nimrod is described as "a mighty hunter before the Lord," and while the term "nimrod" has sometimes been used as a synonym for "tyrant" or "hunter," its modern usage is more often as a sarcastic or mocking term, often referring to someone as inept or foolish, rather than a hunter of men.
  - Nimrod is a boy's name of Akkadian and Hebrew origin. This name translates to “rebel”

Gen 10:8 And Cush<sup>H3568</sup> began<sup>H2490</sup> to be<sup>H1961</sup> a mighty one<sup>H1368</sup> in the earth.<sup>H776</sup>

Gen 10:9 He<sup>H1931</sup> was<sup>H1961</sup> a mighty<sup>H1368</sup> hunter<sup>H6718</sup> before<sup>H6440</sup> the LORD:<sup>H3068</sup> wherefore<sup>H5921</sup> H3651 it is said,<sup>H559</sup> Even as Nimrod<sup>H5248</sup> the mighty<sup>H1368</sup> hunter<sup>H6718</sup> before<sup>H6440</sup> the LORD.<sup>H3068</sup>

Gen 10:10 And the beginning<sup>H7225</sup> of his kingdom<sup>H4467</sup> was<sup>H196</sup> Babel,<sup>H894</sup> and Erech,<sup>H751</sup> and Accad,<sup>H390</sup> and Calneh,<sup>H3641</sup> in th

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### H5248

נִמְרוֹד נִמְרֹד

nimrôd nimrôd

*nim-rodé', nim-rodé'*

Probably of foreign origin; *Nimrod*, a son of Cush: - Nimrod.

**Total KJV occurrences: 4**

### H6440

פָּנִים

pânîym

*paw-neem'*

Plural (but always used as a singular) of an unused noun (פָּנָה *pâneh*, *paw-neh'*; from 6437); the *face* (as the part that *turns*); used in a great variety of applications (literally and figuratively); also (with prepositional prefix) as a preposition (*before*, etc.): - + accept, a (be-) fore (-time), against, anger, X as (long as), at, + battle, + because (of), + beseech, countenance, edge, + employ, endure, + enquire, face, favour, fear of, for, forefront (-part), form (-er time, -ward), from, front, heaviness, X him (-self), + honourable, + impudent, + in, it, look [-eth] (-s), X me, + meet, X more than, mouth, of, off, (of) old (time), X on, open, + out of, over against, the partial, person, + please, presence, prospect, was purposed, by reason, of, + regard, right forth, + serve, X shewbread, sight, state, straight, + street, X thee, X them (-selves), through (+ -out), till, time (-s) past, (un-) to (-ward), + upon, upside (+ down), with (-in, + stand), X ye, X you.

**Total KJV occurrences: 2120**

Strong's Hebrew and Greek Dictionaries

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**H5248**

**H776**

אָרֶץ

'erets

eh'-rets

From an unused root probably meaning to *firm*; the *earth* (at large, or partitively a *land*); - X common, country, earth, field, ground, land, X nations, way, + wilderness, world.

**Total KJV occurrences: 2505**

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# Nimrod was Assyrian

- Nimrod was described as a king in the land of Shinar (lower Mesopotamia)
- the name Nimrod is probably a much later polemical distortion of the Semitic Assyrian god Ninurta, a prominent god in Mesopotamian religion who had cult centers in a number of Assyrian cities such as Kalhu, and also in Babylon, and was a patron god of a number of Assyrian kings

• **Mic 5:5**

And this *One* shall be peace. When the Assyrian comes into our land, And when he treads in our palaces, Then we will raise against him Seven shepherds and eight princely men.

• Isaiah 10 and 14 also speak of “the Assyrian” in ways that scholars have linked to Satan or the Antichrist.

• Daniel and Revelation describe a final world ruler who matches the **characteristics of “the Assyrian”**—arrogant, violent, opposing God.

• Response: They curse God and do not repent.

• Note the earth dwellers NEVER repent.

• Suffering doesn't always lead to repentance—heart posture matters.

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# Fifth Bowl – Darkness on the Beast’s Kingdom (v. 10–11)

- Deep darkness brings pain and anguish.
- **Symbolism:** God's judgment exposes the futility of the beast’s rule.
- Spiritual darkness accompanies rebellion.
  - I find it interesting that spiritual darkness now is physically used as a judgement upon the beast’s kingdom.

# Sixth Bowl – Drying of the Euphrates / Armageddon Preparation (v. 12–16)

- Way prepared for kings from the East.
  - This is the eastern boundary of Isael.
  - The grave of man civilization
  - **Zec 10:11** He shall pass through the sea with affliction, And strike the waves of the sea: All the depths of the River shall dry up. Then the pride of Assyria shall be brought down, And the scepter of Egypt shall depart.
  - **Isa 11:15** The LORD will utterly destroy the tongue of the Sea of Egypt; With His mighty wind He will shake His fist over the River, And strike it in the seven streams, And make *men* cross over dryshod.
  - **Isa 11:16** There will be a highway for the remnant of His people Who will be left from Assyria, As it was for Israel In the day that he came up from the land of Egypt.

- Three demonic spirits gather world leaders for battle.
  - Come out of Satan, the antichrist and the false prophet.
  - They perform miracles!
- "Behold, I come like a thief" (v. 15)—a call to be spiritually alert.
  - Jesus comes as a thief.
  - 1Th 5:4 But you, brethren, are not in darkness, so that this Day should overtake you as a thief.
  - This is addressed to those who are in darkness.
  - Garments (the old English means, matter of living.)
- The Battle of Armageddon—symbolic of ultimate resistance to God.
  - Mount Megiddo
  - In the past there are A LOT of God's victories over His enemies.
  - In fact, there are a lot of historical battles that take place there.

# Seventh Bowl – The Final Judgment (v. 17–21)

- Note this is the LAST TIME you see “the temple in heaven”
- Loud voice from the temple: “It is done!”
  - Where was this bowl poured out?
  - The air.

[Eph 2:2](#) in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience.

This final bowl is poured out on Satan himself.

- Earthquake, thunder, lightning, and massive hail.
  - This is 60-100 pounds
  - What was the plenty for blaspheming?
  - [Lev 24:16](#) And whoever blasphemes the name of the LORD shall surely be put to death. All the congregation shall certainly stone him, the stranger as well as him who is born in the land. When he blasphemes the name *of the* LORD, he shall be put to death.
  - Blasphemy of the Holy Spirit involves a **heart that’s already hardened beyond repentance**

# It is finished.

- Remember the gospel?
  - The gospel of judgement does NOT bring people into repentance.
  - It hardens people hearts.
  - His grace is what draws people to God.
  - The burning bush that Moses saw was on fire but not being consumed (grace).
  - It was also a thorn bush, a symbol of sin.
  - Remember this message was sent when???
- Babylon judged, cities fall, the earth shaken.
- God's wrath completed; His justice fully administered.