



# REVELATION

Revelation 16:1-11 | David Chadwick | July 28, 2024

## Today: The First Five Bowl Judgments

An illustration from J.S. Bach

Let's recap the 7 years of the Great Tribulation — especially the last 3½ years:

### The 7 Seal Judgments (chapter 6)

1. The antichrist comes on the scene
2. War and bloodshed
3. Famine
4. Death (a pale horse; did you see the opening of the Paris Olympics?) -  $\frac{1}{4}$  of humanity dies
5. Economic upheaval
6. Great catastrophes on earth and cosmic events
7. The 7 Trumpet Judgments are ready to begin (each judgment worse):

### The 7 Trumpet Judgments (chapters 8-9)

1. Fire
2. Sea turns to blood ( $\frac{1}{3}$  of sea life is destroyed)
3. Freshwater polluted ( $\frac{1}{3}$  of the freshwater is destroyed)
4. Cosmic disturbances
5. Demons unleashed: like scorpions stinging people (they can't die for 5 months)
6. More demons unleashed ( $\frac{1}{3}$  of humanity dies)
7. The 7 **Bowl Judgments** are to begin (each judgment worse):

**Today's Message: Revelation 16:1-11** (The First 5 Bowl Judgments)

- **Verse 1: God commands the 7 Bowl Judgments to be poured out**

*1 Then I heard a loud voice from the temple telling the seven angels, "Go and pour out on the earth the seven bowls of the wrath of God."*

- It's God's voice
- The seven angels obey his voice
- This is God's wrath on the earth (last week)
  1. For his kids' name's sake
  2. For his name's sake
  3. For his story to be good

- **Verse 2: The first angel and bowl: Sores**

*2 So the first angel went and poured out his bowl on the earth, and harmful and painful sores came upon the people who bore the mark of the beast and worshiped its image.*

- Painful, oozing sores
- Inflicted on those with the mark of the beast/antichrist and who worshiped his image
- Could this be from a nuclear war aftermath?
- Or a result of the mark itself?

- **Verse 3: Second angel: All of the sea turns to blood**

*3 The second angel poured out his bowl into the sea, and it became like the blood of a corpse, and every living thing died that was in the sea.*

- In the earlier Trumpet Judgment: only 1/3 of sea life died
- Now everything dies! (Food supply totally disrupted)
- The Red Tide in Florida in 1949

- **Verse 4: Third angel: All fresh water polluted**

**4** *The third angel poured out his bowl into the rivers and the springs of water, and they became blood.*

- Trumpet Judgment: only  $\frac{1}{3}$  of the water polluted
- Now it affects all fresh water (no cleansing for the sores)
- Thirst, parched throats

● **Verses 5-7: God's answer to the charge, "This isn't fair!"**

**5** *And I heard the angel in charge of the waters say,*

*"Just are you, O Holy One, who is and who was,  
for you brought these judgments.*

**6** *For they have shed the blood of saints and prophets,  
and you have given them blood to drink.*

*It is what they deserve!"*

- One of the angels answers the charge
- God is just and holy
- The law of karma/repayment
- The law of grace (gravity and aerodynamics example)

**7** *And I heard the altar saying,*

- Can an altar speak?
- More probably, this is the voice of the martyrs, the saints and the prophets, under the altar in chapter 6:9ff
- These are those who had died for the Word of God
- And their witness for Jesus
- Who cried out, "How long, God?"
- God is finally now ending all martyrdom and persecution of his people and saying, "NOW!"
- When these saints realize it, they cry out:

*"Yes, Lord God the Almighty,  
true and just are your judgments!"*

- God's judgments are true and just
- Our sin is a capital offense before a holy God
- Blood must be shed: ours or God's Son
- God will deal with all sin and evil one day!

- **Verses 8-9: Fourth angel: Sun and extraordinary heat**

**8** *The fourth angel poured out his bowl on the sun, and it was allowed to scorch people with fire. 9* *They were scorched by the fierce heat, and they cursed the name of God who had power over these plagues. They did not repent and give him glory.*

- Could this be caused by nuclear war that shreds the ozone?
- Or perhaps the sun becomes like a supernova: its heat expanded exponentially
- This is not like our present heat wave — here it's so hot there's no relief
- Still they cursed God and had no repentance or giving God glory (worship)
- The same sun that melts ice also hardens clay
- Example of a toothpaste tube
- Each choice you make moves your heart closer to eternity
- Worship God today! Repent of your sins now!
- The pharaoh and Moses (**Exodus 7-11**)

- **Verses 10-11: Fifth angel: Darkness**

**10** *The fifth angel poured out his bowl on the throne of the beast, and its kingdom was plunged into darkness. People gnawed their tongues in anguish 11* *and cursed the God of heaven for their pain and sores. They did not repent of their deeds.*

- Darkness everywhere: causing immobility
- Example from Yellowstone Park this week
- Could it be caused by ashes from a nuclear war?
- Scorched heat to extreme cold?
- Jesus: hell is outer darkness and weeping and gnashing of teeth
- The people gnawed their tongues to alleviate the pain

- They cursed God for their pain and sores
- And they didn't repent

### **An Old Testament prophecy about this day and prophecy:**

- **Joel 2:2**

*2 a day of darkness and gloom,  
a day of clouds and thick darkness!  
Like blackness there is spread upon the mountains  
a great and powerful people;  
their like has never been before,  
nor will be again after them  
through the years of all generations.*

### **A prophecy from Jesus about this day:**

- **Mark 13:24**

*24 "But in those days, after that tribulation, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light,*

### **Words from Jesus regarding why no one repents!**

- **John 3:19**

*19 And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil.*

### **Application:**

- If you believe in Jesus, you'll never face any of this!

**Romans 5:9**

*9 Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God.*

**1 Thessalonians 5:9**

*9 For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ,*

**\*\* Please BELIEVE IN JESUS now! Repent! Be baptized**

- A warning for those who don't believe::

**Hebrews 10:26-31**

**26** For if we go on sinning deliberately after receiving the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins, **27** but a fearful expectation of judgment, and a fury of fire that will consume the adversaries. **28** Anyone who has set aside the law of Moses dies without mercy on the evidence of two or three witnesses. **29** How much worse punishment, do you think, will be deserved by the one who has trampled underfoot the Son of God, and has profaned the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified, and has outraged the Spirit of grace? **30** For we know him who said, "Vengeance is mine; I will repay." And again, "The Lord will judge his people." **31** It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.

**There is one thing God can't do: override your choices!** Again, choose Jesus!

Repent of your sins. Move from darkness to light. Decide now to receive eternal life and the assurance that God's wrath will never be poured out on you.

Pray for your lost friends and family members. Pray for those who don't know Jesus and will face a holy God one day.

**And go give someone a Moment of Hope!**