

The End is Near Notes

Revelation 16:1-21

Rev. Brian Bill

August 22-23, 2026

Main Point: Because God's judgment is coming and Christ's return is near, repent of your sin and receive Jesus Christ while there is still time.

Intro

1. The word "loud" is the Greek word "megas" which means "_____, large, loud in volume, intense, fierce, and severe."
2. "Megas" is used _____ times in this chapter.
3. The phrase "pour out" means "to spill or empty out _____."
4. The "wrath of God" refers to His holy and righteous _____ against sin and rebellion.
5. Revelation is organized around these three sets of symbols.
 - Seal judgments – when the world is ruined by _____ (chapter 6).
 - Trumpet judgments – when the world is ruined by _____ (chapters 8-9).
 - Bowl judgments – when the world is _____ by God (chapter 16).

First Bowl – _____ (vs. 2)

1. These sores will fall upon those who have deliberately _____ God and given their allegiance to the Antichrist.
2. It corresponds to the sixth plague in Egypt when God struck the Egyptians with painful _____ (Exodus 9:9).

Second Bowl – _____ (vs. 3)

1. The entire salt-water ecosystem will _____ under God's judgment.
2. The word "every" means "_____, complete, exhaustive, nothing left alive."
3. The phrase "like the blood of a corpse" pictures thick, _____, putrefying blood.
4. The waters will become filled with _____ and decay, and the coastlines will be overwhelmed by the sight and smell of death.

Third Bowl – _____ (vs. 4)

1. The river and springs don't become "like blood," but become _____ blood.
2. This plague strikes rivers, springs, wells, and every source of _____ water.
3. Something similar happened in the _____ plague in Egypt when God turned the Nile to blood (Exodus 7:17-18).
4. The third angel reminds us that God is _____ and righteous (vs. 5-6).
5. Some of us push back against God because frankly, we don't think He's _____.
6. Slain martyrs sought refuge under the altar as they plead with God for _____ (Revelation 6:9-10).

7. The judgment _____ their crime. The persecutors who spilled innocent blood now face the consequences of their violence.
8. Justice may seem delayed, but it is never _____.

Fourth Bowl – _____ (vs. 8-9)

1. The sun will become an instrument of judgment by _____ people with intense heat.
2. Even under the fierce and fiery judgment of God, they will _____ to repent.
3. The fourth bowl is not merely about unbearable heat; it is a sobering picture of what happens when God's restraining hand is removed and sinful humanity continues to rebel against Him.

Fifth Bowl – _____ (vs. 10-11)

1. The fifth bowl will be poured out on the seat of the beast's throne, plunging his kingdom into total _____.
2. This is not ordinary darkness but rather a supernatural, suffocating, paralyzing blackness that mirrors the _____ plague in Egypt (Exodus 10:21-23).
3. This deep and pervasive darkness was a sign of divine wrath being poured out on _____ as He bore the sins of the world as our substitute sacrifice, when the innocent suffered for the guilty (Matthew 27:45).
4. The gnawing of their tongues is a preview of _____ itself (Luke 13:28).

Sixth Bowl – _____ (vs. 12-14)

1. When the sixth bowl is emptied, the _____ will dry up, demonic spirits will gather the kings of the earth for battle, and the world will be mobilized against God.
2. This judgment is localized "at the great river Euphrates."
3. From the very beginning, this region became associated with humanity's _____ against God.
4. Babylon will become the symbol of the world's final rebellion before God's judgment falls.
5. This is where man began and where man will _____.
6. Throughout Scripture it's been a staging ground for human rebellion, false religion, oppression, and divine judgment.
7. Ultimately, they come to do battle against _____ and His Messiah (Psalm 2:2).
8. These demonic spirits will stir up people to do _____ against God Himself.
9. These demonic spirits will assemble armies at _____ in Satan's final attempt to oppose Christ.

Seventh Bowl – _____ (vs. 17)

1. The last bowl judgment is direct "into the _____" which may point to the spiritual realm under Satan's influence since Ephesians 2:2 calls Satan "the prince of the power of the air."
2. At the cross, Jesus finished the work of redemption. At the seventh bowl, God finishes the work of _____.

3. What Jesus accomplished at the cross will ultimately _____ over everything that opposes Him.
4. Romans 8:22 describes creation “groaning” and Jesus warned that _____ would be part of the birth pains of the end.
5. But the earthquake described here is _____ any the world has seen. The birth pains have reached their climax.
6. While some interpret “the great city” as Babylon, the context of the end-times geography and Old Testament prophecy strongly suggests _____.
7. Here we see the two words for divine anger: one describing a sudden, passionate outburst, and the other describing a _____, abiding state.
8. This reminds us of the _____ plague in Egypt (Exodus 9:24-25).
9. Notice how people will respond. Instead of repenting, they will _____ God. Instead of believing, they will blaspheme.