REVELATION

Chapter 16

Overview

The seven angels pour out their seven judgment bowls.

Observations

- 1. God' future judgement will not come as one sudden, catastrophic event at the end of time to annihilate all of life. Rather, it will consist of many judgments throughout the Tribulation, each one allowing another opportunity for repentance.
- 2. The judgements will grow progressively more severe, providing greater impetus to submit to the Lord and demonstrating that an ultimate end to all evil will soon be coming.

Tribulation Judgments in the Book of Revelation (Increasing Intensity...Culminating at Armageddon)

"Seal" Series 6:1-8:5	"Trumpet" Series 8:6-9:21	"Bowl" Series 16:1-21
1. Conquest	1. Hail and fire (1/3 of vegetation ruined)	1. Malignant sores
2. Warfare	2. Meteor shower (1/3 of sea life killed)	2. Poisoned seas (death of all sea life)
3. Famine and poverty	3. Water pollution (1/3 of water supply poisoned)	3. Poisoned freshwater
4. Death (1/4 of population)	4. Darkness	4. Humanity scorched
5. Mistreatment/martyrdom	5. Demonic locust attack	5. Widespread darkness/misery
6. Earthquake	6. Demonic hordes (1/3 of humanity killed)	6. Vast military invasion
7. Introduction of "trumpet" judgements	7. Introduction of "bowl" judgements	7. Most destructive earthquake/hell

Additional Observations

- The first four judgements relate to the natural world: the earth, the sea, the rivers, and the sun (16:1-9)
- The next two bowls affect the political world: the beast's throne and the armies of the world (16:10-16)
- The seventh bowl judgment wraps everything up, bring all judgments to an end (16:17-21)

I. FIRST JUDGMENT BOWL (16:1-2)

- A. The place (16:1-2a): It is poured out on the earth.
- B. The punishment (16:2b): Horrible malignant sores break out on those who have received the mark of the beast.

II. SECOND JUDGMENT BOWL (16:3)

- A. The place (16:3a): It is poured out upon the seas.
- B. The punishment (16:3b): The waters become as blood, killing all life in them.

III. THIRD JUDGMENT BOWL (16:4-7)

- A. The place (16:4a): It is poured out on the rivers and springs.
- **B. The punishment** (16:4b): These fresh water sources also become as blood.
- C. The proclamation (16:5-7): The angel now announces the reason for this, namely to avenge the blood of the martyrs.

IV. FOURTH JUDGMENT BOWL (16:8-9)

- A. The place (16:8a): It is poured out on the sun.
- **B. The punishment** (16:8b): The sun now scorches all people with its fire.
- C. The perversion (16:9): Everyone responds to this plague by cursing God and refusing to repent.

V. FIFTH JUDGMENT BOWL (16:10-11)

- A. The place (16:10a): It is poured out upon the throne of the beast.
- **B. The punishment** (16:10b): His entire kingdom is plunged into darkness.
- C. The perversion (16:11): Once again people refuse to repent.

VI. SIXTH JUDGMENT BOWL (16:12-16)

- A. The place (16:12a): It is poured out upon the great river Euphrates, and its waters dry up.
- **B. The punishment** (16:12b-14, 16): Demons deceive the kings of the east to march their armies westward across the Euphrates to prepare for Armageddon.
- C. The promise (16:15): A blessing is promised to those who prepare their hearts for Christ's return.

VII. SEVENTH JUDGMENT BOWL (16:17-21)

- A. The place (16:17a): It is poured out into the air.
- **B. The proclamation** (16:17b): There comes a voice from the Temple, saying, "It is finished!"
- C. The punishment (16:18-21a)
- 1. History's greatest earthquake now occurs (16:18).
- 2. It splits Babylon into three parts (16:19a).
- 3. The great cities of the world collapse (16:19b).
- 4. Islands vanish, and mountains are flattened (16:20).
- 5. Hailstones weighing seventy-five pounds fall from the sky (16:21a).
- D. The perversion (16:21b): Unrepentant people continue to curse God.

Read using your imagination (16:17-21)

- IN Revelation 16 it is a summary of what will be addressed in Revelation 17-22. These are chilling words, now use your imagination to see...
 - Lightning flashes from one end of heaven to the other
 - Thunder roars through the atmosphere
 - The worst earthquake in history shakes the world
 - The Antichrist's capital city is split into three parts
 - Islands sink into the ocean
 - Mountains collapse into the earth
 - Hundred-pound hailstones pummel the earth