

THE TESTIMONY OF JESUS IN THE BOOK OF REVELATION

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Revelation 16:1–21

- 1 Then I heard a loud voice from the temple, saying to the seven angels, “Go and pour out on the earth the seven bowls of the wrath of God.”
- 2 So the first *angel* went and poured out his bowl on the earth; and it became a loathsome and malignant sore on the people who had the mark of the beast and who worshiped his image.

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- 3 The second *angel* poured out his bowl into the sea, and it became blood like *that* of a dead man; and every living thing in the sea died.
- 4 Then the third *angel* poured out his bowl into the rivers and the springs of waters; and they became blood.

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- 5 And I heard the angel of the waters saying, “Righteous are You, who are and who were, O Holy One, because You judged these things;**
- 6 for they poured out the blood of saints and prophets, and You have given them blood to drink. They deserve it.”**
- 7 And I heard the altar saying, “Yes, O Lord God, the Almighty, true and righteous are Your judgments.”**

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- 8 The fourth *angel* poured out his bowl upon the sun, and it was given to it to scorch men with fire.
- 9 Men were scorched with fierce heat; and they blasphemed the name of God who has the power over these plagues, and they did not repent so as to give Him glory.

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- 10 Then the fifth *angel* poured out his bowl on the throne of the beast, and his kingdom became darkened; and they gnawed their tongues because of pain,
- 11 and they blasphemed the God of heaven because of their pains and their sores; and they did not repent of their deeds.

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- 12 The sixth *angel* poured out his bowl on the great river, the Euphrates; and its water was dried up, so that the way would be prepared for the kings from the east.
- 13 And I saw *coming* out of the mouth of the dragon and out of the mouth of the beast and out of the mouth of the false prophet, three unclean spirits like frogs;

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14 for they are spirits of demons, performing signs, which go out to the kings of the whole world, to gather them together for the war of the great day of God, the Almighty.

15 (“Behold, I am coming like a thief. Blessed is the one who stays awake and keeps his clothes, so that he will not walk about naked and men will not see his shame.”)

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- 16 And they gathered them together to the place which in Hebrew is called Har-Magedon.
- 17 Then the seventh *angel* poured out his bowl upon the air, and a loud voice came out of the temple from the throne, saying, “It is done.”

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18 And there were flashes of lightning and sounds and peals of thunder; and there was a great earthquake, such as there had not been since man came to be upon the earth, so great an earthquake *was it, and* so mighty.

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19 The great city was split into three parts, and the cities of the nations fell. Babylon the great was remembered before God, to give her the cup of the wine of His fierce wrath.

20 And every island fled away, and the mountains were not found.

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21 And huge hailstones, about one hundred pounds each, came down from heaven upon men; and men blasphemed God because of the plague of the hail, because its plague was extremely severe.

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Place in the Book of Revelation

- I.** What you have seen (Rev 1).
- II.** What is now (Rev 2–3)—the seven churches of Asia Minor.
- III.** What will take place after these things (Rev 4–22).
 - A.** The Seven Seals (4:1–8:1)
 - B.** The Seven Trumpets (8:2–11:19)
 - C.** The Unholy Trinity (12:1–14:20)
 - D.** The Seven Bowls (15:1–16:21)

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1. The 7 Angels with the 7 Final Plagues (15:1–8)
2. The 7 Bowl Judgments (16:1–21)
 - a. Command to Initiate Judgments (16:1)
 - b. **1st Bowl:** *Loathsome and malignant sore* (16:2)
 - Injurious labor, pain, and sorrow.
 - Objects: worshippers of the beast.
 - ✓ Worldwide following
 - ✓ Some who do not

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2. The 7 Bowl Judgments (16:1–21)
 - a. Command to Initiate Judgments (16:1)
 - b. 1st Bowl: *Loathsome and malignant sore* (16:2)
 - c. **2nd Bowl:** *Sea becomes blood* (16:3)
 - All living things in the sea will die.
 - ✓ Affects counterfeit kingdom indirectly
 - ✓ See 18:16, 17, 19

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d. **3rd Bowl:** *Fresh water becomes blood* (16:4–7)

- Display God's righteousness and holiness.
- Reason: slaying of saints.
- Voice from altar confirms reason.
- Brings discomfort rather than death.

Question for Discussion

**Why do unbelievers
deserve judgment?**

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e. **4th Bowl:** *The sun scorches the earth* (16:8–9)

- Discomfort rather than death.
- Citizens of counterfeit kingdom blaspheme.
- Unholy trinity cannot stop God's wrath.
- Cp. 4th trumpet judgment (8:12).

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f. **5th Bowl:** *Darkness upon beast's throne* (16:10–11)

- Discomfort afflicts kingdom directly.
- Great anguish with swollen tongues.
- Continued blasphemy and refusal to repent (last mention in the book).
- Cp. 5th trumpet judgment (9:1–12).

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 - ✓ Represent peoples of modern Far and Middle East.
 - ✓ Arrive by sea at mouth of Euphrates.

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2. **Destruction of Babylon (16:19; 17:16–17; 18:1–24)**
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- a) Christ's feet touch Mt. of Olives (Zech 14:4)
- b) Judgment in Valley of Jehoshaphat (Joel 3:9–17)
- c) Occupational movements of house of Jacob (Obad 17–20)
- d) Christ's judgment of Edom (Isa 63:1–6)
- e) Judgment at Armageddon (Rev 16:12–16; 19:17–21)

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- V. 13 is key to 12:3–13:18.
- 3 demons gather world's armies.
- “the war of the great day of God, the Almighty.”
- Christ's parenthetical statement.

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- 19:11–16; Matthew 24:27–25:46
- Matthew 24:36–51

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h. **7th Bowl:** *Poured out upon the air* (16:17–21)

- Satan is prince of the power of the air (Eph 2:2).
- **“It is done”** (v. 17)—cp. 10:7; 11:14–19.
- Great earthquake (cf. v. 20).
- Division of Jerusalem into 3 parts.
- God judges Babylon.

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- Great hail (v. 21)—125 pounds.
- Continued blasphemy—contrast 11:13.
- Cp. 7th trumpet judgment (11:15–19).

Implications Regarding Jesus Christ

- Jesus, as the Judge, is the Holy One.
- Jesus is the Lord God, the Almighty.
- Jesus is true and righteous.
- Jesus is coming again.
- Jesus will bring Babylon into judgment.
- Mankind will still blaspheme Jesus and refuse to repent.