



John describes the end of the second “great spectacle” that he saw. It explains how the consummation comes to pass—the period beginning with the harvest and ending with the vintage. In six scenes, bowls of divine wrath demolish the realm of nature and the realm of Antichrist. In the seventh scene the whole world is engulfed in one final catastrophic judgment.

Outline

- **Chapter Preview** Introduction
- **First Four Bowls** Revelation 16:1-9
- **Next Two Bowls** Revelation 16:10-16
- **Final Bowl** Revelation 16:17-21



Truths & Principles

- ✓ God is in charge of the outpouring of His wrath.
- ✓ God can use nature out of control to bring His anger onto sinners.
- ✓ Sometimes God’s wrath on sin is a matter of returning to sinners more of what they themselves have done.
- ✓ When God’s judgment falls, it is always an expression of His holiness and purity.
- ✓ Even the worst punishment for sin is not enough to make some people repent.
- ✓ Operation Armageddon is really going to happen.

Preview

The seven angels are sent forth to pour out their bowls of judgment from the cup of God’s wrath. The earth is shaken by a series of devastating catastrophes, culminating in the Battle of Armageddon. After the seventh bowl, God Himself speaks from the temple of heaven and announces, “It is done.”



Applications

- ✓ Admire God’s created order, but realize that it is not eternal.
- ✓ Humbly submit your life to God as one who is altogether holy and just.
- ✓ Don’t waste time trying to figure out the date of Operation Armageddon.
- ✓ Recognize that some evil people will never repent of their sins no matter what.



Test all things; hold fast what is good. 1 Thessalonians 5:21

1. When the 1st angel poured out his bowl, what happened (16:2)? _____
2. When the 2nd angel poured out his bowl, what happened (16:3)? _____
3. When the 3rd angel poured out his bowl, what happened (16:4-7)? _____
4. When the 4th angel poured out his bowl, what happened (16:8-9)? _____
5. When the 5th angel poured out his bowl, what happened (16:10-11)? _____
6. When the 6th angel poured out his bowl, what happened (16:12-14)? _____
7. Where did all the kings gather at the end of the 6th bowl (16:16)? _____
8. When the 7th angel poured out his bowl, what happened (16:17-21)? _____

Study Questions

1. Read Leviticus 24:10-16.
 - ❖ What is the sentence for blasphemy given in Leviticus 24:10-16?
 - ❖ How does this relate to the seventh bowl judgment?
2. Read Psalm 119:137 and acknowledge that God's judgments are righteous.
 - ❖ How would you respond to His judgments if you were to see them as you do in Revelation 16?
 - ❖ What makes the difference?
3. How does Christ compare Himself to a thief in verse 15?
 - ❖ Why is the fact of His sudden return important?
4. How could people be so evil and insensible as to not repent after experiencing these judgments?
 - ❖ What might it take to turn someone to God?
5. Read Revelation 16:17 and compare the phrase "It is done" with the words of Jesus in John 19:30 and Matthew 27:50-53.
 - ❖ Make a list of the similarities between the two events.
6. Can you name any governments, nations or kingdoms in existence today openly opposed to God?
 - ❖ What about any religions?