

## **The Seven Bowls of God's Wrath**

### **Chapter 16**

Our God will pour out punishments as a reward to stubborn unbelief. In II Thessalonians 2:11 we are told: "For this reason God sends them a powerful delusion so that they will believe the lie and so that all will be condemned who have not believed the truth but have delighted in wickedness." Chapter 16 talks of all the corrupted philosophies and false teachings that will overwhelm the earth in the last days. This chapter re-emphasizes the truths mentioned in the vision of the Seven Trumpets. Note how the vision of the seven trumpets follows the opening of the seventh seal. Here the vision of the seven bowls follows the opening of the 7<sup>th</sup> Vision. (Woman and Dragon, Beast of Sea, Beast of Earth, Lamb and 144,000, Three Angels, Harvest of Earth, Seven Bowls) Both the Trumpets and the Bowls follow a vision of Judgment day and end with a vision of Judgment day.

1) Give examples in the Old Testament where the same message is repeated in a second vision or dream? (Dn 2:1-45; 7:1-28)

2) Suggest some reasons for the repetition of the visions.

**Note: These plagues do not afflict the worshippers of the true God, but only those who worship the beast and his image. Thus, they can't be physical disasters such as oil spills, or other natural disasters which affect both believer and unbeliever.**

3) Who was affected by the painful sores?

4) Why must we conclude that these plagues are to be understood in a symbolic manner?

5) In the vision of the trumpets 1/3 died from the water turning to blood? What is the difference you see this time?

6) Who deserved to drink blood?

7) What comfort do these words offer Christians who are persecuted by false teachers?

8) What was the purpose of these "calamities?"

9) How can a government become a source of pain and suffering?

10) What is significant about the area around the Euphrates? *It is where the enemies of God's*

11) What is ironic about the day the forces against Christianity are set to strike?

12) What is Armageddon?

### **His Word in My Life:**

In Matthew 24:42-44 Jesus compared the coming of judgment to the break-in of a thief. In 16:15 he again warns, "I come like a thief!" What clothing is he advising us to wear for his coming? What does Jesus mean by nakedness?

**Note: The pouring out of the Seventh bowl is a representation of the last Judgment. When the loud voice says, "It is done," the course of history comes to its conclusion.**