



Year **7** Tribulation

What, When, How, & Who

Final 3 ½ Year Great Tribulation

- Satan inhabits the body of the Anti-Christ after he is thrown out of heaven.
- The Anti-Christ will operate through a global religion centered on himself, a global economic system, and he will use signs and wonders to deceive the masses.
- The Anti-Christ has absolute power on earth (Satan given permission by God), and his final reign will include terror, total control of all people left on earth, and death for anyone who opposes him.

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- God's wrath dispensed with the seven bowls of judgment
- The final 3 ½ years will be God's judgment on the rebellious and the wicked who remain on earth.
- People will still have the opportunity to turn to Christ, but it will be very difficult
- Most of the inhabitants will curse God and beg to die because of the horrible conditions on earth

The Seven Bowls of God's Wrath

Revelation 16:1-21

- Why does God pour out His wrath on the wicked? He promised throughout Scripture that those who reject Christ will be subject to His wrath (Pro 11:4, Rom 1:18, 2:5, Eph 5:6)
- Is it fair for God to pour out His wrath? Yes, Jesus took our place for sin through His death on the cross. He took the cup of wrath upon Himself so that those who turn to him for salvation will not suffer that wrath (Luke 22:42, Matt 26:39)

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- What is the purpose of these bowls? These bowls reflect God's wrath against sin (Rev 15:1, 16:1) The first four bowls are God's judgment on the wicked (Rev 16:1-8). The final three are God's judgment on the wicked leaders – the beast (Rev 16:10-11), the kings who followed the dragon (Satan) (Rev 16:12-16, and destroying the ungodly city of Babylon (Rev 16:17-21, 18:9-16, 17-19)
- Why seven judgments? The beast had seven heads with blasphemous names (Rev:13:1). Seven represents completeness - God completes His planned judgment – seven churches, trumpets, seals, bowls.

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Plague 1 - Harmful & painful sores on those who took the mark of the beast (Rev 16:2)

- They rejected Christ and followed Satan who promised to provide food, shelter, and clothing
- God judges them like He judged the Egyptians with the sixth plague (Exod 9:8-12)

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Plague 2 & 3 - Oceans turned to blood and fresh water turned to blood (Rev 16:3-7)

- Similar to the first plague of Egypt (Exod 7:14-25)
- The angel says God sent this judgment because they killed His people (Saints and Prophets). They get what they deserve (Rev 16:6)
- It was also the fulfillment of a promise to His people who were killed during the tribulation (Rev 6:20)

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Plague 4 – The sun scorched the people with fire
(Rev 16:8-9)

- The people recognized the plague as a judgment from God, but did not question the Anti-Christ's inability to save them from the plague
- The people did not repent. Instead, they cursed the name of God and refused to give Him glory

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Plague 5 – The world is plunged into darkness (Rev 16:10-11)

- This judgment contrasts with the scorching sun
- This judgment is directed at the beast who follows the kingdom of darkness (Eph 6:12, Acts 26:18)
- The people continued to curse God and refused to repent

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Plague 6 – The Euphrates dries up for world leaders to fight with Satan and the Anti-Christ in the final battle at Armageddon (Rev 16:12-16)

- The kings continue to be deceived by Satan
- They join forces to try and defeat God

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Plague 7 – An earthquake will destroy the great and wicked Babylon and great hailstones (Rev 16:17-21)

- The people on earth will continue to curse God (16:21)
- Babylon represents the wickedness of the world (Rev 18:2-3)
- The kings and people weep because Babylon is destroyed (18:9-10)
- Saints in heaven will rejoice (19:1-5)

Bottom Line

- God will judge the sin of the earth
- Satan may be in control at the present time, but his demise is coming
- If you refuse to turn to God and repent, you will suffer the judgment of God in the end and in eternity