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THE
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GOD

EPISODE 13

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Based on Revelation Chapter 16

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MAIN IDEA

As we look at Revelation 16, we not only see the judgments of God being poured out but these are His acts of Justice and against those who oppress and attack His people.

KEY POINTS

16:1-21 The angels carrying the seven bowls of God's wrath pour them out upon the world. The bowls are God's final judgment prior to the great white throne judgment in ch. 20. These judgments are similar to the plagues on Egypt and the trumpet judgments earlier in the book (**Exod 7-12**).

Four of the seven trumpets correspond to the Exodus plagues: fiery hail, bodies of water turned to blood, darkness, and locusts. Likewise, the sores, bodies of water turned to blood, darkness, and hail caused by the bowl judgments reflect the Exodus plagues. The trumpet and bowl judgments share five judgments; with the exception of the timing of the hail, they also follow the same order. However, the trumpets were only meant to call sinners to repentance. The bowls—their final judgment—are more severe.

The Judgements do not harm the people of God just as with the children of Israel. The faithful, people of God are protected from the plagues as they are meant to punish and called the ungodly to repentance. The ungodly do not repent as the judgments begin they have already made their decision towards God and they already have the Mark of the Beast (**Rev 16:2**).

INSIGHTS

16:1 loud voice While generally anonymous in Revelation, this likely refers to God's voice; no one could enter the temple because His presence was there. The Seven Angels [Rev 15:1, 6](#).

16:2 evil and painful sore Describes oozing, open wounds or ulcers, corresponding to [Exod 9:8-12](#).

mark of the beast from Rev 13:16 is the key component in those who suffer from the plagues and those who are protected from the plagues.

16:3 blood, like that of a dead person This judgment and the one that follows mirror [Exod 7:17-24](#).

Following death, bacteria and enzymes begin the process of decomposition, resulting in discoloration and the production of foul gases. The blood becomes stagnant and putrefied (as in [Exod 7:21](#)), separates, and eventually breaks down with the rest of the body until there is nothing left. Following the second bowl judgment, the seas—which cover approximately 70 percent of the earth's surface, and contain roughly 326 million trillion gallons of water—fill with rancid blood. Life will be impossible to sustain.

16:6 they have poured out the blood

Those who delighted in shedding blood now are forced to drink blood as a fitting form of punishment. Since these bloodthirsty people poured out the blood of the people of God, God pours out blood for them to drink.

three unclean spirits like frogs Corresponds to [Exod 8:1–15](#). Evil spirits, not literal frogs, are in view here.

The unholy trinity (the dragon, the beast, and the false prophet) responds for the first time in ch. 16. Their realm comes under direct attack as a result of the fifth and sixth bowls. In reply, each unleashes a frog-like demon from his mouth to summon the kings of the earth for battle against God (v. 14).

Frogs were considered to be unclean ([Lev 11:9–12, 41–47](#)) and were symbols of ugliness, ferocity, and viciousness.

16:15 like a thief After mentioning the Day of the Yahweh (the Lord) in the previous verse, John inserts a parenthetical statement describing Christ's return in judgment ([Matt 24:43–44](#); [1 Thess 5:2](#); [2 Pet 3:10](#)).

16:17 the seventh poured out his bowl Since this angel pours from heaven, he continues to pour in a downward direction. In contrast with the seal and trumpet judgments, no interlude takes place between the sixth and seventh bowls—the time allotted for repentance has passed.