

to our study in the book of [Revelation](#), the 16th chapter. And if you guys can go ahead and pull up the verses first before you switch over to this, that would be great. [Revelation](#) chapter 16, and it's has 21 verses to this particular chapter, and we're not going to go through all of them today. We just will not have the time.

We're going to focus our attention on the first 11 verses. So if you'll open your Bibles or you can look up here on the screen, we'll have the verses as well, or you can grab the Bibles actually into the chairs. You should have a Bible to access the Word of God. So we find this [Revelation](#) chapter 16 beginning in verse 1.

Of course, [John](#) the Apostle, he was inspired by the Holy Spirit almost 2000 years ago, on the island of Patmos, and it says this, then I heard a voice from the temple, say to the seven angels, go your ways and pour out on the earth the seven bowls containing God's wrath. So the first angel left the temple and poured out his bowl on the earth, and horrible, and the lignet sores broke out on everyone, who had the [Mark](#) of the beast and who worshipped his statue. Then the second angel poured out his bowl on the sea, and it became like the blood of a corpse, and everything in the sea died. Then the third angel poured out his bowl on the rivers and springs, and they became blood, and I heard the angel who had authority over all water saying, you are just, oh holy one, who is, and who always was, because you have sent these judgments.

Since they shed the blood of your holy people and your prophets, you have given them blood to drink. It is their just reward. And I heard a voice from the altar saying, yes, O Lord God, the Almighty, your judgments are true and just. Then the fourth angel poured out his bowl on the sun, causing it to scorch everyone with his fire.

Everyone was burned by this blast of heat, and they cursed the name of God, who had control over all these plagues. They did not repent of their sins and turned to God and give him glory. First, him says, then the fifth angel poured out his bowl on the throne of the beast, and his kingdom was plunged into darkness. His subjects ground their teeth in anguish, and they cursed the God of heaven for their pains and sorrows, but they did not repent of their evil deeds and turned to God.

Wow, incredible scene that we find here in the book of [Revelation](#). Of course, last week in chapter 15, we had basically a prelude or an introduction to what would be happening in this specific chapter. And what we find here is that it is on. Now, I want to kind of provide you with a visual timeline of our studies so far, so you can put this thing together, of course, before the tribulation hour begins, that seven-year period known as the time of Jacob's trouble, or the 70th week of [Daniel](#), we know that the rapture, the catching up, or the harpazo, which is the fright of Christ, being raptured to be in God's presence will occur first.

Now, we do not know for sure some assume that right on the heels of the rapture, the seven-year tribulation will begin, but that's not necessarily true. There could be a window of time there. We don't know how long that could be, but we know that after the rapture, the church, then the tribulation will begin. And actually, the latter half, the last three-and-a-half years, the tribulation, or really the timeframe that we'd referred to as the great tribulation.

Now, what we studied so far were the seal judgments early on, and out of those seal judgments, how the seventh one came the trumpet judgments, and out of the seventh trumpet, the bold judgments came. And that's what we're going to focus our attention on in the study today in the next couple of weeks. Now, most Bible scholars

believe that those seal and trumpet judgments happen during the first half of the tribulation. There are some in their perspective that vary on that, but I think that's a solid position to take.

Now, we know from the midpoint on, at 1,260 days, for the last half of the tribulation hour, wow, it gets very intense. And when the bold judgments are poured out, as we're going to see today, their intensity is off the charts. Now, what we saw with the seal judgments, by the way, was God affecting a quarter, 25% of mankind through those initial judgments. And what he was trying to do was not only pour out his wrath, he withheld some of his wrath, he was trying to get the people of the world to respond, because God is full of grace, and he's full of mercy.

And so, a quarter of life and man was affected by that reality. And some did respond, some accepted Jesus, but the mass, mass majority of people still rejected the truth of God and his love. So, then through the Trump judgments, a third of mankind was affected. And the third of those elements that were affected by these outpourings, that's what happened, a third of them.

In fact, what we're going to see with the bold judgments are some similar things affected, just like they were under the Trump judgments. But what you'll see with the bold judgments is it's not a quarter, it's not a third, it's the whole Shib-Aing. God pours out his wrath on the entire earth full, his cup is full of wrath, and he pours it out. And so, we'll see these bold judgments being poured out from heaven, from the very presence of God.

The first one is the bull that pours out and affects people with boils. And we're going to look at that a little bit more in depth. That's going to be pretty heinous. The second one is a judgment that affects things that relates to blood, and we'll look at that a little more intensely.

The third one still affects this issue of blood, but instead of just the sea, it's the rivers. Also, there's a scorching of the curves by the sun under the fourth bull. Under the fifth bull, there's a darkness upon the throne of the beast and an effects the entire world. Under the sixth bull judgment, we see that through the Euphrates river winds up being dried up, and we won't get into that portion of that today.

Next week, we'll talk about that, but we'll see also how that affects the end-time scenario, as it relates to the Battle of Armageddon. And then the sixth bull judgment, there's a massive earthquake, and we'll see again next week what happens there. Now, on the heels of these bull judgments occurring, these happen towards the latter part of the 70th week of [Daniel](#), the 7-year tribulation. And one of the reasons is, is it has to be towards the end, because we know the scope of these judgments is so intense, that if Jesus doesn't come back shortly thereafter, then mankind would die.

And you'll see why, as we move into our study today, we're in depth. Picking up, again, in verse 1, we find this, as we begin to just pull this apart. Since then I heard a mighty voice from the temple, say to the seven angels, go your ways and pour out on the earth the seven bulls containing God's wrath. So this mighty voice that we hear is not an angel in this case.

We've seen before where there are angelic voices in this case, as we've seen earlier on in the book of [Revelation](#), this is the voice of God, this bringing about this commandment. And he commands, go your way, speaking to these seven angels, and he says, pour out on the earth, meaning the physical earth and his inhabitants, the seven bulls containing God's wrath. Now, remember, we talked last week about

those bulls. Some of the older translations call them vials, and that would be more like a beaker or a bottle.

But when you turn one upside down and you pour it out, it takes a while. You've got the look effect and it takes a little while. Well, these bulls are more like saucers. And that's the whole point of that.

God is trying to speak to us. It's really a metaphor for how quickly it'll be poured out, because you can take a saucer and it doesn't take long to impience contents, right? And here's the reality. Are these actual angels they are, but are these actual bulls they have?

Giant bulls are going to pour out on the earth? Probably not. This is speaking metaphorically about their assignment, and out of what they've been assigned to do will come these judgments upon the earth. And it does contain God's wrath.

Last week we talked about that word wrath, that there can be two Greek words for that. One of those is an anger from a settled disposition. And I threw out the analogy as parents, sometimes you know as parents, our kids kind of get us a little upset, right? But it's from a settled disposition that we deal with them.

And lovingly so and rightfully so. In this case, this word thumas in the Greek means it's a fierce flashpoint type of anger, like God says, that's enough. That's enough. He's been gracious, he's been merciful, and at this point he pours out complete wrath upon the earth, because the people who remain on the earth have totally turned their back on God.

What a horrible situation, but again, it's not because God is horrible, He's loving and He's kind, it's that the world deserves at this point. Verse 2 of [Revelation](#) 16 says, So the first angel left the temple, He had the first assignment, right? That angloser messenger to fulfill this, left the temple, so he left God's presence, and he poured out his bowl on the earth. Now, this first bowl judgment affects the earth, it affects the environment as a matter of fact.

And also those, and you'll see it's a directed judgment, and horrible malignant sores broke out on who? Everyone who had the [Mark](#) of the beast, and who worshipped his statue. So you'll see that these judgments are directed, they're focused specifically. And this particular one is again upon everyone, early Iran as we saw the book of [Revelation](#), who had accepted these [Marks](#).

Now, it's interesting because these malignant sores that will occur on these guys also echo back to a time when Pharaoh and Egypt were so harsh to the Jewish people, the nation of Israel who was in bondage, and of course God had sent Moses to deliver the nation of Israel to be his agent. And we know that Pharaoh continually hardened his heart, so God brought 10 plagues upon the nation of Egypt. What we see here is a correspondence between these particular judgments, these bowl judgments, and some of these judgments are very much like the judgments that came upon Egypt. Of course, when those judgments were poured out on Egypt and Pharaoh and the Egyptian people, it was limited in scope because it just affected them.

But these judgments are much more in depth. And so what you see back in [Exodus](#), we're not going to have time to really go there today, but write these references down. It's in [Exodus](#) chapter 9 verses 8 through 11, and we see what happened

when God cursed the Egyptian people, and they were infected with boils. Anybody ever had a boil, by the way?

Anybody ever had a bad boil? Everybody's seen any pictures of bad boils, not a pretty sight, right? Now, these people at this point are going to be covered in these sores. Here it says, it's soren, that's exactly what the Greek language says.

Some of your older translations will say loaves some. I think that's pretty descriptive too, they'll be loaves some. So you're going to have people covered with these nasty boils that will weep, and they'll be intensely painful. Now here's an interesting thing, why would God pour out judgment on these people at this point with a judgment such as this?

Well, it says it is on everyone who had what had taken the [Mark](#) of the beast and worshipped his statue. Now we know, go back with me to [Revelation](#) 13, just flip over a couple of pages there. In verse 14, we'll see what happened here. As we were looking at the scope of the Antichrist and the beast, the Spal's Prophet, we saw in verse 14 that the false prophet would be allowed to perform miracles.

And with all miracles, he was allowed to perform on behalf of the first beast, and that is Antichrist. He deceived all the people who belonged to this world. He ordered the people to make a great statue of the first beast who was fatally wounded and then came back to life. He was then permitted to give life to the statue so they could speak.

Then the statue of the beast did what? Commanded that anyone refusing to worship it must die. He required everyone, small and great, rich and poor, free and slayed, be given a [Mark](#) on the right hand or on the forehead. There's that, do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do stuff that people go, woe about, right?

And no one could buy or sell anything without that [Mark](#), which was either the name of the beast or the number representing his name. Then in chapter 14, [Revelation](#), we see in verses 9 and 10, then the third angel followed them, shouting, anyone who worships the beast in this statue or accepts his [Mark](#) on the forehead or on the hand must what? Drink the wine of God's anger. It has been poured full strength into God's cup of wrath, and they will be tormented with fire and burning sulfur in the presence of the holy angels and the lamb.

Wow, that's intense stuff, right? So these guys are suffering because of what they've done. Now here's a couple interesting things. Now we know with existing technology folks that they are able to do a couple of different things that relate to perhaps what is called the [Mark](#).

It could be simply like a tattoo, okay? Some people think this is metaphorical, perhaps it is, but maybe not. Why would it necessarily be? Because what they can do now is they've got inks that are RDIF, which means they can be trapped by satellite GPS.

Now we know they have the little grain size or the rice size transmitters that can be planted in the skin, either here or frankly under skin that's like the forehead a little bit thicker. They can do that. And through either one of those situations they can track you. So it's interesting to note here that with those little rice size RDFs, when they implant those they have a little battery in them.

And they've proven through studies that if they malfunction it can cause a nasty sore to occur in the place that it was. So isn't it interesting that these people who are willing to take the [Mark](#) of the beast of antichrist that point time that their bodies will break out in the sores? And maybe it will be as a result of a malfunction worldwide of those RDIF chips or in the ink that there's some kind of a thing that God causes for them to become infected and it covers their whole body. Why?

Because they were willing to take the [Mark](#) of the beast and their rejected God. And it's interesting because again in [Exodus](#) 20 verses 1 through 6 we see some parallels there as well. And also as we work our way through here as we see again that interesting tie between Egypt and what's happening during the tribulation hour and all the juiciness of it is we talk about Egypt being representative of the world if you will. And for us when we get saved it's like we came out of Egypt if you will and came into a relationship with God with Christ.

So we were set free and now we can cross into the promised land that's relationship with the Lord Jesus and have that unique relationship. So it's interesting to equate really in a sense the reality of Pharaoh himself being a model of the antichrist is the beast. Because who was behind Pharaoh as he was ruling at that point time but certainly wasn't the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob was it. Because he worshiped false gods.

So the Lord in that situation used him as an agent. Now in [Revelation](#) 1 chapter 16 verse 3 we find this. Now here's the second judgment. And the second angel poured out his bowl on the sea and it became like the blood of a corpse.

Wow that's nasty isn't it? And everything in the sea died. Again these are some of those verses in the Bible that are like ugh. And people get just as they read this they get kind of freaked out like whoa is this just metaphorically speaking is symbolic or is this real?

Well it's an interesting thing to note. And this follow me by the way this going to go back to the Old Testament. Let's go to [Exodus](#) chapter 7. And let's look at a historical issue again relating to what was happening with Moses and Pharaoh and God delivering the nation of Israel and again Pharaoh hardening his heart.

And this is a matter of guys of historical record. This isn't a fairy tale. This isn't a story. This is a biblical account of factual things that occur.

Now again because Pharaoh was hardening his heart. These are some of the things that happened. There was a plague upon the house of Egypt. There was blood involved in this and how was that involved?

We'll see. Look at verse 17. This is what the Lord says. And by the way you notice that's Yahweh, Bigel, Big O Bigar, Big D.

So this is what the Lord says. I will show you that I am who the Lord look. I will strike the water of the Nile with the staff in my hand and the river will turn to you what? Blood.

It didn't say it would become like blood. The Hebrew text is very clear. It was literally turned into blood. God says prophetically the fish and it will die and the river will stink.

The Egyptians will not be able to drink any water from the Nile. Verse 19, then the Lord said to Moses, tell Aaron, take your staff and raise your hand over the waters of Egypt. All its rivers, canals, ponds and all the reservoirs. Turn all the water to blood.

Everywhere in Egypt the water will turn to blood. Even the water stored in wooden bowls and stone pots. Well, for times sake I encourage you to read that another time but that's exactly what happened. As Moses and Aaron went before Pharaoh, it's exactly what happened.

And guess what? They counterfeited. Pharaoh's magicians counterfeited it but it was a counterfeited. It wasn't the real deal.

But God, what he had done was he had turned all the waters into blood. So as the Egyptians were trying to find water to drink, of course they couldn't find it in the Nile because it was blood but as they dug down into reservoirs and springs they found the same thing. It was blood as well. So as we turn our attention then back to what we find here in [Revelation](#) chapter 16, why would it be any different that this would also be really turned into blood?

I mean, aren't we talking about God who can do anything? Who spoke, creation came into existence, he certainly could. And can you imagine how incredibly what an impact that would have on the people at that time to see literally all the waters turn into blood? And of course in [Leviticus](#) and also in Psalm 105, 29 there's other references dealing with that.

Now when it says it became like the blood of a corpse, that's what it says here in a book of [Revelation](#). So so speculate that in this case maybe it's not maybe the way God touched it and appeared like it was blood. But it's interesting to note that it was like the blood of a corpse. Now that's nasty as well, right?

Now when a person is cut, if you ever had a wound before it, you know that when initially when you're cut that the blood flows, it runs. You know, just like water, like a liquid, but it doesn't take long once it's exposed to air that it begins to coagulate. So can you imagine blood exposed to that environment, it wouldn't be that runny running stuff, it would be pretty soupy and nasty. And that would affect everything in the sea as well.

And so every living creature in the sea will die as a result of that particular judgment being poured out on the earth. That's some heavy stuff guys, some heavy stuff. Verse 4 then it says this, speaking of the third bowl, then the third angel poured out his bowl on the rivers and springs. And they became blood.

So not only was the sea affected in that last judgment, that second one, but under the third judgment, that third bowl in the rivers and springs. So as people would try to find water at that point in time in the future, they won't be able to. They will not be able to. Even if they had some in storage, that would be turned into this, just like this we see here.

And that's one of the things that lets us know by the way that is towards the latter part of the 70th week of [Daniel](#), because it wouldn't be very long if people didn't have water to drink that they would die anyway. So it's got to be at the latter half. If it was earlier wrong, say towards the mid part of the tribulation or after the mid part, people would be able to survive very long at all. So we know that Jesus will be coming back shortly after this.

And verse 5 we find this. On the heels of these first few judgments, and these bowl [Judges](#) being poured out, an angel heralds this, and I heard the angel who had authority or exusia, authority over all water saying, you are just. Oh holy one, who is, and who always was, because you have sent these judgments. Wow.

You know I can see how the world with its worldview, with a tainted perspective, would read this if they don't understand God's message of love, and just single out verses like this and go, man he's a God of hate. He's an angry God, and I will never follow a God like that. Well, they obviously haven't seen the heart of God in his love. Just like Tommy read about God being love, and quoting 1 [John](#) 4, 8, that's one of his attributes.

God is a gope. He is a gope love. He's the manifestation, the personification of love, of selflessness, of giving of himself. And Jesus demonstrated that, didn't he?

Humbling himself took up on the form of a servant. That was a humbling, that was a gope, and then ultimately by giving his life on the cross for the sins of mankind. So it says here again, you are just a holy one, who is, and you always was. And Tommy, this is kind of ironic.

The Lord impressed on me this morning to turn to our little devotional study guide. And if you've got a copy of this, you'll notice today, when you read this with your family, that's what my wife and our kids, what we take these every day, and we read through these and pray together and do a little Bible study with this. Well, guess what? Before we got to the love thing of today, guess what yesterday's study was on?

Righteousness. Righteousness. Let me read the devotional from yesterday for the 13th from this study guide. The key verse is cited initially, comes from [Zephaniah](#).

Chapter 3 verse 5, it says, the Lord is righteous. What do you think? When it says here, you are just. It's exactly what it's saying, you are just.

You are righteous. He will do no unrighteousness. Every morning, He brings His justice to light, and He never fails, but the unjust knows no shame. And you see that here, the unjust here, no, no shame.

And they will not respond. Which is incredible. They continue to be defiant of the Lord. Now, the devotional goes on to say this, brace yourself before you read any further.

And Pastor Bob, Bob Koi from Calvary Chapel Fort Lauderdale, gives some examples of what he's speaking about here. In August of 2009, it says, after helping local communities upgrade his water systems, a red cross worker is abducted in Sudan's Darfur region. Some guy out there helping with the servant's heart was just abducted. I'm not sure what happened to him.

I'm not sure if he ever showed up again or if he was killed, but we hear stories like that all the time. People who go out, serving as missionaries even, who go to these servable countries and they're killed for the cause of Christ. In September of 2009, a California man has charged with kidnapping a young girl and holding her cappy for 18 years. Do you remember hearing that on the news?

And any father, like a couple of children, I mean, unbelievable. Can you imagine the evil? That's off the charts. October 2009, a man is arrested on the charge of driving his Jeep into his 20 year old daughter for being two western eyes.

You remember that? That was a Muslim guy who ran her his daughter and she died after that. She was in the hospital for some time, but because she was not Muslim enough, she had adopted too many of the Western cultural things he ran her over. Wow.

November 2009, a registered sex offender is in custody after 11 bodies are recovered from his home in a Cleveland neighborhood. Do you remember hearing that as well? I mean, it's almost daily. We hear reports like this of mans as they say in humanity to man.

The devotional study goes on to say this, we read these headlines and it triggers something deep inside of us. And I can see the expressions on your face. I can see the physical response from you folks as I read those and that's exactly what he's saying. There's a visual reaction that rises in protest.

No, this shouldn't happen. This should not be. This is not right. It stirs within us a righteous anger.

And that's the kind that God says it's okay to have a righteous anger, but sin not meaning that you can cross the line. And Jesus even demonstrated that didn't yet times in his ministry where he demonstrated righteous anger is a deal. If he's is he dealt with those who are unrighteous. Goes on to say we all long for what's right.

We long for rightness or righteousness. When we see some injustice take place, we feel slighted undone and dissatisfied. We sense an imbalance and we want to set it straight. We don't know how tomorrow's headlines will read, but we do know this God is righteous.

That's exactly what we're seeing here again. You are just a holy one who is and you always was. There is nothing in him that's wrong speaking of God and it's his righteousness that will prevail at the end of the age. And that's the period we're talking about here folks.

No atrocity that has ever been committed will go unpunished or unsettled. Inns is justice to light and will never fail to write every wrong. Everybody's accountable folks. And it may seem to us from our perspective that sometimes in this world that people don't receive their just deserves if you will for their actions.

And it may seem that way, but everybody will stand before the Lord. And in the scope of eternity, everybody will receive what they have coming to them. Those who walk in the righteousness of God have been covered by the blood of the Lamb, praise the Lord. Our sins have been removed and so we stand holy before him, but we are accountable for the way that we live our lives.

For those who have history who have rejected the love and the truth of God and have lived an atrocious life and have never repented except that Jesus will stand accountable for their actions. And here's the amazing element to me folks is God's grace is so magnificent, so big that any of these people we read about here, this guy who killed 11 people, this sex offender and they found their bodies underneath his home. It's amazing and astounding to me from my human perspective, but God's

grace is big enough that if that man will call on Jesus and ask the Lord to forgive him of his sins and to make him a new creation in Christ, guess what? God will.

That's amazing, isn't it? You talk about amazing grace, but that's God's heart, that's how big the grace of God is. And if people don't accept that, it's because they've made that choice. And again against the backdrop or seeing here in [Revelation](#), that's where these people are in the setting towards the end of the tribulation hour.

It goes on to say in the conclusion of this little devotional study. Says he again, he brings justice to light and will never fail to write every wrong. As heinous and horrific as things are here on earth, there is a judge in heaven, a righteous judge who presides overall and his righteousness will have the last word. [Psalms](#) 145 or 17 says this, the Lord is righteous in all his ways.

Isn't that powerful? And it's interesting because with Tommy reading the vocation about God's attribute of love and who he is as love, then we see his righteousness as well. All these attributes are equal in the person of God. So again, this angel heralds this reality before the rest of these bulls are poured out.

You're just a holy one who is who always was because you have sent these judgments. The time is right. In verse 6 then it says, since they, who are the day by the way? The ones who are due the judgment.

Since they shed the blood of your holy people, some of your translations will say saints, the *hagyas* is the Greek word. And that's what it means, those who have been sanctified set apart. And depending on its context in the Bible, it can mean the Jewish people, in its context it can mean the church, people are part of the church, in its context. Or it can mean those who are saved in the tribulation hour.

So it's important to understand the context because these are not people who are part of the church. The church has been raptured, but they've come into relationship with Jesus. And so they are his, they are holy. And these people have shed the blood of the holy people.

These are the martyrs under the altar that we see in [Revelation](#) chapter 6 who cry out to God. How long before you avenge our blood? It's happening here. God is avenging their blood.

Since they shed the blood of your holy people and what your prophets. Do you remember the two prophets who were killed and then resurrected miraculously? And also those who have gone before who have been God's mouthpieces, prophets? And it says you have given them what blood to drink.

Wow, that's, wow, that's another one of those. Oh man, you got to be kidding me. Is God speaking metaphorically here? Well, guess what, if all the water, everything has been turned to blood or a blood like substance.

Guess what? That's what they will drink. What does it say? It is their just reward.

They were blood thirsty. They loved killing God's people. They had that blood lust. And as a result, well, you will drink blood.

That's heavy. But that's what God's word tells us. Man, whoa, whoa to those people who will suffer this. But it is there again.

It is their just reward. You know the old attitude or that old adage what comes around goes around. You've heard that before, right? You know that's publicly based.

[Galatians](#), by the way, this goes there. [Galatians](#) chapter six. This is a great verse. Remember, most of you probably have this memorized.

If not, this is personal application for our lives. Very effective. [Galatians](#) chapter six in verse seven, we find this reality. Paul the Apostle says, don't be misled.

You cannot mock the justice of God. Some of the translations say God is not mocked for what you sow so you shall reap, right? And I love how clearly it says it. Don't be misled.

You cannot mock what? The justice of God. You cannot mock the justice of God. You will always harvest what you planted.

Is that what's happening here? Absolutely. These people here are reinforced to drink this blood. They're only harvesting what they planted.

Verse eight goes on to say those who live only to satisfy their own sinful nature will have harvest of decay and death from that sinful nature. But those who live to please the spirit will harvest everlasting life from the spirit. Praise the Lord. Isn't that awesome?

So for those of us who have relationship with God, we're experiencing that harvest in the spirit and walking in that reality and praise the Lord for that. Now in verse seven, it goes on to say, and this angel continues to talk, and I heard a voice. No, actually I'm sorry, shifting on to a different voice. Now look, it says, and I heard a voice from the altar.

So the altar, where's the altar? It's in the temple. And what was the altar for, by the way, in the temple? Sacrifice.

One of the things that just strikes me here as we study this is the picture of our redemption through Jesus giving his life, and giving his blood on what? The cross, which is an altar. Could it be that those voices of the martyrs crying out from under the altar is reflective also of Jesus? And could this be his voice?

A voice from the altar saying, yes, oh Lord God, because he is also gone. Yes, oh Lord God, be almighty. Your judgments are true and just. So they echo that reality.

Here's the truth. What we see here is a biblical pattern sometimes. Do you remember an eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth kind of thing sometimes right? And we understand that some in some cases in the context of speaking metaphorically, but there are some cases where the punishment truly fits the crime of the body.

And I believe what we're seeing here is something like that. We have some examples by the way as we as we were dealing with Pharaoh before as we talked about Pharaoh, as we went back to [Exodus](#), and we were talking about the truth. There was one point and attempt for him to drown the Jewish baby boys. What happened to Pharaoh and the Egyptians?

So as they tried to pursue the Israelites, they were going to be in the same way as the Jews. And we were talking about Pharaoh before as we talked about Pharaoh, as

we went back to [Exodus](#). There was one point and attempt for him to drown the Jewish baby boys. What happened to Pharaoh and the Egyptians?

So as they tried to pursue the Israelites, after he had left them go and set them free, again he changed his mind, he hardened his heart, and he sent his army of chariots out to get them. See of course God, part of the waters, go see the Ten Commandments you'll see. After you read the Bible, he part of those waters and said that the wind blew and dried the land so they were able to walk through there. And by the way guys, this is not a place called the Reed Sea, which is only a few feet deep.

There's no way the Egyptian army drowned in two feet deep water in the Reed Sea. That would be a miracle in of itself that God drowned the Holy Egyptian army in two feet of water. But it's very evident here that as the Jewish people went through and this Pharaoh's army came in and as they ran that place on the dry land, then God brought the waters back in on top of them from the Reed Sea. And guess what they were drowned in.

Pharaoh's attempt to do what to kill the Jewish baby boys, well, God exacted judgment, righteous judgment upon Pharaoh's armies. And it's interesting to note that just after that in X's 15, there is what's known as a song of Moses. Well, didn't we know last week by the way in chapter 15 of [Revelation](#) that those people who were God's people sang the song of what? Moses and of the Lamb, which spoke of that meat unity and that connection and tie between the law and perfect love in Christ, the new covenant and the old covenant, that connection, very powerful.

What about in history the reality of Heyman in the book of [Esther](#)? We know that Heyman hated Mordecai. He hated the Jewish people. Of course Mordecai was related to [Esther](#), Queen [Esther](#).

And Hamon's desire in plan was to first kill Mordecai because he was jealous of him. He loved him. He wanted to kill him and he knew guess who planted that desire in his heart? Satan.

And we've seen that throughout history as Satan's attempt to try to destroy the Jewish people. And this was another attempt here through Heyman. And Heyman planned to hang Mordecai, but what happened? Heyman actually was the one who was hanged.

And the Jewish people were delivered. You can read that account in [Esther](#) chapter 7. So we see basically the punishment fitting the crime historically in some accounts. And that's what happens during this tribulation judgment hour here.

The punishment fits the crime. That's what these guys experience. And by the way, if you want to get just kind of to add this whole macabre thing, which sorry, do that in [Esther](#) 7 when it talks about Heyman hanging. And he wanted to hang Mordecai.

Really, that's not the modern day hanging we think of. It's not the garros and some translations say that. It's not the rope around the neck. What it was was impaling somebody on a spike and hanging them off a spike.

It was a precursor to crucifixion because the Assyrians developed then later on the [Romans](#) were perfected. And that's where Jesus was hung on the cross. And that torturous state that he was in. But that's what happened that that Heyman was literally impaled on this huge pole about 75 feet off the ground.

That's nasty. And that's what he wanted to do though. The Heyman, I mean, the Mordecai, but that's what happened to him. So God has a way of protecting his people and exacting judgment.

But here's the truth that so important to understand for those of us today as Christians. And it's a promise that God has kept from the time of the Abrahamic covenant and him sharing this reality with Abraham and [Genesis](#). When it tells us that God's promise is to Israel and to our allies that I will bless those, the bless who God's people Israel and I will curse those that curse you. So you know what you want to do?

You always want to be a blessing to God's people. You never want to be a curse to God's people. Otherwise you'll pay the price as we saw these people here historically because of their attempts to destroy the Jewish people. And of course in the prophetic age and day that we're living in and seeing so much being set up on this world stage that tells us we're so close to what the rapture of the church and this seven-year tribulation period coming into existence that is staggering.

And we see the world and virtually every nation including America. Virtually every nation has turned its back on Israel and his enemy of Israel. This little itty country stands isolated and we have been an ally and a friend but we are quickly turning our back on her and God help us. God help the United States of America.

We need to pray for our country to get back to where we need to be. Be a spiritual beacon to the world because God can restore but also to be a true friend of Israel to never abandon her because the day that we truly sell Israel out. Look out. Verse 8 [Revelation](#) 16 tells us this.

Then the fourth angel poured out his bowl on the sun causing it to scorch everyone with its fire. Now that's powerful. In fact [Malachi](#) 4:1 tells us this. Turn with me to [Malachi](#).

We begin to wrap our study up here with these last few verses here. Of course [Malachi](#) is the last book of the Old Testament here before we go into that period between the testaments. And we see prophetically that God speaks to [Malachi](#) about the M times. This whole fourth chapter which is very powerful.

It's short but the very first verse says this. The Lord of Heavens Army. Save our own. The Lord of hosts will say also.

The Lord of Heavens Army says the day of judgment is coming burning like what a furnace. On that day the arrogant and the wicked will be burned up like straw. They'll be consumed roots branches and all. Look at verse 2.

But for you who fear my name. The name of the Lord Yahweh. But for you who fear my name. The son of righteousness will rise with healing in his wings.

And you will go free leaving with joy like calves led out to the pasture. So prophetically it speaks of a time when judgment will come and there will be an effect like the burning of a furnace so literally God impacts the sun and he turns up the heat literally. You ever had a really bad sunburn. I think all of us have have we stayed out in the heat too long or it was a really hot day.

105, 106 degrees. They're experienced that before. Anybody ever been in heat like 115 degrees or worse like that. That is bad news.

Yeah. You can't handle that very long. Well what's going to happen is people talk today about global warming. This will be global warming on a grand scale and people literally will be burned.

Look what it says. Everyone was burnt by this blast of heat and they did what? They cursed the name of God. They didn't respond in repentance.

They cursed the name of God who had control over all these things. They did not repent of their sins and turned to God and give him glory. You talk about it to prayed hard, hard. I can't even imagine being in that situation.

Seeing what's happening in the world knowing that God is directly intervening in the state of man's affairs and still having that depraved heart, hard, hard. If that doesn't tell you how to pray to man's heart can be read [Jeremiah](#) 17.9 that says the heart of man is deceitful and desperately wicked above all things who can know it. The heart of man is deceitful and desperately wicked. Guess what that's your heart?

That's my heart. And without Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior, people are doomed. And again we know of man's atrocities throughout the ages. We know of people in this last century.

We know of Stalin who had millions of his own country been the Russians killed. We know of Mao Zedong who had at least 70 million of his country when the Chinese murdered. That's incredible. We know how horrible it was in World War II as Hitler had at least 6 million Jews killed.

And there were other millions that they killed. A lot of them Christians by the way. And we think that was horrible and certainly it was but in the scope of history can you imagine a guy killing 70 million of his own people? You talk about hearts are deceitful and desperately wicked.

So we shouldn't feel ourselves a think of man's capabilities of atrocities. And the hardness of their heart not to respond to God. Two more verses here. First 10 we find this then the fifth angel poured out his bowl on the throne of the beast.

Who is that? That's the Antichrist. And on his kingdom and plunged and was plunged into darkness. And his subjects ground their teeth in anguish.

Now some wonder if this is just symbolic again into darkness. There's probably two elements to this. It probably is a tangible literal darkness. But it's also a perpetual it's just an evil manifestation is such a heaviness of darkness that is foreboding.

Have you ever since that before just just a heaviness like a darkness an evil that's in a situation I know being in ministry before dealing with people and it's been a while since I've had an encounter. But if you don't think people can be influenced by demons today or literally be possessed they can be it's biblical. It happened then I've seen it today. I've seen stuff with my eyes that maybe go.

That's like that's a Hollywood movie right? No I saw it. I saw physical things happen before my eyes that I cannot believe what I was seeing. But it's supernatural.

Demonic spirits are real and they affect people. And when there's that presence of evil it is a darkness that you can't even describe. But the amazing thing is that it flees in the presence of the light of the living God. It cannot stand in the light of Jesus Christ who is the light of the world.

And when the presence of the living God is in the heart of a believer when we walk into a place where darkness is it flees. Praise the Lord. And it exposes the darkness for what it is. But in this case in this scenario there was a darkness physically in the world and a foreboding darkness that will encompass the world.

And look what's going to happen. His subjects who the subjects of the Antichrist those who took the [Mark](#) of the beast and have experienced these judgments they will grind their teeth at anguish. By the way you saw back there there's a reference in [Exodus](#) 10 21 to 22 again going back to Pharaoh that's exactly what happened there to God darkened the land. There was an experience there for the Egyptians as well where God did something similar.

But again this is on a grand scale encompassing the whole world. And finally the last verse for today is verse 11. And what did they do? And they cursed the God of heaven for their pains and sores.

They cursed the God of heaven for their pains and sores. But what there's a lighter half without verse. But they did not repented. They're evil deeds.

It turned to gone. They continued to be wicked and evil. And you know what? God's grace and mercy is always extended.

You know what? He knew their hearts. He knew the depravity their hearts. He knew at this point that they were all beyond that that they would respond.

Of course in his omniscience he knew that. But God's grace was still there. If there would have been one person in this state and this time if there was one person who would recognize and repent and call out to God. God was saved.

But man's heart collectively will be so evil by this point that they will not repent of their evil deeds and they will not turn to God. And there was a comment I found in part of my studies by a gentleman named [John](#) Walbert who is a for those of you who are or have a viable studyers or know some of the scholars who have written some of the wonderful things. A lot of you may not know [John](#) Walbert but he was the president of Dallas theological seminary and just an expert in prophecy. He says this and it sure ties into this.

The wishful thinking of some that men would repent if they only knew the power and righteous judgment of God is shattered by frequent mention in this chapter of the hardness of the human heart and the face of the most stringent and evident the buying discipline. Like I say you and I would sit here and think wow how can they not respond how can the human beings under this situation not respond because the hard hearts are so desperately wicked they're beyond that. What a tragedy. Praise the Lord that in this age of grace in this church age the grace of God is more than sufficient more than all we need is Christians to live for him to live rightously to be a light in the stark world.

And the grace of God is there in overwhelming abundance and extended to a lost and hurting and dying world if they'll only embrace it and accept it. And praise the Lord that we have the privilege of being his hands and feet and as we conclude this particular study this morning. Let's let God speak to our hearts about his grace about how he empowers us how we can make a difference in our community in our workplaces in our families with our friends and neighbors who don't know the Lord are you willing to be solid and light are you willing to be Jesus's reflection to a lost and hurting and dying world I hope so. We're going to do a final song here today and

let God speak your heart through this if you need prayer wow we don't even have we've got one gig in here today all our deacons all our elders we got tons of people come on leadership today.

We're going to have some of them come up to lead in prayer. Well just just pray you know what and if you need prayer just ask the person next to you to pray for you okay but see this opportunity to worship but also to pray and let's pray right now is before we do this final song father in Jesus name Lord we we admit that a study like this is not an easy study. God is overwhelming to think that in some time in a not just a future in the scope of history that this outpouring of your judgment will come up on the world but Lord it's a just and true judgment. Father hearts are broken to think that there will be many people who who have out through history and will continue to reject your love and your grace and your mercy but we father we pray that that is not the case for the loved ones that we know and the people that we work with and the people we work with and the people we work with.

And the people we go to school with father help us to show forth your light Lord we submit and surrender ourselves to you spirit soul and body we Lord God do know what the blood of somebody to be on our hands because we didn't share your truth with them Lord when you provide those opportunities to share your love and your grace God may we not just just hold it in may we not be afraid Lord but may we buy your grace and power by your spirit be willing to share with boldness and with love the truth that they need you without you. But with you Lord they'll have an eternity that is joyful and full of love unspeakable. So Lord again we thank that it thank you that it's not us it's not within us Lord that we have the power and authority to do these things but it's in and through the power and authority of your name and by your blood and by your grace and by your spirit that we're empowered to live for you.