

THE FINAL JUDGMENTS REVELATION 16

Revelation is certainly a book of judgment. In Revelation 6 we saw the judgments of the seven seals and in chapters 8-9 we saw the judgments of the seven trumpets. In chapter 16 we have the final judgments of the tribulation. These judgments take us to the end of the tribulation period. We know this because the sixth bowl judgment prepares the way for Armageddon (16:12-16) and the seventh bowl does not contain another set of judgments as with the seventh seal and the seventh trumpet (8:1-6; 11:15-19). In these judgments the wrath of God is complete (15:1).

I. THE DESCRIPTION OF THESE JUDGMENTS.

A. The Painful Sores. 16:2.

1. Similar to the plague on Egypt. Ex. 9:8-12.
2. Selective in their affliction. 16:2.
3. Severe in their pain. 16:2,11.

B. The Water Turned to Blood. 16:3-7.

1. The sea. 16:3. Cp. Rev. 8:8,9.
2. The fresh water. Cp. Rev. 8:10-11; Ex. 7:14-25.
3. The justice in this judgment. 16:5-7.

C. The Sun Intensified. 16:8-9.

- * Imagine a heat that is worse than the noonday sun in the desert compounded with the water supply being polluted. *

D. The Sun Darkened. 16:10-11.

1. Man has no control over the changes in his environment.
2. The sores are related to the previous judgments.

E. The Preparation for Armageddon. 16:12-16.

1. The Euphrates River is dried. 16:12.
 - * The kings of the east would include China, India and Pakistan. *
2. The Satanic influence. 16:13-16. Cp. Dan. 10:13,20.

F. The Great Earthquake. 16:17-21.

1. The great announcement. 16:17. "It is done"
2. The great earthquake. 16:18.
3. The great devastation. 16:19-20.
4. The great hail. 16:21.

II. THE RESPONSE TO THESE JUDGMENTS.

Instead of repenting of their sin, man in the tribulation will curse the God of heaven because of their pain and suffering. 16:8,10,20. It is tragic to see men follow the example of Pharaoh who hardened his heart instead of repenting of his sin (Ex. 8:32).

