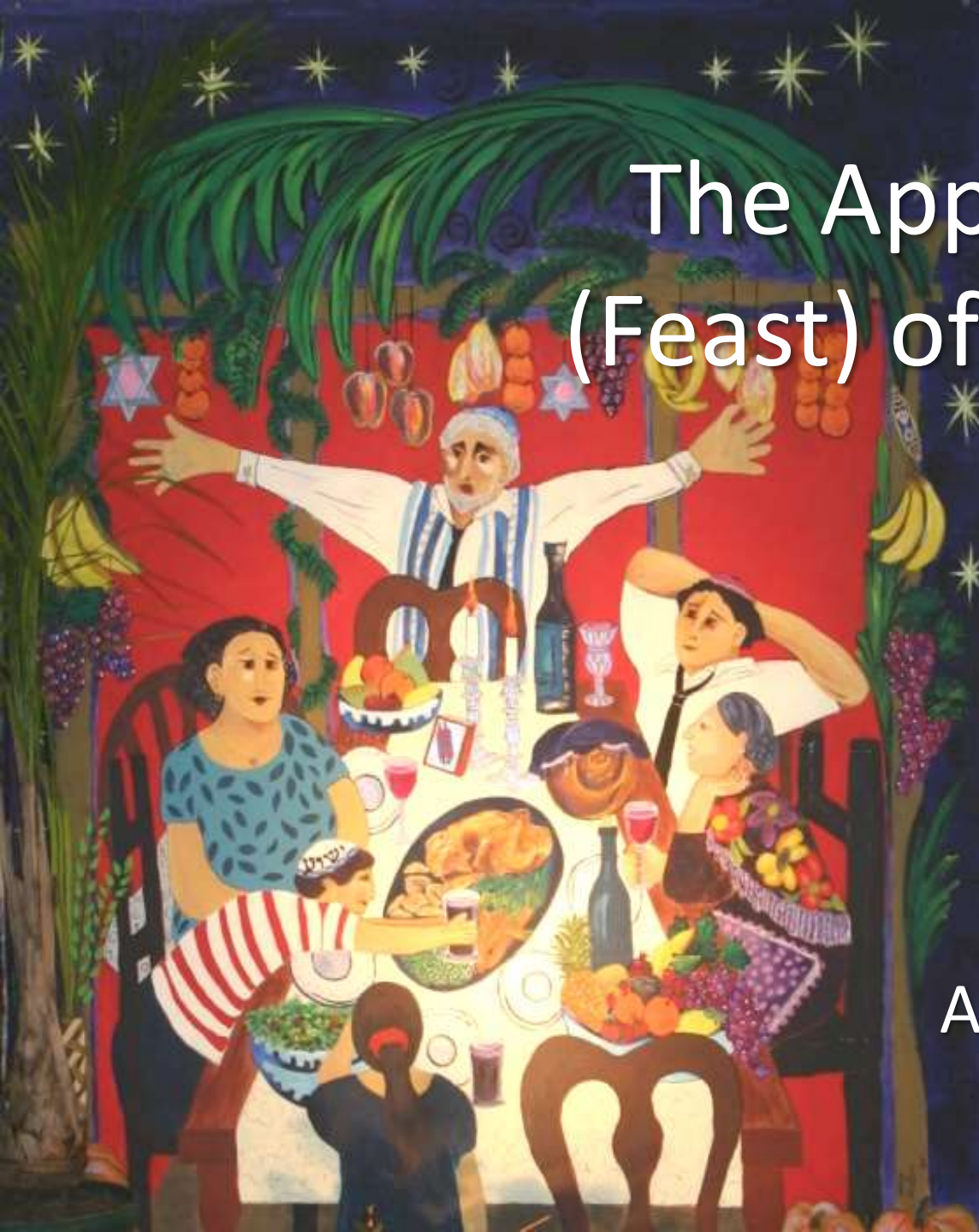


The Appointed Time (Feast) of Tabernacles (Sukkot)

7th, Last of the
Appointed Times
A Joyful Celebration



Sukkot (Tabernacles)

And Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, “Speak to the children of Israel, saying: ‘The fifteenth day of this seventh month shall be the Feast of Tabernacles for seven days to the LORD. On the first day there shall be a holy convocation. You shall do no customary work on it. For seven days you shall offer an offering made by fire to the LORD. On the eighth day you shall have a holy convocation, and you shall offer an offering made by fire to the LORD. It is a sacred assembly, and you shall do no customary work on it....’Also on the fifteenth day of the seventh month, when you have gathered in the fruit of the land, you shall keep the feast of the LORD for seven days; on the first day there shall be a sabbath-rest, and on the eighth day a sabbath-rest.



Sukkot (Tabernacles)

And you shall take for yourselves on the first day the fruit of beautiful trees, branches of palm trees, the boughs of leafy trees, and willows of the brook; and you shall rejoice before the LORD your God for seven days.

You shall keep it as a feast to the LORD for seven days in the year. It shall be a statute forever in your generations.

You shall celebrate it in the seventh month. You shall dwell in booths for seven days. All who are native Israelites shall dwell in booths, that your generations may know that I made the children of Israel dwell in booths when I brought them out of the land of Egypt: I am the LORD your God.” (Leviticus 23:33-43)

Sukkot (Tabernacles)

- **Feast of Tabernacles = Sukkot** in Hebrew, also known as **Feast of Booths**.
- 7-day appointed time (*15th to 22nd of Tishri*) additional day is added, called **Shemini Atzeret** (*lit. “the 8th day of assembly”*)
- Sukkot marked end of agricultural and sacred year, another holiday **Simchat Torah** added to celebrate end of Torah reading cycle.
- **One of 3 “pilgrimage” feasts, commanded males to travel to Jerusalem**. Passover spring, Weeks early summer, Sukkot fall

Sukkot (Tabernacles)

- Commanded to build/dwell in a **sukkah** (*sukkot, plural*), a “hastily” built hut or shack (*rabbis today have specific instructions for these, must have only 3 sides, a roof you can see the stars through, etc.*) to remind of the time God provided for them in the wilderness.
- **Jerusalem overflowing with Jews from all over the region**, all of which would build sukkot.

Longest, most joyful feast of all





SOLH SHALOM
Peace
HEI WA





Sukkot (Tabernacles)

Last feast has come to have **3 different names**:

- 1) Feast of Tabernacles or Booths, as God commanded people live in temporary dwellings during this time
- 2) Feast of Ingathering, because it coincided with Israel's **final harvest** of year, celebrating God's bountiful provision, (*has also come to signify harvest of souls*)
- 3) Season of our Joy because harvest was over and people could rest, and also because they have passed the solemn previous two fall feasts, and **reached the end of another yearly feast cycle.**

Sukkot (Tabernacles)

- Since it immediately follows the Days of Awe and Repentance (*month of Elul, Tishri 1 – Tishri 10 [Yom Kippur]*), **Sukkot represents the time of restored fellowship with Elohim.**



Sukkot (Tabernacles)

God commands the following on this feast:

- 1) a **“holy convocation”** (*assembly*); 1st and 8th days
- 2) **Do no customary work** (Sabbath)
- 3) **Specified offerings** (*cannot do offerings anymore, Temple does not currently exist*)
- 4) Build and live in **temporary shelters** (*sukkot; Sukkah singular*)
- 5) gather **“Four Species”** (*various fruit and tree branches, boughs*)
- 6) Be joyful, **rejoice** before the Lord (*samach, make merry, have fun, enjoy, be filled with joy*)
- 7) **Keep it as a “feast”** (*chag, festival*) forever

On Sabbatical (**Shemittah**) years Torah read aloud.

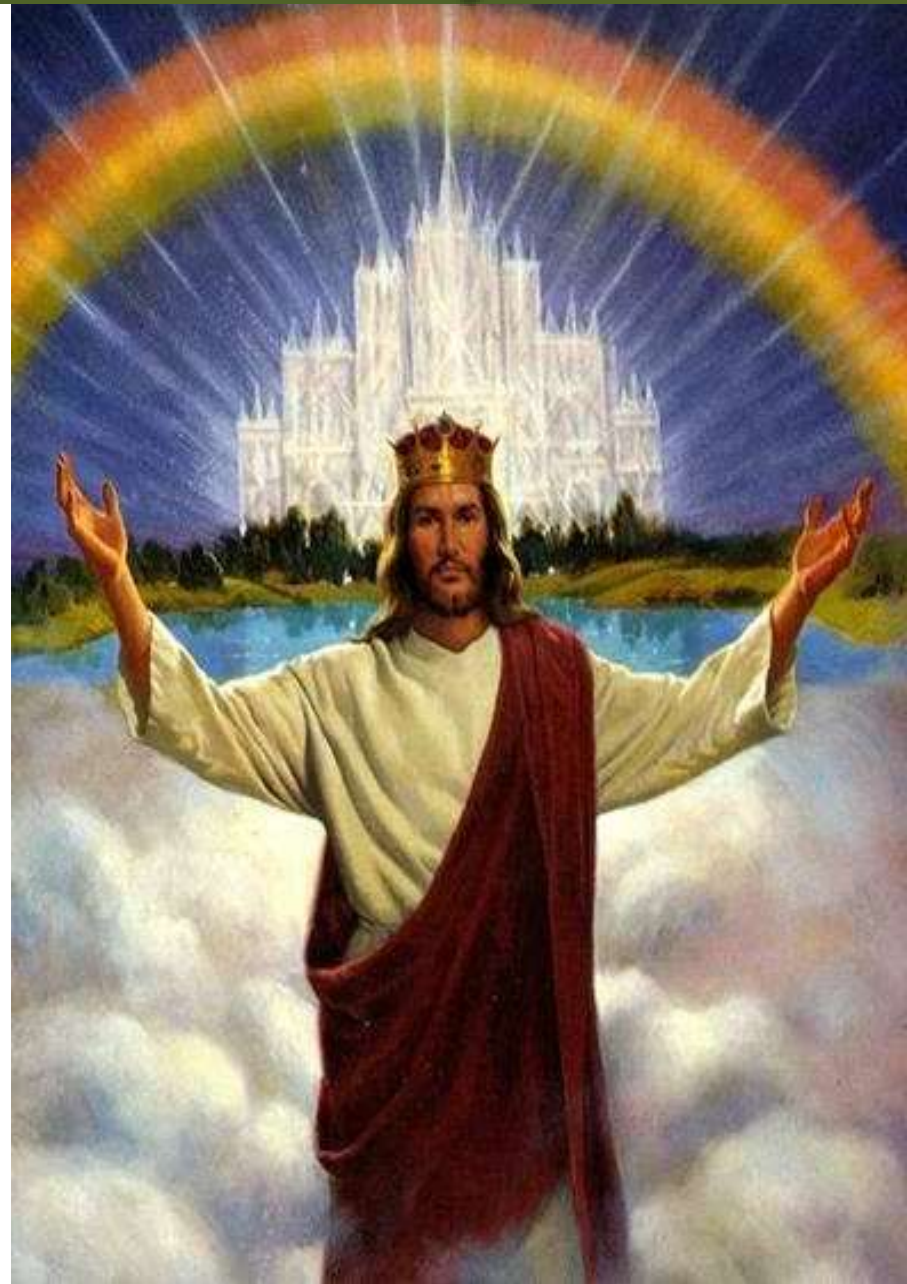
Sukkot Traditions

By tradition today, the “four species” are woven together in a sort of bouquet, called a **lulav** (*lit. the closed frond of a palm tree*). Rabbis have determined that the “*beautiful fruit*” is the strange little etrog. The lulav is held in one hand the etrog in the other as both are waved before the Lord.



Sukkot (Tabernacles)

- Prophetically, 7 days of Sukkot picture *olam haba*, the world to come, and 1,000 year Millennial Kingdom age.
- Many believe Yeshua was born during Sukkot, another (prophetic) meaning of the **"word became flesh"** and ***"tabernacled with us"*** (John 1:14)



Sukkot (Tabernacles)

- Interesting note: The Hebrew word for “joy” is *simchah*. In the scriptural descriptions of these three pilgrimage feasts, that word does not appear at all for Pesach (Passover). For Weeks (Shavuot) it appears only one time. But for **Sukkot** it appears **SEVERAL** times!

Sukkot (Tabernacles)



In biblical times, when Temple still stood, customary to perform **two rituals** during Sukkot.

1) water ceremony
priests go through Water Gate, get golden pitcher full of “**living water**” from Pool of Siloam
(vs stagnant water from any of many cisterns in city)

Sukkot (Tabernacles)

- Water brought to High Priest who poured it out at base of altar, then priests chanted thanksgiving Psalms (*113-118, the Hallel*), giving thanks for rains of past harvest season and praying for future rains.
- This “last day, that great day of the feast” is called ***Hoshanah Rabba*** (Day of the Great Hosanna).



Sukkot (Tabernacles)



Jesus chose this moment to shout out **His amazing claim about living water**: *“On the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, “If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.” But this He spoke concerning the Spirit, whom those believing in Him would receive; for the Holy Spirit was not yet given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.”* (John 7:37-39)

Sukkot (Tabernacles)



2) **lighting of the giant menorahs** in Temple courtyard. People also carried flaming torches. Light show was spectacular.

Jesus used the morning after this moment to proclaim:

“I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life.”
(John 8:12)

Shemini Atzeret

- Shemini Atzeret (*lit. “eighth day of assembly”*) is the **eighth day celebration at the end of the week-long Sukkot**.
- Only thing God commanded on this day was another Sabbath rest.
- Marks end of the feast cycle
- Since **Diaspora** (*the “scattering” [Gr.] of Jews around world, 70 AD*) wrap-up of Sukkot celebrated over two days. The second day is generally called Simchat Torah (“**joy of the law**”), marks end of year’s Torah readings.

Sukkot Fulfillment

- Tabernacle always a symbol of God's temporary dwelling with us, ever since sin broke our fellowship with Him. Whether the tent in the wilderness, the Temple in Jerusalem, or our hearts today, **God has always desired to “tabernacle” with us.**
- Sukkot not only reminder of His provision for Jews in the wilderness, but also His current dwelling with us (*Holy Spirit indwelling*)
- Like the sukkah, His dwelling place with us from Eden to now has only been temporary. This temporary dwelling will become a permanent dwelling place together with Him for all eternity.

Sukkot Fulfillment

Unlike other appointed times, **relatively certain of ultimate fulfillment** of this last appointed time because of the reference in Zechariah:

“And it shall come to pass that everyone who is left of all the nations which came against Jerusalem shall go up from year to year to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, and to keep the Feast of Tabernacles. ¹⁷ And it shall be that whichever of the families of the earth do not come up to Jerusalem to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, on them there will be no rain. ¹⁸ If the family of Egypt will not come up and enter in, they shall have no rain; they shall receive the plague with which the LORD strikes the nations who do not come up to keep the Feast of Tabernacles.

(Zechariah 14:16-18)

Sukkot Fulfillment

- Feast (Appointed Time) of Tabernacles last of seven ordained feasts, will be prophetically fulfilled when Jesus dwells in our midst, “tabernacles” with us, beginning first in **Millennium** (*1,000 year reign of Jesus, see Revelation 20*), and **into eternity**.
- **Zechariah 14** - all nations of the world will go up to Jerusalem to worship the King. Tabernacles only appointed time mentioned. Jesus will reign, and dwell among nations during Millennium. All other appointed times fulfilled before this time.

Sukkot Fulfillment

3 names for this feast also prophetic...

- Feast of Tabernacles, we look forward to time when Jesus will dwell with us, in person. Millennial Kingdom will fulfill this part.
- Feast of Ingathering, future end times will bring greatest harvest of souls ever seen in history, from both “Houses of Israel:” **JUDAH**, the Jews, and **EPHRAIM**, the Gentiles. United house of Israel to be restored into One People of God.
- Season of Our Joy, speaks of our completion and joy of being present with Him. All “work” of this world is over, we will enter into His permanent rest, enjoying all the promises of God.

Sukkot Fulfillment

- For Israel, **time of fulfillment of all covenants** God made with His people. Israel exalted among nations, Israelites beloved, God gathers His own.
- For first time in history, nation of Israel **will occupy ALL the land established by God**, to its fullest boundaries, not the tiny nation it is today.
- Revelation states there will eventually be no temple *(or tabernacle, which symbolized a temporary dwelling place, as Sukkah does)* because God and His Lamb (Jesus) ARE the temple. We finally dwell together, **permanently**.

Sukkot Fulfillment

- Time of great rejoicing for Israel first, then entire world as we dwell together in peace with Him. (*This is what we are praying for **when we pray for the “peace of Jerusalem.”** It will only come when He comes.*)
- Before complete fulfillment, however, **God dwells among us in presence of His Holy Spirit**. He is our sanctuary, our shelter and our place of refuge **now**. Even though we cannot see Him or come face-to-face with Him yet, He is still there, dwelling among us. We are **His temporary dwelling place (sukkah!)** until plan of redemption complete and we can be together at last.

Sukkot Fulfillment

- The 8th day, **Shemini Atzeret**, also has significance. Ends entire year's feast cycle. Feasts (*appointed times*) are God's prophetic calendar, showing in advance His plan of redemption.
- About this day, Errol Müller writes: "**The observance of the day (Shemini Atzeret) teaches us that this is the last Holy Day, the end of the harvest season, and the final lesson in our Creator's great plan of redemption for all of humanity. He has kept His promises and now His people can enjoy the fruits of His promises.**"
- This day **represents eternity beyond the Millennial Kingdom** where Jesus makes all things new, and we are together in perfection always.

Sukkot Fulfillment

- **Shemini Atzereth** is 8th day that follows seven days of Sukkot. Seven number of *perfect completeness*, signifying a **completion of "time."**
- Number 8 symbolizes **new beginnings**. We look beyond present world system into God's world, into a *new time zone beyond time*, new (*to us*) reality, a new world.
- Edward Chumney says, "*the eighth day is the day after time*" or, as Strassfeld puts it, "*a time beyond Time.*"

Sukkot Fulfillment

During Sukkot, we are looking forward to a glorified earth, and eternity together with our God and His Lamb.

We will tabernacle together for eternity.

Bo, Adonai Yeshua!

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The background image is a dramatic, apocalyptic landscape. On the left, a bright, fiery eruption or volcano spews a column of fire and ash into a dark, stormy sky. On the right, a large, glowing, reddish-orange orb, possibly a sun or moon, hangs in the sky. The foreground is a dark, rocky, and desolate terrain, possibly a battlefield or a destroyed city, with a small fire burning in the distance.

**Bowl Judgments Poured Out
Armageddon
Babylon Destroyed
Earth Leveled**

He is Exalted!

He is exalted the King is exalted on High
I will praise Him

He is exalted forever exalted
And I will praise His name

He is the Lord
Forever His truth shall reign
Heaven and Earth
Rejoice in His holy name

He is exalted the King is exalted on high



Revelation 16: Intro Review

- Interlude between 2nd set of judgments (Trumpets) and 3rd set (Bowls) now over.
- Very rapid pouring out of the 7 last plagues.
- Bowl plagues an **introduction to Armageddon**,
- Judgments progressively more severe.
- Trumpet/Bowl judgments compared/contrasted:
 - ❑ Both divided into groups of 4, then 3
 - ❑ **trumpets** 1/3 destructive, **bowls** ALL
 - ❑ First 4 of both on natural world
 - ❑ Last 3 supernatural

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Seven Bowl Judgments

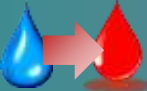


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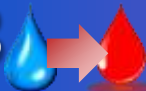
Sores on those who take the mark

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Seas turn to blood

3



Rivers turn to blood

4



Sun scorches men

5



Darkness on beast's throne, pain

6



Euphrates dried up

7



Earthquake,
killer hail

"For in them the wrath of God is complete."

(Revelation 15:1)

IT IS DONE!

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A dramatic illustration of a hand holding a glowing orb over a dark, stormy landscape with lightning. The hand is golden and appears to be holding a glowing, multi-colored orb (yellow, orange, red) that radiates light. The background is a dark, stormy landscape with jagged mountains and lightning bolts striking down. The overall tone is ominous and powerful.

¹ Then I heard a loud voice from the temple saying to the seven angels, “Go and pour out the bowls of the wrath of God on the earth.”

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- ***“From the temple...”*** these judgments come directly from the Presence of God.
- This voice indicates there is no more delay. These angels with the last judgments have been “queued up” for awhile. Time for the final outpouring of God’s wrath is now.
- Some argue trumpet and bowl judgments are virtually same thing, only described differently. There is continued controversy about this.

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“The question has been raised as to whether the bowls of the wrath of God are chronologically subsequent to or identical with the seven trumpets of the angels. There is clearly much similarity between the trumpet judgments and the bowl judgments. They both deal with the:


- earth (8:7) or the land (16:2),
- sea (8:8; 16:3),
- rivers and springs of water (8:10; 16:4),
- sun, moon, and stars (8:12) sun only mentioned in the bowl judgments (16:8-9)



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The fifth trumpet dealt with demon possession with the sun and sky darkened (9:1-3), which is similar to the fifth bowl in which darkness will cover the earth and sores will cause agony among men (16:10-11).

The sixth trumpet deals with the river Euphrates (9:13-14), and the sixth bowl will dry up the Euphrates (16:12). The seventh trumpet implies that the Great Tribulation is coming to its end (11:15-19), and the seventh bowl of the wrath of God records a loud voice from heaven, saying, "It is done!" (16:17) with resulting destruction of the earth by earthquake and hail, which is also included in the seventh trumpet (11:18-19).



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Similarities, however, do not prove identity, and a comparison of the trumpets with the bowls of God's wrath reveals striking differences even though the order of the judgments is the same.

In the trumpet judgments, generally speaking, a third of the earth or heaven is afflicted, whereas in the bowl judgments the effects of the judgments are on the entire earth and are much more severe and final in character. Accordingly it seems best to follow the interpretation which has long been held in the church that the **seven bowls are an expansion of the seventh trumpet**, just as the seven trumpets are an expansion of the breaking of the seventh seal.



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Seals

1 2 3 4 5 6 7

Trumpets

1 2 3 4 5 6 7

Bowls

1 2 3 4 5 6 7




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The order is climactic and the judgments become more intensive and extensive as the time of the second coming of Christ approaches. All indications are that the bowl judgments fall with trip-hammer rapidity on a world that is reeling under previous judgments and a gigantic world war. Some bowl judgments are selective and extend only to the wicked (16:2, 16:8-11), and several affect parts of nature (sea, rivers, sun, etc.).

In the first bowl judgment people who followed the Antichrist received painful sores. Sores also come with the fifth bowl (16:10-11).

(Walvoord and Zuck, "The Bible Knowledge Commentary")

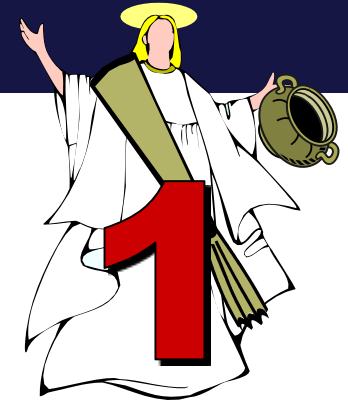
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An angel with large white wings, wearing a white robe, stands in a desolate, brown, hazy landscape. The angel is holding a golden bowl from which a stream of golden light is pouring onto the ground. In the background, there are dark, jagged rock formations under a cloudy, orange-tinted sky.

² So the first went and poured out his bowl upon the earth, and a foul and loathsome sore came upon the men who had the mark of the beast and those who worshiped his image.

Revelation 16:2

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- “*noisome and grievous*” is KJV translation for “foul and loathsome” used here.
- Actual Greek words give more information. “noisome” is *kakos* in Greek, literally meaning “**depraved, evil, wicked.**” The word for “grievous” is *poneros*, another interesting word that literally means evil and calamitous; also diseased, derelict, implying evil mischief, malice, wicked. These are interesting words to describe physical sores. **Seems more than mere physical going on here.**

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- Notice sores come only on those who had taken the mark of the beast and who worshipped the beast's image. Seems these sores are direct result of evil behavior.
- People who take the mark of the beast in their body, will suffer greatly in the body, and this plague is just the beginning.
- These sores are an outward sign of inward corruption. It is similar to the analogy of leprosy for sin in scripture.
- Physical sores were **6th plague in Egypt**.

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- Some speculate these sores, and other judgments “clear up” or go away after they are temporarily given. **There is no scriptural evidence of ANY of the judgments merely going away, making way for the next one** (*with the exception of the locust/scorpion stings, the 5th trumpet judgment. Apparently these last for only 5 months*).
- It is quite possible, perhaps likely, these are compounded, added to one another.

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COMMENTARY: It is interesting to note that Moses predicted coming judgment upon Israel similar to this. It has not as yet been fulfilled. This prediction is found in the Book of Deuteronomy: *"But it shall come to pass, if thou wilt not hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to observe to do all his commandments and his statutes which I command thee this day; that all these curses shall come upon thee, and overtake thee"* (Deuteronomy 28:15).



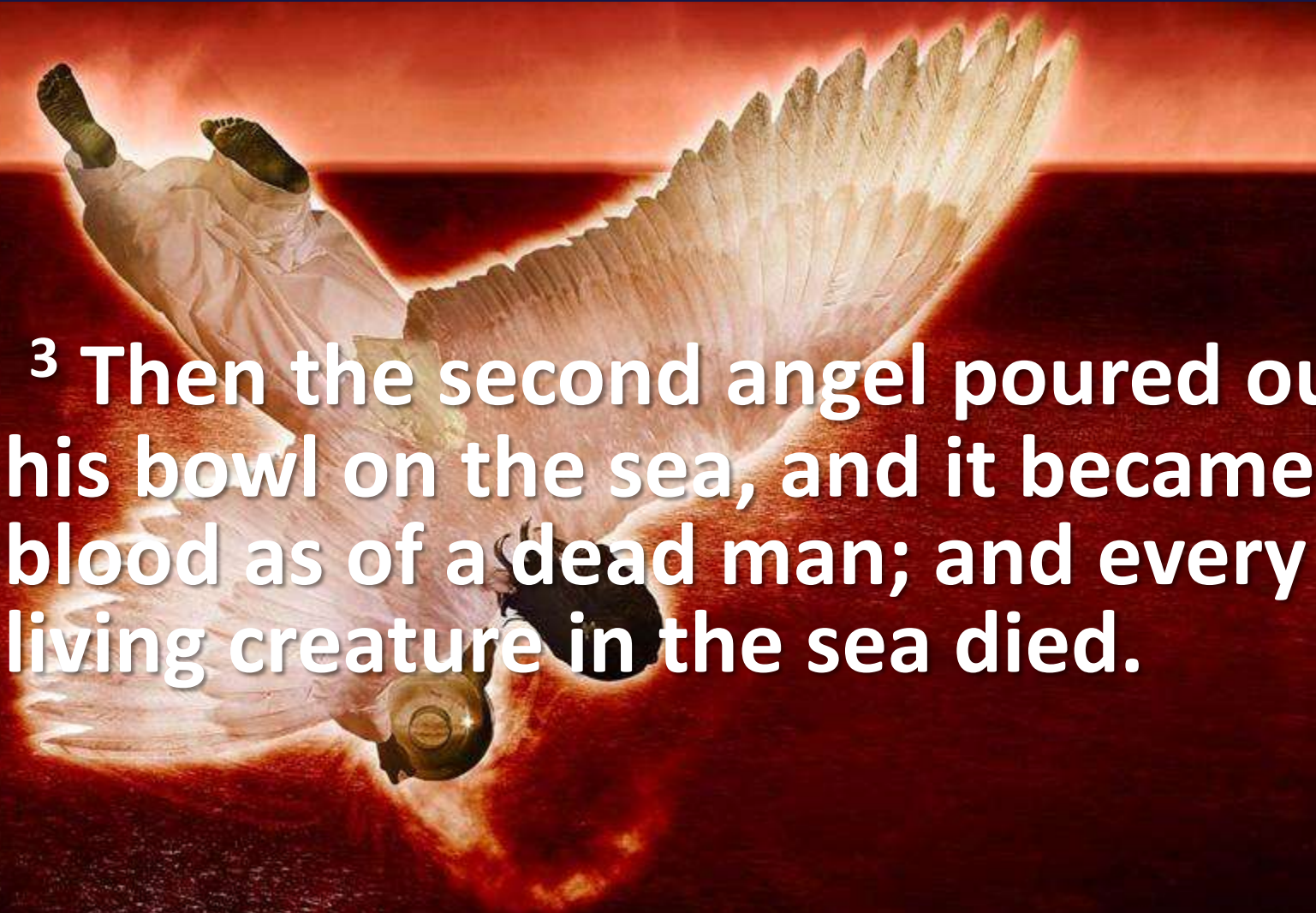
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Now here is a list of them: *"The LORD will smite thee with the botch of Egypt, and with the emerods, and with the scab, and with the itch, whereof thou canst not be healed"* (Deuteronomy 28:27).

These diseases are incurable, according to Deuteronomy 28:35: *"The LORD shall smite thee in the knees, and in the legs, with a sore botch that cannot be healed, from the sole of thy foot unto the top of thy head."* These are predictions of Moses.

(McGee)

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³ Then the second angel poured out his bowl on the sea, and it became blood as of a dead man; and every living creature in the sea died.

Revelation 16:3

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- Waters into blood was **first plague of Egypt**. This is on the seas, all of them.
- **“...blood as of a dead man...”** a pretty wretched, disgusting description. Literal blood, and blood like this is very smelly, congealed and nauseating.
- Not only will this be an environmental disaster, it will spell end of any viable economy on planet. No food from the sea, and no movement of global trade. One commentator called this the ***“horrible rotting witness to the wickedness of men.”***

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- “*...every living creature in the sea died.*” This will kill ALL sea life, not just fish and edible food. Without the oceans as a necessary bio-system for cleansing, the planet will soon die, but will beforehand become a place of rotting filth and disease.
- Seems difficult to believe there are yet MORE judgments to come here. The planet is in its death throes.



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An artistic illustration depicting the biblical scene of the third angel's wrath. An angel with large, white, feathered wings is shown in profile, pouring a golden bowl of liquid fire onto a landscape. The landscape is a mix of dark, smoky clouds and bright, glowing orange and red areas, suggesting a scene of destruction. In the foreground, the silhouette of a person's head and hand is visible, looking up at the angel. The overall atmosphere is dramatic and apocalyptic.

⁴ Then the third angel poured out his bowl on the rivers and springs of water, and they became blood.

Revelation 16



- While similar to 3rd trumpet judgment (*1/3 of rivers and streams bitter, undrinkable*), goes even further. Now **ALL** drinking water sources become blood.
- Do not know if these two plagues (2nd and 3rd, waters turned to blood) only affect unbelievers (*not touching believers*) or not.
- Seems impossible to turn rivers and seas into blood, but only for unbelievers. However, **God cannot be limited**. If He chooses to make *only* those who have taken mark or worshipped beast subject to these judgments, **He will.**

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- Somehow, even if it is beyond our ability to imagine, believers may be immune.
- But they may *not* be for these “bigger” plagues. Nothing concrete said about this.
- Some plagues, like first one delivering sores, do specify they are only affecting unbelievers (*the “inhabitants of the earth”*).
- Whether affecting all people or just unbelievers, now all drinking water is blood, completely undrinkable. (*Notice, no “like” here. It is literal blood.*) **The end is very near.** Unless God intervenes, no one would survive.

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⁵ And I heard the angel of the waters saying: “You are righteous, O Lord, The One who is and who was and who is to be, Because You have judged these things. ⁶ For they have shed the blood of saints and prophets, And You have given them blood to drink. For it is their just due.” ⁷ And I heard another from the altar saying, “Even so, Lord God Almighty, true and righteous are Your judgments.”

Revelation 16

- “*...angel of the waters...*” from this phrase we can speculate angels have been given authority and power over various aspects of creation. This is an angel who controls water supplies.
- This angel reminds the world that although these are wrathful plagues, even they are anointed and authorized by a **righteous God** who does right, whether we think so or not. His *acts* are righteous, His *judgment* is righteous.

God is
RIGHTEOUS

Revelation 16

- Interesting to note in original “***and who is to be...***” is omitted. “*Then I heard the angel of the waters say, “O HaKadosh, the One who is and was, you are just in these judgments of yours.”* (CJB)
- English translators added this, since it appears together with rest of the phrase elsewhere. But we know that God’s Word never makes a mistake. It would appear that this phrase is omitted because He has already come. There is no point in saying “who is to come” or “who is to be.” He is. Period. The “*is to come*” already IS! (*Especially at this point.*)

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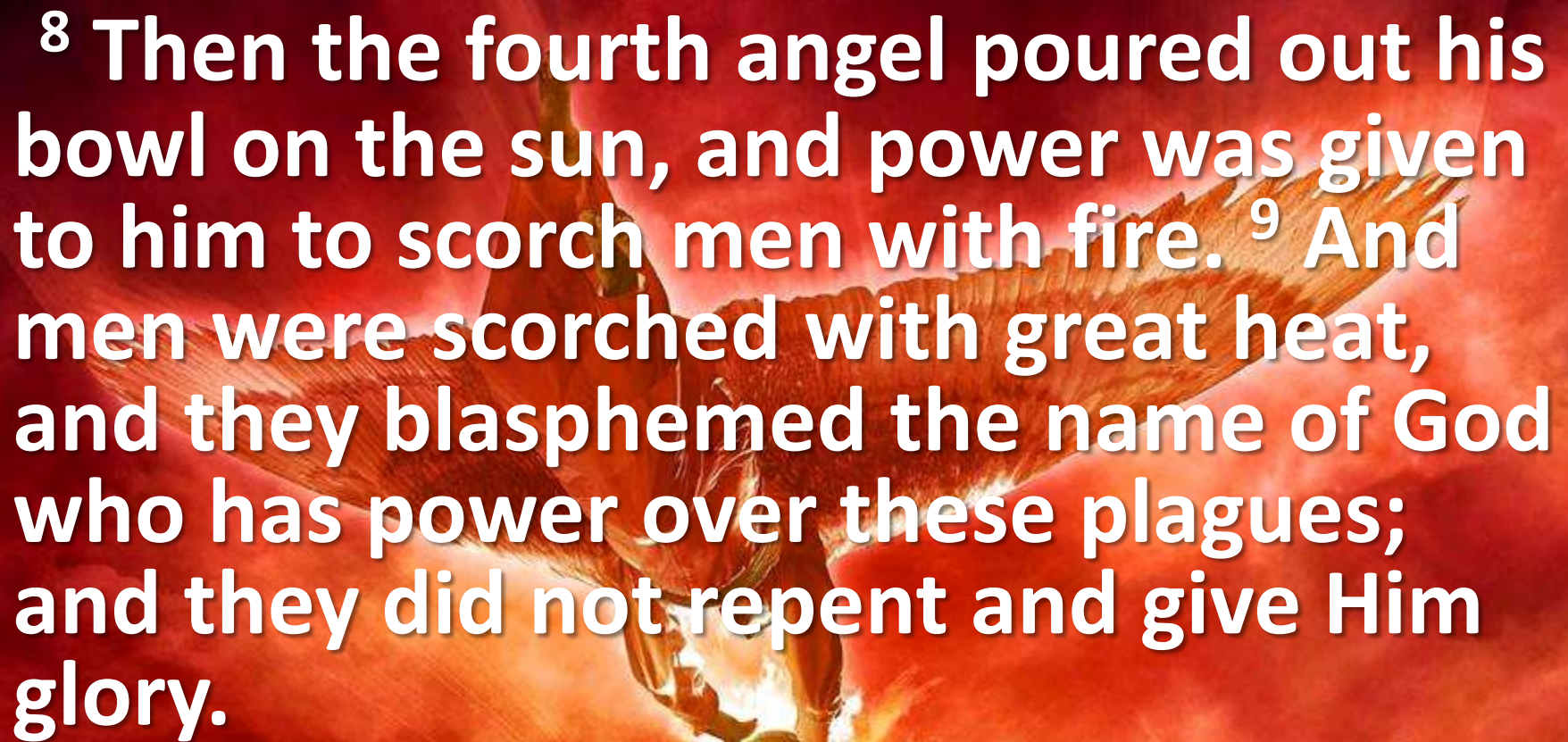
- ***“it is their just due.”*** This is a sobering statement. Unbelievers have either directly or indirectly spilled the blood of the saints through the ages. Now they are given blood to drink.
- **Shedding of blood leads to shedding of blood.** Many will die from this plague.
- The reason for this plague is given here. It is righteous payback. We have a saying for this: *“What goes around, comes around.”*

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- ***“...another from the altar...”*** The word for “another here” is *allos*, which implies another of a *different* kind. That means this voice is not the same as the angel, so is probably not an angel.
- ***“From the altar”*** may imply that these are the souls under the altar mentioned in the 5th seal judgment. Confirms what the angel of the waters first said, that God’s judgments are indeed righteous and deserved. This is probably a partial answer to their prayers of *“How long...?”*
- *This statement may indicate, as we discussed in the earlier passage, that this blood for drinking water may only be for unbelievers.*

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⁸ Then the fourth angel poured out his bowl on the sun, and power was given to him to scorch men with fire. ⁹ And men were scorched with great heat, and they blasphemed the name of God who has power over these plagues; and they did not repent and give Him glory.

The background of the slide is a dramatic, fiery scene. A bright, glowing sun is positioned at the bottom center, surrounded by intense orange and red flames. Above the sun, a winged figure, likely an angel, is depicted in profile, pouring a golden bowl of fire onto the sun. The wings are spread wide, and the overall atmosphere is one of divine judgment and intense heat.

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- Don't know exact nature of this plague, but apparently the sun becomes so hot that people are actually scorched.
- Today ozone layer being depleted, have increased solar flares. Perhaps beginning of fulfillment of this plague, which will be much worse than we can imagine.
- **Sun worship earliest form of paganism, (*rebellion from God*)** originated at Bab-el. (Genesis 10:8-10, ch 11). *Mazzeroth* also corrupted (now zodiac). All of paganism began here. Fitting God would use the sun to bring a plague on humankind.

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- Amazing, people affected by this plague KNOW God is behind these judgments, and yet they did *“not repent and give Him glory.”*
- Reminds of chapter 9:21 – *“And they did not repent of their murders or their sorceries or their sexual immorality or their thefts.”*
- Would rather suffer and die than bow their knees to God’s authority, or accept His free gift.
- Seems unimaginable, but is happening today, and it will happen then, even when people are fully aware of God’s truth and His penalty for rebellion. They refuse to lay down their own pride and give up unrighteousness.

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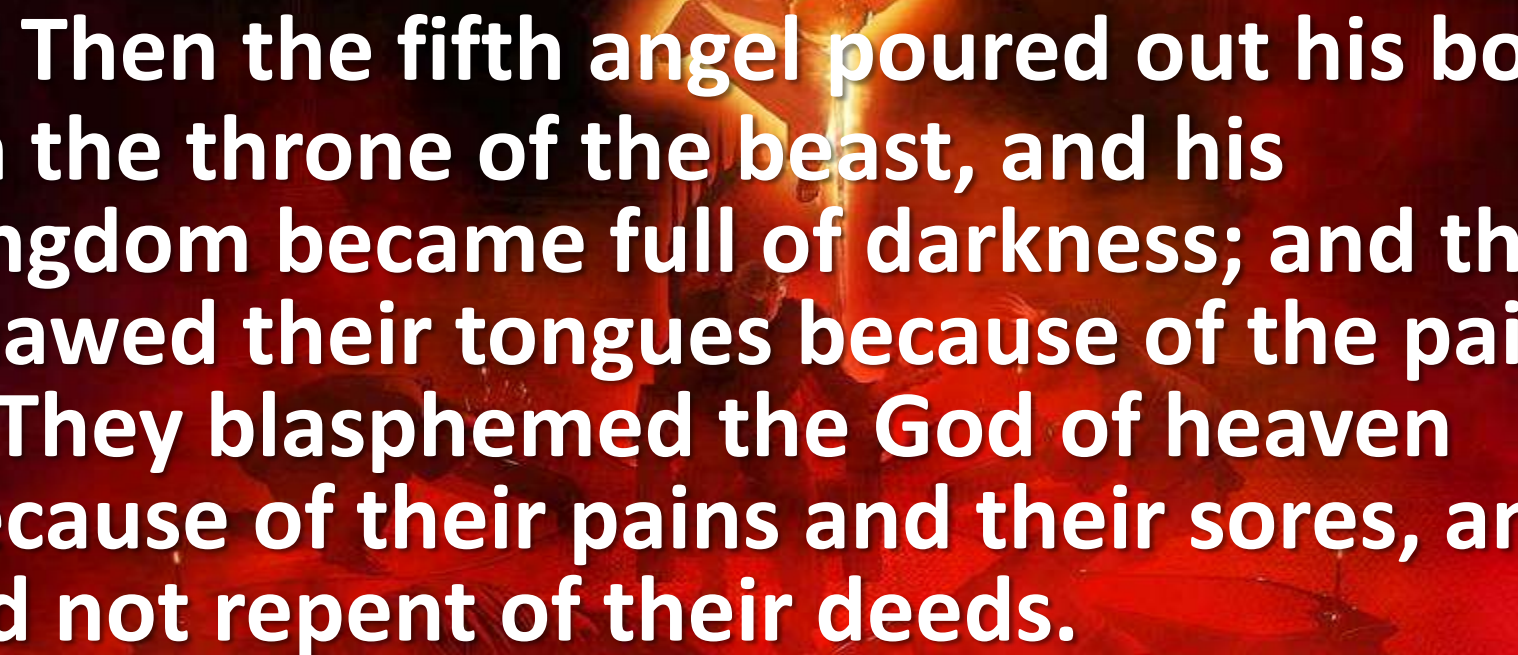
- May be part of 2 Thessalonians 2:10-12...
“...and with all unrighteous deception among those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved. And for this reason God will send them strong delusion, that they should believe the lie, that they all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness.”
- Could be **“unpardonable sin”** when man turns away from the drawing power of the Holy Spirit in spite of the plain truth in their faces.

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- One commentator said **“This illustrates the most severe rebellion and hostility to the will of God found anywhere in the annals of human history.”**
- Albert Einstein said **“it is easier to denature plutonium than to denature the evil spirit of men.”**
- Human pride is indeed ugly, and the top of the list of things God hates (Proverbs 6, 16).

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**¹⁰ Then the fifth angel poured out his bowl on the throne of the beast, and his kingdom became full of darkness; and they gnawed their tongues because of the pain.
¹¹ They blasphemed the God of heaven because of their pains and their sores, and did not repent of their deeds.**

Revelation 16



- “*...throne of the beast...*” Would most likely indicate the earthly headquarters of antichrist. Judgment seems limited to his kingdom.
- But his kingdom really global at this point.
- Don’t know if darkness extends across planet, or limited to specific region. Maybe only affects “citizens” of his kingdom.
- Knowing how God works, **He may even blind everyone but saints!** Don’t know for sure.
- Whatever and wherever this is, apparently electrical power or other attempts to generate light don’t work.

Revelation 16

- Complete and total darkness, absolute absence of any light whatsoever.
- Darkness, blackness unlike anything we know, except for perhaps what can be found in the deepest darkest recesses of places like underground caverns.
- A darkness that is **tangible**, can be felt, is actually painful.
- **Literally a taste of hell.**
- If God is Light, separation from Him is **total absence of light of any kind.**

Revelation 16

- **Darkness was 9th plague of Egypt**, immediately preceded final plague of death of firstborn.
- Chapter 13 we heard “inhabitants of the earth” boast about antichrist, asked rhetorical question, “*who is able to make war with the beast?*” **We now have the answer: God!**
- Notice people also gnawing tongues because of “*their pains and their sores...*” Seems to indicate previous plagues not removed as each consecutive judgment is poured out.
- Sores, scorching heat and blood still with them, and now in darkness combine to cause incredible pain.

Revelation 16

- **But do these people go to God? Absolutely not.** Deluded, they hang on to their pride, even go so far as to **blaspheme God**, knowing He is the One doing these things.
- **“they did not repent”** used 5 times in NT. Matthew 11:20, when Yeshua rebuked cities in which His “mighty works” had been done, but people did not repent.
- Other 4 times during both trumpet and bowl judgments. Twice in ch 9 during bowl judgments, twice here in ch 16, last plagues.
- Last time this phrase is used. **May be last time they have opportunity to repent.**

The Aaronic Blessing: Birkat Kohanim

May the LORD bless you and keep you

יְבָרֶכְךָ יְהוָה, וַיִּשְׁמְרֶךָ

Yevarekh-kha Adonai veyishmerekha

May the LORD make His face shine
upon you and be gracious unto you

יָאֵר יְהוָה פָּנָיו אֵלֶיךָ, וַיַּחַנֶּנְךָ

Ya'er Adonai panav elekha vihunneka

May the LORD lift up His countenance upon you and
give you peace.

יְשֵׂא יְהוָה פָּנָיו אֵלֶיךָ, וַיַּשֵּׂם לְךָ שָׁלוֹם

Yissa Adonai panav elekha viyasem lekha shalom.

