

The Seven Bowls

<p>The First Bowl Judgment (16:2)</p>	<p>Though there are similarities between the bowl or vial judgments and the trumpet judgments, there are at least three main differences:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Bowl judgments are complete whereas trumpet judgments are partial. 2. The trumpet judgments give unbelievers the opportunity to repent but the bowl judgments do not. 3. Mankind is indirectly affected by several of the trumpet judgments but directly attacked by all the bowl judgments. <p>The bowl plagues are not inflicted upon men in general but upon those who have surrendered to the enticement of the beast.</p>
<p>The Second Bowl Judgment (16:3)</p>	<p>In the second trumpet a third of the sea turns into blood killing a third of the living creatures and destroying a third of the ships; but in the second bowl judgment every living thing in the sea dies. In the scriptures sometimes the sea is used as the instrument of destruction (Exo 15:1; 7:17-25). The blood here is compared to the first plague in Egypt (Exo 7:20-25).</p>
<p>The Third Bowl Judgment (16:4-7)</p>	<p>The third bowl introduces the Day of Wrath. The word wrath is used 11 times. The angel of the waters proclaimed that the Lord's judgment is just (Rev 16:5-6). The judgment of God has fallen upon a rebellious world as vindication for those who have been martyred.</p>
<p>The Fourth Bowl Judgment (16:8-9)</p>	<p>This judgment uses the sun to scorch men with fire. In response, people will curse God and refuse to repent. They will stubbornly refuse to recognize God's authority. (Mal 4:1).</p>
<p>The Fifth Bowl Judgment (16:10-11)</p>	<p>The fifth bowl plague is one of supernatural darkness (Exo 10:21-23). The beast's subjects are the men on the earth who have the mark of the beast. The number six represents man, who falls short of the perfection that the number seven would represent (Rev 13:18). The number 666 signifies man's day and man's defiance of God under Satan's power in its culmination.</p>
<p>The Sixth Bowl Judgment (16:12-16)</p>	<p>The plagues mentioned in Zechariah happen as a result of the sixth bowl judgment (Zec 14:12-13). The demons can work miracles as they meet with world leaders to plan their final battle against the Lord.</p>
<p>The Seventh Bowl Judgment (16:16-21)</p>	<p>This earthquake will be the worst in the history of the world. It rocks the entire planet. Great hailstones start to fall from the sky and those who survive the hailstones will blaspheme God even more.</p>