

The Revelation
Chapters 16-17

Chapter 16 key notes:

1. The bowls are poured out in rapid succession.
2. God's wrathful judgment on evil will bring the end of the Great Tribulation (chapters 16-18).
3. Chapters 12 & 13 tell us that Christians will be persecuted and martyred during the Great Tribulation.

Bowl	Description	Effect
1	Harmful and painful sores	Those who bore the mark of the beast
2	Sea became like blood of a dead man	Every living thing in the sea died
3	Rivers and springs of water became blood	Fresh water for drinking became blood
4	Sun is intensified to the point of scorching	Exposed skin was seared God was cursed by the unbelievers The unrepentant still refused to repent
5	Kingdom of the beast plunged into total darkness	God is cursed because men can't nurse their painful sores The unrepentant still refused to repent
6	River Euphrates is dried up 3 unclean spirits like frogs come from the mouths of the dragon, the beast, and the false prophet	Signs and wonders done by the demonic spirits meant to entice and lure the kings of the world to gather at Armageddon
7	Loud voice from the throne says "It is done!" Flashes of lightning, peals of thunder, and an earthquake such as never has occurred before	Babylon is split into three parts The cities of the nations collapsed Islands and mountains disappear Hundred pound hailstones fall upon men The unrepentant curse God for the hailstones

17:1-7 this chapter is related by John near the end of the first century

the woman literally is "the world" and everything evil meant by that phrase (1 John 2:15-17)

8 evil's power in the OT; Christ's victory over evil in the NT; the Great Tribulation and final conflict

9-10 very possibly the evil empires of Egypt, Assyria, Babylon, Persia, Greece; Rome; and the Antichrist

11 the dragon, Satan, the heart of evil here on earth

12-14 the kings amassed with the beast and the false prophet at Armageddon

15-18 in the end evil will turn against evil (Babylon split into three parts)