

SEVEN VIALS

Scope: This lesson will detail the 7 vials (AKA bowls or cups) and what each one does. Each one will be described and discussed.

Rev. 16:1

Then I heard a mighty voice shouting from the Temple to the seven angels, "Now go your ways and empty out the seven bowls of God's wrath on the earth." NLT



These are vials of wrath that are to come upon the earth from God.

QUESTION: Why would God be so mean? I thought he was a God of Love?

- God loved people so much he was willing to give his life and experience the worst suffering that one could imagine so that people could be saved.
- God is trying to enter people's hearts but the world does not want to come in. They want God out of all their business. The tribulation time will be the time when their wishes come true- A LIFE WITHOUT GOD.
- God is love but He is also just and brings judgment when asked for it.

Rev. 3:19

19 As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten. Therefore be zealous and repent. NKJV

Hebrews 12:29

"For our God is a consuming fire." KJV

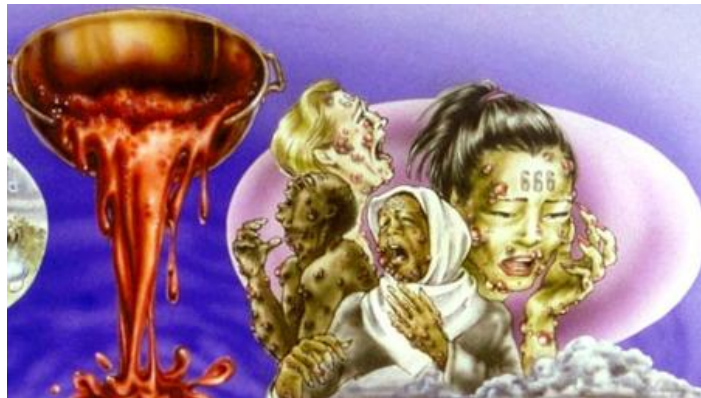
1st VIAL- SORES**Rev. 16:2**

2 So the first angel left the Temple and poured out his bowl over the earth, and horrible, malignant sores broke out on everyone who had the mark of the beast and who worshiped his statue. NLT

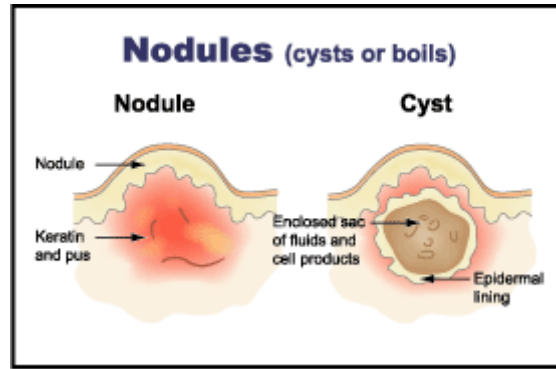
- A similar plague was given to the Egyptians by Moses.

Exodus 9:8-11

8 Then the LORD said to Moses and Aaron, "Take soot from a furnace, and have Moses toss it into the sky while Pharaoh watches. 9 It will spread like fine dust over the whole land of Egypt, causing boils to break out on people and animals alike." 10 So they gathered soot from a furnace and went to see Pharaoh. As Pharaoh watched, Moses tossed the soot into the air, and terrible boils broke out on the people and animals throughout Egypt. 11 Even the magicians were unable to stand before Moses, because the boils had broken out on them, too. NLT



- These sores are worse than leprosy or cancer.
- Soot- A black fine powder consisting chiefly of carbon.
- Sores (Boils)- Inflamed Ulcers on the skin. The boils in Egypt are said to have been festering which means they had puss and were more than likely open sores.
- Lazurus (Luke 16:19) was covered with sores and the dogs would come and lick his sores which means they were festering.
- Personal: Imagine cankor sores 10 times as big on the outside of your skin?
- People will be suffering but they won't die.



2nd VIAL- SEA TURNED TO BLOOD

Rev. 16:3

3 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. NLT



- Under the second trumpet, one third of the sea creatures died; now the destruction is complete.
- The stench and disease that this will cause along the shores of the seas of the earth are unimaginable.
- The sea is a major source of food for people. Its just a manner of time before the entire population is destroyed.
- Hell will continue to swallow up people due to hunger.
- Hell will eventually eat the entire human population unless the days were shortened.

Matt 24:21-22

21 For then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been since the beginning of the world until this time, no, nor ever shall be. 22 And unless those days were shortened, no flesh would be saved; but for the elect's sake those days will be shortened. NKJV

3rd VIAL- RIVERS BECOME BLOOD**Rev. 16:4**

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

- Some rivers and waters will become blood. Many will die of thirst.
- It is known that man can only live 3 days without water.
- Is this unfair? No, God is just.

Rev. 16:5-7

5 And I heard the angel who had authority over all water saying, "You are just in sending this judgment, O Holy One, who is and who always was. 6 For your holy people and your prophets have been killed, and their blood was poured out on the earth. So you have given their murderers blood to drink. It is their just reward." 7 And I heard a voice from the altar saying, "Yes, Lord God Almighty, your punishments are true and just." NLT



- Similar plague happened to Egypt (Ex. 7:19-21)
- This vial is an answer to the cry of the Martyrs under the altar at the beginning of the tribulation. (See. Rev. 6:10)

Rev 6:10

10 They called loudly to the Lord and said, "O Sovereign Lord, holy and true, how long will it be before you judge the people who belong to this world for what they have done to us? When will you avenge our blood against these people?" NLT

- **Personal Note:** How will human race survive without fresh water. There will need to be another source of water found somewhere. The Antichrist will be known as a genius. Perhaps this is one of the major problems he will solve that will gain him world wide acceptance.

4th VIAL- SUN SCORCHES PEOPLE**Rev. 16:8-9**

8 Then the fourth angel poured out his bowl on the sun, causing it to scorch everyone with its fire. 9 Everyone was burned by this blast of heat, and they cursed the name of God, who sent all of these plagues. They did not repent and give him glory. NLT

- Their skin was burned to degrees. Not just like a sun burn, but scorched.
- Has anyone ever been sunburned really bad? Imagine 10X worse? The skin of people will begin to opened up and be deteriorated away.



- After all this, they still didn't repent. Why?
 - The Spirit of God is not in them.
 - Their hearts have been hardened as a result of desire to pursue sin
 - God gave them over to a reprobated mind (Rom. 1:28)
 - They were under the Delusion of the Antichrist (2 Thess. 2:9-12)
- Why does man think they still have a chance since even after this happens, they still will not repent.
- It is known that the Ozone Layer protects our planet from the harmful ultraviolet rays of the sun.
- The sun has solar flares that actually affect our planet to small degrees such as long range radio communications.
- Solar Maximum is a period of the greatest solar activity. The last one occurred in 2001. The next one is predicted to be in May 2013.
- During the tribulation period, the sun is going to send a blast so big, that its going to go right through our protective layers and scorch mankind and beasts.

5th VIAL- DARKNESS

Rev. 16:10-11

10 Then the fifth angel poured out his bowl on the throne of the beast, and his kingdom was plunged into darkness. And his subjects ground their teeth in anguish, 11 and they cursed the God of heaven for their pains and sores. But they refused to repent of all their evil deeds. NLT

- Darkness was also a plague of Egypt (Ex. 10:21-23)
- They chewed and bit their tongues in pain. Why? Because their pain from boils, sores, cuts, wounds, and other things is so unbearable, that they rather chew on their tongues to distract them from the pain they are currently experiencing.
- They were in the dark full of sores and pain. Again, death will evade them.
- Darkness is the realm in which evil has dominion.



Eph 6:12-13

12 For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. NKJV

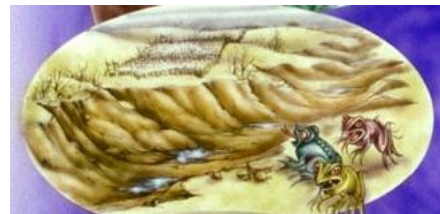
Matt 22:13

3 Then the king said to the servants, 'Bind him hand and foot, take him away, and cast him into outer darkness ; there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' NKJV

**6th VIAL- PREPARATION OF GREAT WAR****Rev. 16:12-16**

12 Then the sixth angel poured out his bowl on the great Euphrates River, and it dried up so that the kings from the east could march their armies westward without hindrance. 13 And I saw three evil spirits that looked like frogs leap from the mouth of the dragon, the beast, and the false prophet. 14 These miracle-working demons caused all the rulers of the world to gather for battle against the Lord on that great judgment day of God Almighty. 15 "Take note: I will come as unexpectedly as a thief! Blessed are all who are watching for me, who keep their robes ready so they will not need to walk naked and ashamed." 16 And they gathered all the rulers and their armies to a place called Armageddon in Hebrew. NLT

- This is a preparation for war. The great River Euphrates dries up and makes a path for the kings of the East to come and war against God at Armageddon. The word "Armageddon" means "the Mountain of Meggido".





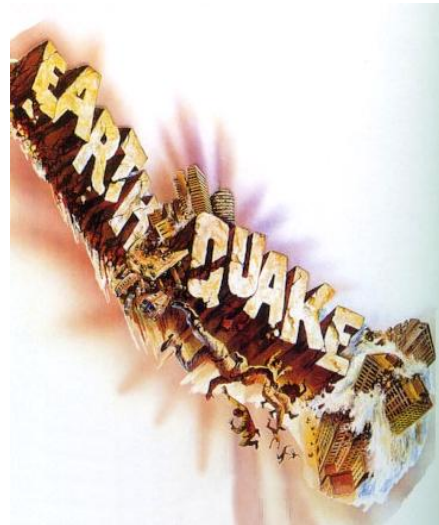
- In his little booklet entitled *Profiles of Prophecy* Dr. S. Franklin writes: “A former president of the Norwegian Academy of Sciences, helped by historians...has found that since 3600 BC, the world has known only 292 years of peace. In this period of 55 centuries there have been 14,531 wars... in which more than 3.6 billion people were killed...” But the battle of Armageddon will be the biggest, boldest, and bloodiest of them all. (Willmingtons Guide to the Bible)
- The drying up of the Euphrates. Dr. Donald Barnhouse quotes Seiss in describing this: “...The Euphrates ...has been a great and formidable boundry between the peoples east and those west of it. It runs a distance of 1800 miles, and is scarcely fordable (cross by swimming) anywhere or at any time. It is three to twelve hundred yards wide, and from ten to thirty feet in depth;...History frequently refers to the great hindrance the Euphrates has been to military movements; and it has always been a line of separation between the peoples living east of it and those living west of it. (Willmington)
- The Euphrates river served as the eastern border of the Old Roman Empire. (Willmington)



7th VIAL- EARTHQUAKE AND HAIL STORM

Rev. 16:17-21

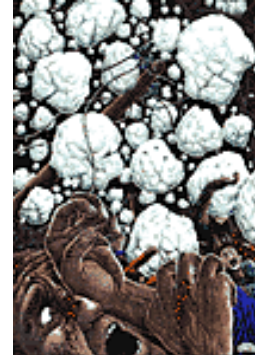
17 Then the seventh angel poured out his bowl into the air. And a mighty shout came from the throne of the Temple in heaven, saying, "It is finished!" 18 Then the thunder crashed and rolled, and lightning flashed. And there was an earthquake greater than ever before in human history. 19 The great city of Babylon split into three pieces, and cities around the world fell into heaps of rubble. And so God remembered all of Babylon's sins, and he made her drink the cup that was filled with the wine of his fierce wrath. 20 And every island disappeared, and all the mountains were leveled. 21 There was a terrible hailstorm, and hailstones weighing seventy-five pounds fell from the sky onto the people below. They cursed God because of the hailstorm, which was a very terrible plague. NLT



- There was a great earthquake as never seen before. The largest earthquake ever recorded was an 8.9. The greatest loss of life due to an earthquake was on January 23, 1556, in Shensi Providence China which killed some 830,000

people. This earthquake will be minor compared to this one in Revelation.
[willmingtons]

- Hailstorm. Chunks of ice that weigh 100 lbs. (Up to 125 lbs) As a result, people will hate God and curse Him.
- Hail was one of the plagues of Egypt. (Exodus 9:22-26)
- Scientists say that such large hail is scientifically impossible. But so are the other seals and trumpets.
- There is nothing impossible with God.



Job 38:22-24

22 "Have you visited the treasuries of the snow? Have you seen where the hail is made and stored? 23 I have reserved it for the time of trouble, for the day of battle and war. NLT

How big is 100 lbs of hail?

Assuming that the hail is a sphere and made up of 100% water, the size of 100 pound hail would be the following:

Density of water = 62.4 lb/ft³

$$(100lbs) \left(\frac{1ft^3}{62.4lbs} \right) = 1.6ft^3$$

Volume of a sphere, $V = \frac{4}{3} \pi r^3$

$$1.6ft^3 = [1.333] [3.141] r^3$$

r = .725 ft. ⇒ Diameter = 1.45 Ft. ⇒ 17.41 inches

7 VIALS POURED OUT UPON THE EARTH



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THE SEVEN VIALS AND THE EGYPTIAN PLAGUES COMPARED						
FIRST VIAL REV.16:1-2	SECOND VIAL REV.16:3	THIRD VIAL REV.16:4-7	FOURTH VIAL REV.16:8-9	FIFTH VIAL REV.16:10-11	SIXTH VIAL REV.16:12-16	SEVENTH VIAL REV.16:17-21
<p>BOILS</p> <p>1 And I heard a great voice out of the temple saying to the seven angels, Go your ways, and pour out the vials of the wrath of God upon the earth.</p> <p>2 And the first went, and poured out his vial upon the earth: and there fell a noisome and grievous sore upon the men which had the mark of the beast, and upon them which worshipped his image.</p>	<p>BLOOD (SEA)</p> <p>3 And the second angel poured out his vial upon the sea; and it became as the blood of a dead man: and every living soul died in the sea.</p>	<p>BLOOD (RIVERS)</p> <p>4 And the third angel poured out his vial upon the rivers and fountains of waters; and they became blood.</p> <p>5 And I heard the angel of the waters say, Bless art thou, O Lord, which art righteous: for because thou hast judged thus.</p> <p>6 For they have shed the blood of saints and prophets, and thou hast given them blood to drink; for they are worthy.</p> <p>7 And I heard another out of the altar say, Even so, Lord God Almighty, true and righteous are thy judgments.</p>	<p>GREAT HEAT</p> <p>8 And the fourth angel poured out his vial upon the sun; and power was given unto him to scorch men with fire.</p> <p>9 And men were scorched with great heat, and blasphemed the name of God, which hath power over these plagues; and they repented not to give him glory.</p>	<p>DARKNESS</p> <p>10 And the fifth angel poured out his vial upon the seat of the beast; and his kingdom was full of darkness; and they gnawed their tongues for pain.</p> <p>11 And I blasphemed the God of heaven because of their pains and their sorrows, and I repented not of their deeds.</p> <p>12 Behold, I come as a thief. Blessed is he that watcheth, and keepeth his garments, lest he walk naked, and they see his shame.</p> <p>13 And he gathered them together into a place called in the Hebrew tongue Armageddon.</p>	<p>EUPHRATES DRIED UP</p> <p>14 And the sixth angel poured out his vial upon the great river Euphrates; and the water thereof was dried up, that the way of the kings of the east might be prepared.</p> <p>15 And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs come out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet.</p> <p>16 For they saw the spirits of devils, working miracles, which go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty.</p> <p>17 Behold, I come as a thief. Blessed is he that watcheth, and keepeth his garments, lest he walk naked, and they see his shame.</p> <p>18 And he gathered them together into a place called in the Hebrew tongue Armageddon.</p>	<p>GREAT HAIL</p> <p>19 And the seventh angel poured out his vial into the air; and there came a great voice out of the temple of heaven, from the throne, saying, It is done.</p> <p>20 And there were voices, and thunders, and lightnings; and there was a great earthquake, such as was not since men were upon the earth, so mighty an earthquake, and so great.</p> <p>21 And the great city was divided into three parts, and the cities of the nations fell, and great Babylon came in remembrance before God, to give unto her the cup of the wine of the fierceness of his wrath.</p> <p>22 And every island fled away, and the mountains were not found.</p> <p>23 And there fell upon men a great hail out of heaven, every stone about the weight of a talent: and men blasphemed God because of the plague of the hail; for the plague thereof was exceeding great.</p>
<p>SIXTH EGYPTIAN PLAGUE EX. 9:18-12</p> <p>8 ¶ And the Lord said unto Moses and unto Aaron, Take to you handfuls of ashes of the furnace, and let Moses sprinkle it toward the heaven in all the land of Egypt; and shall be a boil breaking forth with boils upon man, and upon beast, throughout all the land of Egypt.</p> <p>9 And they took ashes of the furnace, and stood before Pharaoh; and Moses sprinkled it up toward heaven; and it became a boil breaking forth with boils upon man, and upon beast.</p> <p>10 And the magicians could not stand before Moses because of the boils; for the boils was upon the Egyptians, and upon all the Egyptians.</p> <p>11 And the Lord hardened the heart of Pharaoh, and he hearkened not unto them; as the Lord had spoken unto Moses.</p>	<p>FIRST EGYPTIAN PLAGUE EX. 7:19-21</p> <p>19 ¶ And the Lord spoke unto Moses, Say unto Aaron, Take the rod, and stretch out thine hand upon the waters of Egypt, upon their streams, upon their rivers, and upon their pools, and upon all their pools of water, that they may become blood; and that there may be blood throughout all the land of Egypt, both in vessels of wood, and in vessels of stone.</p> <p>20 And Moses and Aaron did so, as the Lord commanded; and he lifted up his rod, and smote the waters that were in the river, in the sight of Pharaoh, and in the sight of his servants; and all the waters that were in the river were turned to blood.</p> <p>21 And the fish that were in the river died; and the river stank, and the Egyptians could not drink of the water of the river; and there was blood throughout all the land of Egypt.</p>	<p>NINTH EGYPTIAN PLAGUE EX. 10:21-23</p> <p>21 ¶ And the Lord said unto Moses, Stretch out thine hand toward heaven, that there may be darkness over the land of Egypt, even darkness which may be felt.</p> <p>22 And Moses stretched forth his hand toward heaven; and there was a thick darkness in all the land of Egypt three days.</p> <p>23 They saw not one another, neither rose any from his place for three days; but all the children of Israel had light in their dwellings.</p>	<p>SEVENTH EGYPTIAN PLAGUE EX. 9:22-26</p> <p>22 ¶ And the Lord said unto Moses, Stretch forth thine hand toward heaven, that there may be hail in all the land of Egypt, upon man, and upon beast, and upon every herb of the field, throughout the land of Egypt.</p> <p>23 And Moses stretched forth his hand toward heaven; and the Lord sent hail upon the land of Egypt.</p> <p>24 So there was hail, and fire mingled with the hail, very grievous, such as there was none like it in all the land of Egypt since it became a nation.</p> <p>25 And the hail smote throughout all the land of Egypt all that was in the field, both man and beast; and the hail smote every herb of the field, and broke every tree of the field.</p> <p>26 Only in the land of Goshen, where the children of Israel were, was there no hail.</p>			