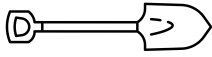


Revelation 16 Discussion Guide The Bowls of Wrath Poured Out
Hope Church Women's Bible Study March 3-4, 2026



DWELL Take a few minutes to jot down your reaction to the text and any questions you have. Briefly share if you wish.



DIG 1. Use the chart to explore the impact of the seven bowls and to compare them to the trumpets mentioned earlier in Revelation and the Egyptian plagues in Exodus. (Leave blank if no reference).

Bowl	Description of its impact	Compare to Trumpet	Compare to Plague
1: v2		9:1-6	Ex 9:8-11
2: v3		8:8-9	Ex 7:17-21
3: v4-7		8:10-11	Ex 7:17-21
4: v8-9		9:20-21	
5: v10-11		8:12	Ex 10:21-23
6: v12-16		9:13-16	Ex 8:5-7
7: v17-21		9:1-2	Ex 9:22-26

2. What insight do you gain about this passage as well as the repetition in Revelation after completing the chart?

3. Look at v5-7. How does reviewing the petition in 6:9-10 shed light on these verses?

4. Consider the exhortation in v15-16. How does this challenge you? Encourage you? How might Revelation 3:4-5, 6:11 and 19:7b-8 as well as Ezekiel 23:28-30 help understand the Biblical image of garments?

5. What else do you learn about God (Father, Son, Holy Spirit) from this passage?



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1. What has influenced your understanding of God's wrath in the past? What is your response to the seven bowls of wrath being poured out in this passage (fearful, angry, sad, expectant, confused, other)?
2. How can your heart be both sober and glad when you consider that Jesus has drunk the cup of God's wrath for you?
3. Since Revelation is written as an encouragement to the Church, how does this passage on God's wrath poured out encourage us today?

Exodus 9:8-11: And the LORD said to Moses and Aaron, "Take handfuls of soot from the kiln, and let Moses throw them in the air in the sight of Pharaoh. It shall become fine dust over all the land of Egypt, and become boils breaking out in sores on man and beast throughout all the land of Egypt." So they took soot from the kiln and stood before Pharaoh. And Moses threw it in the air, and it became boils breaking out in sores on man and beast. And the magicians could not stand before Moses because of the boils, for the boils came upon the magicians and upon all the Egyptians.

Exodus 7:17-21: Thus says the LORD, "By this you shall know that I am the LORD: behold, with the staff that is in my hand I will strike the water that is in the Nile, and it shall turn into blood. The fish in the Nile shall die, and the Nile will stink, and the Egyptians will grow weary of drinking water from the Nile. And the LORD said to Moses, "Say to Aaron, 'Take your staff and stretch out your hand over the waters of Egypt, over their rivers, their canals, and their ponds, and all their pools of water, so that they may become blood, and there shall be blood throughout all the land of Egypt, even in vessels of wood and in vessels of stone. Moses and Aaron did as the LORD commanded. In the sight of Pharaoh and in the sight of his servants he lifted up the staff and struck the water in the Nile, and all the water in the Nile turned into blood. And the fish in the Nile died, and the Nile stank, so that the Egyptians could not drink water from the Nile. There was blood throughout all the land of Egypt.

Exodus 10:21-23: Then the LORD said to Moses, Stretch out your hand toward heaven, that there may be darkness over the land of Egypt, a darkness to be felt. So Moses stretched out his hand toward heaven, and there was pitch darkness in all the land of Egypt three days. They did not see one another, nor did anyone rise from his place for three days, but all the people of Israel had light where they lived.

Exodus 8:5-7: And the LORD said to Moses, "Say to Aaron, 'Stretch out your hand with your staff over the rivers, over the canals and over the pools, and make frogs come up on the land of Egypt!'" So Aaron stretched out his hand over the waters of Egypt, and the frogs came up and covered the land of Egypt. But the magicians did the same by their secret arts and made frogs come up on the land of Egypt.

Exodus 9:22-26: Then the LORD said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand toward heaven, so that there may be hail in all the land of Egypt, on man and beast and every plant of the field, in the land of Egypt." Then Moses stretched out his staff toward heaven, and the LORD sent thunder and hail, and fire ran down to the earth. And the LORD rained hail upon the land of Egypt. There was hail and fire flashing continually in the midst of the hail, very heavy hail, such as had never been in all the land of Egypt since it became a nation. The hail struck down everything that was in the field in all the land of Egypt, both man and beast. And the hail struck down every plant of the field and broke every tree of the field. Only in the land of Goshen, where the people of Israel were, was there no hail.

Ezekiel 23:28-30: "For thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I will deliver you into the hands of those whom you hate, into the hands of those from whom you turned in disgust, and they shall deal with you in hatred and take away all the fruit of your labor and leave you naked and bare, and the nakedness of your whoring shall be uncovered. Your lewdness and your whoring have brought this upon you, because you played the whore with the nations and defiled yourself with their idols."