

The seven bowls of wrath



The seven bowls of wrath mark the end of God’s judgments before the Lord Jesus appears to establish His kingdom.

These terrible judgments show the following:

- God’s judgments are righteous. Even when under God’s punishment, people do not acknowledge Him. Three times it says that they blaspheme (vv9+11+21).
- God’s patience and grace come out even here. Twice it is said that the people don’t repent (vv9+11) – which is what God was waiting for.

The dictator of the Roman Empire and the Antichrist will, under Satan’s guidance, gather the nations of the earth to the “battle of the great day of God”, the battle of Armageddon (vv12-16).



37. Onto whom is the first bowl poured out?
38. Onto whom is the fifth bowl poured out, and what is the result?
39. What is the result of the pouring out of the sixth bowl?
40. Which sentence makes it clear that these judgments mark a kind of end (vv17-21)?



**No one can hide from God.
Have you come clean with Him?**



37. The first bowl is poured onto the earth, and therefore onto the people who have worshipped the beast (v2). 38. The fifth bowl is poured onto the throne of the beast. The result is that the domain of darkness becomes even darker (v10). 39. The River Euphrates dries up, and this prepares the way for armies to come to the battle of Armageddon. 40. There was a loud voice from heaven saying “It is done” (v17).