

## Chapter 16

<b>The seven Bowls of Wrath (16.2-21)</b>			
<b>Bowl</b>	<b>Area Affected</b>	<b>Reference</b>	<b>Result</b>
1	Earth	16.2	sores on the beast's worshipers
2	Sea	16.3	blood and death
3	Rivers and Springs	16.4-7	blood to drink
4	Sun	16.8-9	burning heat
5	Beast's throne	16.10-11	palpable darkness
6	Euphrates River	16.12-16	gathering for the battle
7	Air	16.17-21	earthquake shattering the great city

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These plagues **directly affect humans**

The first five plagues parallel plagues against Egypt

God desires that all people be saved (1 Tim 2.3-4)

**Armageddon:** Hebrew—"Har Megiddo"; historical Meggido—near site of Elijah's confrontation with the prophets of Baal (1 Kings 18); location of many ancient battles (Judg 5.19, 2 Kgs 23.29, 2 Chron 35.22).

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### The Great Prostitute and the Beast

<b>Enemies of the Church</b> <i>(Revelation 13-19)</i>	
<b>Enemy</b>	<b>Method of Attack</b>
The Beast	intimidating violence
The False Prophet	deceptive heresy
The Prostitute	beguiling affluence

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<b>The Defeat of the Enemies of God</b>		
Intro	Rev 12 Rev 13 Rev 14	Dragon Two Beasts Babylon
Defeat	Rev 17-18 Rev 19 Rev 20	Babylon Two Beasts Dragon

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Chiastic structure: a-b-c / c-b-a

“Babylon’s sumptuous clothing and jewelry signify the allure of prosperity. Her name, ‘mother of prostitutes and of earth’s abominations’ represents the lust of godless societies for sensual pleasure and their rejection of all restraints. Her becoming drunk on the blood of the saints, and the beast on which she sits, reveals that, in cultures that defy God, an insidious conspiracy unites the relentless pursuit of wealth and pleasure and the ruthless exercise of political and coercive power.”

*(Note on 17.1-15 ESV Study Bible)*

“Pleasure-addicted society conspires with the power-addicted state to silence the testimony of Jesus’ witnesses”

*(Note on 17.6 ESV Study Bible)*