**Revelations 16**

**The Seven Bowls of Wrath**

* Introduction. 7 Bowl end the tribulation, but reveal God’s full wrath.
* Revelation 14:6-7.

Verse 1 - The command.

* “The great tribulation” of Matthew 24:21.
* Literature or figurative.

Verse 2 - The first bowl and boils (cancer?).

* The Antichrist (now Satan himself) is being worshipped and this plague is poured upon those worshipers.

Verse 3 – The second bowl and the oceans.

* The importance of the seas and oceans.
* God does not plan to clean this world, but recreate it.

Verses 4-7 – The third bowl and justice.

* The importance of water…
* A message for today.

Verses 8-9 – The fourth bowl and world reaction.

* Reference: Matthew 16:23-24.

Verse 10-11 – The fifth bowl of darkness.

* World-wide, or in Babylon?
* The people’s trust goes dark. Amos 5:18, Nahum 1:6,8, Zephaniah 1:15, and Mark 13:24-25.
* The longevity of these plagues.
* The people’s response.

Verses 12-16 – The sixth bowl and preparation for the battle.

* Two contents 1) the drying up of the Euphrates, and, 2) the deception of demons to gather the armies in Armageddon.
* The world is united to destroy Israel.
* References: Judges 4:15, Judges 7, and 1Samuel 31:1-13.
* The encouragement. Who is it for? Matthew 24:40-42.

Verses 17-21 - The seventh bowl and the end.

* Earth is decimated.
* Hailstones fall to kill men.
* The first three Commandments: 1) have no other god, 2)make no idol, 3) do not misuse the name of God.

