

# REVELATION 15-16

Unit 23: *The Seven Bowls of Wrath*  
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## REV. 15:1-8 7 ANGELS WITH 7 PLAGUES

**1** Then I saw **another sign** in heaven, great and amazing, seven **angels** with seven **plagues**, which are the last, for with them the wrath of God is finished. **2** And I saw what appeared to be a **sea of glass** mingled with fire--and also those who had conquered the beast and its image and the number of its name, standing beside the sea of glass with harps of God in their hands.

**3** And they sing the song of Moses, the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying, "Great and amazing are your deeds, O Lord God the Almighty! Just and true are your ways, O King of the nations! **4** Who will not fear, O Lord, and glorify your name? For you alone are holy. All nations will come and worship you, for your righteous acts have been revealed." **5** After this I looked, and the sanctuary of the **tent of witness** in heaven was opened, **6** and out of the sanctuary came the seven angels with the seven plagues, clothed in pure, bright linen, with golden sashes around their chests. **7** And one of the four living creatures gave to the seven angels seven golden bowls full of the wrath of God who lives forever and ever, **8** and the sanctuary was filled with **smoke** from the glory of God and from his power, and no one could enter the sanctuary until the seven plagues of the seven angels were **finished**.

## REV. 16:1-21 SEVEN BOWLS OF WRATH

**1** Then I heard a loud voice from the temple telling the seven angels, "Go and pour out on the earth the seven bowls of the wrath of God." **2** So the first angel went and poured out his bowl on the earth, and harmful and painful **sores** came upon the people who bore the mark of the beast and worshiped its image. **3** The second angel poured out his bowl into the sea, and it became like the **blood of a corpse**, and every living thing died that was in the sea **4** The third angel poured out his bowl into the rivers and the **springs of water**, and they became blood. **5** And I heard the angel in charge of the waters say, "Just are you, O Holy One, who is

# TEXTUAL NOTES

## REV. 15:1-8 7 ANGELS WITH 7 PLAGUES

1. *SIGN* - Portent - something **BIG** is coming!
1. *ANGELS* - Agents of preliminary final judgment
1. *PLAGUES* - Final preliminary judgments before the Last Day (Second Coming)
2. *SEA OF GLASS* - Divine providence of God  
\* See Revelation 4:6
5. *TENT OF WITNESS* - Language from the Old Testament *TABERNACLE*
8. *SMOKE* - God's presence in *JUDGMENT*  
\* See Isaiah 6:4
8. *FINISHED* - The next chapter will tell us what those plagues are!

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2. *SORES* - Ulcers with running pus
3. *BLOOD OF CORPSE* - Coagulated and stinking
4. *BLOODY SPRINGS* - Religious and ideological pollution

and who was, for you brought these judgments.

**6** For they have shed the blood of saints and prophets, and you have given them blood to drink. It is what they deserve!" **7** And I heard the altar saying, "Yes, Lord God the Almighty, true and **just** are your judgments!" **8** The fourth angel poured out his bowl on the sun, and it was allowed to scorch people with fire. **9** They were scorched by the fierce heat, and they cursed the name of God who had power over these plagues. They did not repent and give him glory. **10** The fifth angel poured out his bowl on the throne of the beast, and its kingdom was plunged into **darkness**. People gnawed their tongues in anguish **11** and cursed the God of heaven for their pain and sores. They did not repent of their deeds. **12** The sixth angel poured out his bowl on the great river **Euphrates**, and its water was dried up, to prepare the way for the kings from the east. **13** And I saw, coming out of the mouth of the dragon and out of the mouth of the beast and out of the mouth of the false prophet, three unclean spirits like frogs. **14** For they are demonic spirits, performing signs, who go abroad to the kings of the whole world, to assemble them for battle on the great day of God the Almighty. **15** ("Behold, I am coming like a thief! Blessed is the one who stays awake, keeping his garments on, that he may not go about naked and be seen exposed!") **16** And they assembled them at the place that in Hebrew is called **Armageddon**. **17** The seventh angel poured out his bowl into the air, and a loud voice came out of the temple, from the throne, saying, "It is done!" **18** And there were flashes of lightning, rumblings, peals of thunder, and a great earthquake such as there had never been since man was on the earth, so great was that earthquake. **19** The **great city** was split into three parts, and the cities of the nations fell, and God remembered Babylon the great, to make her **drain the cup** of the wine of the fury of his wrath. **20** And every island fled away, and no mountains were to be found. **21** And great hailstones, about one hundred pounds each, fell from heaven on people; and they cursed God for the plague of the hail, because the plague was so severe.

7. **JUST JUDGMENTS** - The marked Lamb-Followers are unscathed during release of judgments.

- \* Isaiah 49:10
- \* Psalm 23:1-3
- \* Psalm 84:11
- \* Malachi 4:2

10. **DARKNESS** - Darkness of God's Earth

12. **EUPHRATES** - Staging place for world powers to form a coalition against the church

16. **ARMAGEDDON** - The final judgment at the Last Day

19. **GREAT CITY** - 'Babylon' - the Great Whore - Symbol of the Anti-Christian Empire

20. **DRAIN THE CUP** - Suffering under God's Judgment

- \* See Matthew 26:39

