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## Revelation 16

1Then 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."

2So 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.

3The 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.

4The third angel poured out his bowl into the rivers and the springs of water, and they became blood. 5And I heard the angel in charge of the waters say,

"Just are you, O Holy One, who is and who was, for you brought these judgments.

6For they have shed the blood of saints and prophets, and you have given them blood to drink.

It is what they deserve!"

7And I heard the altar saying,

"Yes, Lord God the Almighty, true and just are your judgments!"

8The fourth angel poured out his bowl on the sun, and it was allowed to scorch people with fire. 9They 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.

10The 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 11and cursed the God of heaven for their pain and sores. They did not repent of their deeds.

12The 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. 13And 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. 14For 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!") 16And they assembled them at the place that in Hebrew is called Armageddon.

17The 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!" 18And 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. 19The 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. 20And every island fled away, and no mountains were to be found. 21And 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.

## Sermon Outline:

- I. Bowl Judgments Poured Out on the Natural Realm (1-9)
- II. Bowl Judgments Poured Out on the Beast's Throne (10-21)

## Life Group Leader Notes:

1. What comes to mind when you think of Armageddon? What has contributed to your idea of this battle?
2. The book of Revelation, just like Genesis, Ezekiel, the Gospel accounts, the epistles, are all part of God's Word to His people that tell an overarching story of redemption. Where have we seen redemption unfold in this book?
3. How does the promise of future redemption cause us to respond to Him today? How does our personal redemption story change our lives?
4. In what ways are the seven bowl judgements similar to the plagues poured out on Egypt in the book of Exodus? What do we learn about God from these events?
5. God's justice is on full display in these recent chapters. In verse 7 the altar says, "Yes, Lord God the Almighty, true and just are your judgments!" Is the justice of God loving? How do we accept both His judgments and His love?
6. If God is willing to extend grace to those who blaspheme against Him even in the last days, is he willing to extend grace to you as a follower of Jesus? For what do you need to accept His grace today?
7. At the final bowl judgements we read that the earth-dwellers refuse to repent and curse God. Is there anyone in our lives who refuses to give God the glory he is due? Pray for these as a group.
8. Pastor Scott recognized that these judgements are hard to hear and we could be bothered and upset by the impending devastation. How do the words from the angel in verses 5 and 6 address these feelings?
9. The blood shed from the saints and prophets produces retribution for the earth dwellers. In contrast, what does the shed blood of Christ provide for followers of Christ?

