

# The Seven Bowls of God's Wrath

## 16: 1-21

The Bible provides the only true beacon of light and hope in the darkness and despair of the world. The Good News is comforting, encouraging and affirms words of peace, goodness, joy and love of salvation. The righteous followers of **ADONAI** are reassured as they read of **God's** love, **His** promises, and of their eternal inheritance in **His** Kingdom.

However, while the Bible is a book of hope, it is also a book of judgment. Because **the Lord** loves righteousness and faith, **He** must also hate sin and unbelief. **He** cannot reward faithfulness unless **He** punishes wickedness. Both the TaNaKh and the B'rit Chadashah speak repeatedly of coming judgment, especially those passages that describe the final Day of **the LORD** (**Joel 2:28-32; Zechariah 14:1; Malachi 4:1; Matthew 3:11-12; Second Thessalonians 1:7-9**). The wrath of **the LORD**, displayed earlier in the seal and trumpet judgments, reaches its devastating climax with **the seven bowl judgments**. Then we will see the return of the Messiah at the end of the Campaign of Armageddon.<sup>353</sup>

The **seven angels** have been selected, appointed and equipped as **God's** final messengers of judgment. The last half of the Great Tribulation is getting underway and the world is worshiping the antichrist after he reveals his true identity after having his image set up in the Most Holy Place of the Tribulation Temple. **Two-thirds** of the Jews **will be struck down and killed, yet one-third will be left alive (Zechariah 13:8)**. There will be Jewish believers in both Jerusalem and Bozrah (in modern day Jordan). The long drought and famine are still plaguing the earth. Food supplies are in critically short supply. This will be the world scene as the plagues recorded in **Revelation 16** begin.

Escaping the reality of **God's** judgment is impossible. Two **bowls of judgment** will be poured out upon those who live upon the earth, then during **the third bowl judgment** there will be a brief interlude as **an angel** speaks in **the Lord's** defense. The sixth and seventh **bowl judgments** will take place as part of the eight stage Campaign of Armageddon.

Eons ago the ten plagues pointed out to the Egyptians that Pharaoh was incapable of turning the tide of the disastrous situation that they found themselves in, therefore, demonstrating his failure as both a ruler and a god. **ADONAI's seven bowls of wrath** will do the same, as they point out **to those who dwell on the earth**, that the antichrist is incapable of reversing the disastrous situation that they find themselves in, therefore, they will demonstrate his failure as both a ruler and a god.