

Revelation 15-16 • The Bowls

1. (15:1-16:1) What began as a **partial** fulfillment of God's wrath in the sequence of the Trumpets is brought to **complete** and **final** fulfillment with the sequence of the Bowls.
2. (v.2) The 1st Bowl and Trumpet is an **earthly** foreshadowing of the **eternal** consequences to come in the form of fire and suffering.
3. (v.3) The 2nd Bowl and Trumpet bring to an end all of the earth's **food** sources, a spiritual representation of God's **Word** where the remaining followers of Antichrist are concerned.
4. (v.4-7) The 3rd Bowl and Trumpet reveal God's intention to visit upon non-believers exactly what they **deserve** in the character of the biblical principle that one **reaps** what they **sow**, particularly in their treatment of God's **people**.
5. (v.8-9) Two common elements of hell described in Scripture are the seemingly contradictory elements of eternal **fire** and eternal **darkness**. As with each of these plagues, they represent both the main literal and spiritual aspects of eternity in **hell**.
6. (v.10-11) God's wrath embodies the extremes of unbearable scorching, fierce **heat** giving way to the pain and anguish of **darkness** in a further illustration of what is to come for non-believers in **eternity**.
7. (v.12-16) Just as all those rebelling against God will be ultimately **gathered** together in hell, so they are literally **gathered** in one place on earth in a final act of overt **rebellion**.
8. (v.17-21) The last plague mirrors what the earth-dwellers will have in eternity—absolutely **nothing**; it is all **gone** forever.